



South Asia Programme Officer – Asia Pacific Programme

Vacancy Announcement

The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) is a worldwide network of judges and lawyers united in affirming international law and rule of law principles that advance human rights.

We are seeking to recruit a Programme Officer for our South Asia Programme, based out of the regional office in Bangkok with significant travel throughout South Asia. This is an exciting new programme of work for ICJ – facilitating networks of judges and advocates, undertaking comparative research and reporting, and developing joint advocacy strategies on key rule of law problems in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal. Focus issues include combating impunity, strengthening the independence of legal systems, and countering abuse of security and emergency laws.

The ideal candidate will have programme and management skills, experience in coordinating complex projects in multiple countries, commitment to human rights and social justice, understanding of the history, politics and law of South Asia, and a well-developed network of regional contacts, including civil society groups, academics, government actors, and the media.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Communications and Advocacy

- Develop and manage relationships with partners organizations, members of legal and human rights community, Government actors, existing and potential donors, universities and academics;
- Write and edit communications materials, including briefings, reports, press statements and newsletters;
- Maintain and update website, including content and development.

Project Coordination

- Coordinate activities of South Asia Programme;
- Monitor and evaluate progress to ensure that programme objectives and budget compliance are met;
- Coordinate and support research, including field assessments and data analysis of key human rights and justice-sector issues;
- Meet internal and external reporting requirements, especially to ICJ and donors;
- Carry out other, appropriate responsibilities as requested.

QUALIFICATIONS

Education & Experience

- 5 years progressively responsible project coordination, including 3 years in South Asia; management experience highly desirable;
- A Bachelor's degree in management or in a field related to law or human rights; further academic studies in management, law or international relations highly desirable;
- Demonstrated commitment to human rights and social justice.

Essential Skills

- Proven ability to initiate and coordinate research and advocacy projects;
- Excellent political knowledge and judgment;
- Strong analytical, research, communication and organisational skills;
- Fluency in English with strong writing skills; fluency in South Asian languages highly desirable;
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work with a multi-cultural team;
- Willingness to travel in South Asia.

The ICJ is an equal opportunities employer.

APPLICATIONS: Please send cover letter and CV by 25 April 2010 to:

Ref: South Asia Legal Officer, Asia Pacific Programme.

By email: asia-recruitment@icj.org

Or by post: International Commission of Jurists, 10/1 Soi Ari 2, Pahanyothin Road, Samsennai, Payathai, Bangkok 10400.

Only short-listed candidates will be notified.