Training in Advanced Criminal Justice Practices to Promote and Protect Human Rights
Supporting Curriculum Development for the International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law

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BACKGROUND

The Global Center on Cooperative Security (Global Center), in cooperation with Human Rights First’s Global Security and Human Rights Initiative, has been selected through a competitive tendering process by the United States Department of State to design and implement training courses on advanced rule of law-based criminal justice practices for the International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law (IIJ).

The first course, “Non-coercive interview and interrogation techniques for law enforcement trainers,” will focus on the use of effective interrogation tools and techniques drawn from law enforcement and military intelligence best practices, as well as a range of disciplines including psychology, marketing, compliance, and sales that can be used as a means for gathering more accurate, detailed, and useful information in a criminal investigation. The second course, “Using and protecting intelligence information in justice sector-led investigations and prosecutions for criminal justice trainers,” will focus on understanding the role of intelligence in a criminal investigation and the protection of intelligence derived information in criminal proceedings while ensuring a fair and impartial trial.

ABOUT THE COURSES

The goals and objectives of the courses are to:

a) equip participating student-trainers with an adaptable, intensive training curricula reflecting the cutting edge of human rights-respecting, rule of law-based criminal justice practices;

b) demonstrate a range of practical tools and teaching techniques to enhance the skills of participating student-trainers; and
c) provide a venue for mutual support and mentoring for participating student-trainers in support of the further dissemination of subsequent training activities via respective national training institutions.

Each five-day course will be held at the IIJ’s campus in Valetta, Malta, in two rounds: Spring 2015 and Spring 2016. Applications will be accepted from national criminal justice services training specialists in East Africa, West Africa, and North Africa and the Middle East. Applications for enrollment in the first round of courses will commence in February 2015. Specific eligibility requirements for each course will be outlined in the application instructions.

PARTNERS

The International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law (IIJ) will provide rule of law-based training to lawmakers, police, prosecutors, judges, corrections officials, and other justice sector stakeholders on how to address terrorism and related transnational criminal activities within a rule of law framework. More broadly, it will work to strengthen criminal justice systems and build regional judicial, police, and other criminal justice practitioner networks to promote justice, security, and human rights. The IIJ will place a particular focus on countries seeking to develop rule of law-based approaches to addressing security challenges such as terrorism and other transnational criminal activities. Although the IIJ’s mandate will be global in nature, it will focus on countries in North, West, and East Africa, and the Middle East, paying particular attention to supporting countries in transition.

Human Rights First is an independent non-profit human rights advocacy organization based in the United States. The curriculum development process for the course on non-coercive interview and interrogation techniques will draw upon the expertise of Human Rights First’s Global Security and Human Rights Initiative. The Global Security and Human Rights Initiative works with an international group of retired high-level military, security sector, and law enforcement officials, as well as former interrogators, to help reduce the use of torture globally, particularly as a component of counterterrorism practices and policies.

ABOUT THE GLOBAL CENTER ON COOPERATIVE SECURITY

The Global Center works with governments, international organizations, and civil society to develop and implement comprehensive and sustainable responses to complex international security challenges through collaborative policy research, context-sensitive programming, and capacity development. In collaboration with a global network of expert practitioners and partner organizations, the Global Center fosters stronger multilateral partnerships and convenes key stakeholders to support integrated and inclusive security policies across national, regional, and global levels.

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