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## Introduction

The Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (RWI) implements international capacity development programmes aimed at advancing the practical application of human rights and humanitarian law. The programmes primarily target state agencies in the field of administration of justice, academic institutions and national human rights institutions in developing countries and in countries in transition.

In 2014, RWI will offer an Intensive Training Programme on Human Rights. Resources for the programme are pooled from four different Sida-funded RWI programmes:

- Belarus Programme, 2010-2014
- Cambodia Human Rights Capacity Development Programme, 2013-2017
- Turkey Human Rights Capacity Development Programme, 2011-2014
- Strengthening Human Rights in Myanmar, 2012 – 2016

The course consists of three phases:

- 1. An online introductory course, 15 September – 15 October 2014**
- 2. A face-to-face component in Lund, Sweden, 10 November – 5 December 2014**
- 3. An online follow-up phase will be organised in February 2015**

## Course objectives

The overall objective of the intensive course is to build the capacity of the participants in relation to the practical application of human rights in their respective countries. By capacity we mean the combination of knowledge, skills and attitudes, with an ultimate aim to empower the participants to have a commitment towards human rights friendly change.

Participants will have the possibility to study, in detail, how human rights are implemented in practice in Sweden by making visits to Swedish organisations, institutions and authorities while they study in Lund.

In addition, by mixing participants from different countries and sectors, there will be possibilities to explore networking opportunities among the participants. These networks can contribute substantially to furthering students' human rights work.

## Participants

The course is primarily targeted at professionals who work with human rights in practice but who are in need of additional human rights education and training. The participants will be selected from Belarus, Cambodia, Myanmar and Turkey, and represent a variety of sectors and backgrounds. The participants will mainly represent three institutions prioritized by RWI: Academic Institutions, National Human Rights Institutions and Justice Sector Institutions.

The selection criteria for the participants have been set so that they comply with the objectives of each particular programme in question.

## Course content

The content of the training is based on the established needs of the participants and it attempts to take into consideration both common denominators as well as specific country or profession needs.

In relation to the objective of the programme, the coverage, content-wise, includes the following topics:

- Overview of the international system for the promotion and protection of human rights
- Civil, Political, Economic, Social and Cultural rights
- Implementation and monitoring of human rights
- Regional systems for the promotion and protection of human rights
- Equal rights and non-discrimination
- Human Rights in the Administration of Justice
- The role of national human rights institutions in the promotion and protection of human rights
- Freedom of expression and association
- Human Rights of Women
- Human rights education

The programme's approach is interdisciplinary and involves aspects of law and social sciences.

## Course structure

The programme consists of three interrelated phases.

The first phase takes place before the participants' arrival in Sweden and is an online preparatory course. The purpose of this first online phase is that it will even out possible differences between the participants in terms of knowledge levels on human rights. Participants conclude the online phase with an online test they have to pass to be accepted for the second face-to-face component.

The second phase consists of a face-to-face component at RWI in Lund, Sweden. This phase will be delive-

red through the use of different methods, such as lectures, discussions, study visits, group work, case-studies, etc. Discussion and individual reflection will be facilitated in relation to what extent the substance area is relevant to the individual participants. The face-to-face component is founded on experience-based learning methodology where participants' prior knowledge and experience are central to their learning.

The third phase consists of a follow-up component which is carried out online once the participants have returned to their home countries.

## Visa

RWI will cover the costs related to obtaining visa for Sweden. Participants are responsible for making sure that the visa is valid for the whole period of the programme in Sweden and that their passports are valid for three months longer than the entry visa

## Insurance

All participants are covered by a group insurance while in Sweden. This insurance includes costs for medical care in the event of acute illness or accident. Medical and dental check-ups are not included.

## Costs

RWI will cover the costs of:

- Participation and training, such as lectures, literature, documentation, study tours and certain social activities
- Accommodation and per diem for meals
- International travel cost to and from Sweden

**Important:** All additional personal expenses will have to be paid for by the participants themselves.



**The Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law** is an independent academic institution, founded in 1984 at the Law Faculty at Lund University in Sweden. It is named after Raoul Wallenberg, a Swedish diplomat, in order to pay homage to his well known humanitarian work in Hungary at the end of the Second World War.



Raoul Wallenberg in his office in Budapest in 1944

The mission of the Institute is to promote universal respect for human rights and humanitarian law, by means of research, academic education, dissemination of information and institutional development programmes and our vision is to be a centre of excellence promoting the development of societies based on a human rights culture. The Institute is a value driven organisation and our four core values are: Respect, Integrity, Inclusiveness and Inspiration.

Hosting one of the largest human rights libraries in northern Europe and engaged in various education, research and publication activities, the Institute provides a

conducive environment for studies and research. The Institute combines academic programmes with an extensive international human rights capacity development programme, mainly for academic institutions, law enforcement and criminal justice institutions, and national human rights institutions. This combination provides a unique platform where theory and practice can meet and interact in order to further the development and application of international human rights law.

The Institute cooperates with a variety of Swedish and international partners. In addition to the close cooperation with Lund University, the Institute maintains relations with other academic institutions, international organisations, government agencies and civil society organisations in different parts of the world. The Institute is member of several Nordic, European and international networks within the framework of its mandate.



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