



VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

National Legal Adviser Nepal Project

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.

The ICJ has played a key role in advancing rule of law and human rights in Nepal through a country presence established in 2005. The ICJ is seeking a National Legal Adviser (NLO) to work as a full-time central member of the ICJ-Nepal team under the direction of the Senior International Legal Adviser (SILO) in Kathmandu, from 1 June 2010 until 31 March 2011, subject to an extension.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Reporting to the Asia-Pacific Programme Director, the Nepal Legal Adviser has the following responsibilities:

- Provide leadership, initiative, and technical legal assistance to the ICJ-Nepal team;
- Assume formal representation of the ICJ-Nepal office as requested by the SILO, and otherwise assist in ensuring planning and implementation of activities (reports, workshops, public presentations, press statements);
- Collaborate closely with the SILO in coordinating, supporting, and overseeing the work of ICJ's national and international consultants, as set out in the project document, ensuring timely completion of all reports;
- Provide leadership and initiative to ensure successful implementation of ICJ public activities in Kathmandu, in the field, and in Geneva, including direct participation in activities and formal representation of the ICJ office as required;
- Collaborate with the SILO and team in liaising with and reporting to ICJ donors on a quarterly basis and as requested;
- Collaborate with the SILO to ensure effective communication and cooperation with ICJ's regional office in Bangkok and Head Office in Geneva;
- Provide leadership and initiative in the preparation and compilation of ICJ program materials for effective presentation on the website and in other media;
- Support the work of the Finance Officer to ensure accurate and timely reporting of all relevant budgetary expenditures.

QUALIFICATIONS

Education & Experience

- Qualified lawyer, with a minimum of 5 years of experience related to human rights and justice;
- Demonstrated ability to analyze and assess human rights issues in relation to complex and fluid political environments;
- Demonstrated analytic and writing ability in English;
- Demonstrated ability to engage in advocacy at all levels, including a disposition to engage with actors in the field at the district and sub-district level;
- Ability to take on multiple tasks and to adjust priorities flexibly in response to external events, at times requiring work during evenings, weekends, or holidays.

Essential Skills

- Proven ability to initiate and lead research and advocacy projects;
- Excellent political judgment;
- Demonstrated analytic and writing ability in English, able to research and report on compliance with international civil and political rights law and standards, especially with regard to arrest and detention, fair trial, and freedom of expression;
- Excellent interpersonal skills and ability to work with a multi-cultural team;
- A self-starter, with demonstrated ability to manage multiple tasks and to adjust priorities flexibly in response to external events;
- Demonstrated commitment to human rights and social justice.

The ICJ is an equal opportunities employer.

APPLICATIONS: Please send your CV/Resume and a cover letter and CV by close of business **17 May 2010** to:

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By email: headdy.ochaita@consultant.icj.org

Only short-listed candidates will be notified.