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Call for applications to RWI's 2nd Regional Blended Learning Course on Human Rights and the Environment in Southeast Asia

Dear Madam/Sir,

It is our pleasure to announce that a new course on Human Rights and the Environment now is open to applications from Southeast Asian academics. The course is organised by the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (RWI), and funded by Swedish International Development Cooperation.

This thematic course, which will focus on the Southeast Asian context, is run for the second year in a row in 2016 after a successful pilot course last year, and considering the extent of current related challenges in the region. The course aims to contribute to strengthening knowledge among academics and NHRIs around legal and operational links between human rights and environment, and skills to make use of such links in their respective roles and functions to promote and protect human rights in the region. The initiative is carried out in the framework of RWI's regional programme in Asia, which aims to strengthen capacities of NHRIs and academic institutions in the region to efficiently fulfil their roles and mandates.

The course will be offered in a blended learning format, including a 30 day online component and a one-week face-to-face workshop. The **online component, starting May 23rd**, will provide participants with knowledge and understanding about key legal and practical linkages between human rights and the environment and climate change. Participants who complete the online part will be invited to participate in the one week **face-to-face training in Bangkok, Thailand, 11-15 July**, where they will have the opportunity to deepen their understanding and skills, in particular regarding the practical application of instruments and mechanisms presented in the online course component. Both online and workshop components will also provide opportunities of exchange and best practice discussions between institutions and countries represented in the course.

RWI will select a total of twenty (20) participants out of the nominations from NHRIs, and applications from candidates from academic institutions, received by the set deadline, pursuing gender balance and a wide institutional and geographical representation in the course group. We will also in the selection give priority to persons with a clear professional interest in the course topic, and persons who have not previously taken part in RWI's regional courses. Applicants will be notified of the final selection shortly after the application deadline, when exact dates and a detailed course description will also be confirmed. All **costs for course participation**, including travel and literature, **will be covered by RWI**.

Please note: Participants are expected to participate actively in all phases of the course. We therefore strongly encourage applicants to verify, in dialogue with closest supervisor, that they will have sufficient time and commitment to complete the training. Participants should expect to spend an approximate total of 20-30 hours on online studies, and 5 days in workshops, excluding travelling time. Note that the completion of online tasks is a pre-

requisite for participation in the workshop. It is also crucial that applicants have good knowledge of the English language, as all teaching and reading materials will be in English.

Kindly submit application forms for each nominated candidate, using the template below, to zophie.landahl@rwi.lu.se **no later than 6 May 2016.**

Questions regarding the training programme may be directed to Ms. Helena Olsson (helena.olsson@rwi.lu.se).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Rolf Ring', with a stylized, cursive script.

Rolf Ring
Deputy Director
Raoul Wallenberg Institute

INDIVIDUAL APPLICATION FORM

Blended Learning Course on Human Rights and the Environment

Organised by Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights
and Humanitarian Law (RWI) 2016

NAME OF INSTITUTION: _____

Confirmation by superior:

I hereby confirm that I agree to this application to the above mentioned blended learning course, and that I am aware that participating in the course will imply active participation by this member of my staff throughout all course phases, online and in the workshop.:

Signature

Print name: _____ Title: _____ Email: _____

PARTICIPANT

Professional information:

Full name:

Position:

Department:

Brief work description:

Personal information for practical arrangements:

Given name as written in the passport:

Family name as written in the passport:

Mr./Ms.:

Title (ex Dr./Professor etc):

Preferred airport of departure:

Do you have any special diet? If so, please specify:

Do you need a wheelchair accessible room?

Any other specific arrangements that may be required? If so, please specify:

Please note that it is very important that you list your name exactly as it is written in your passport, as tickets will be booked in accordance!

Contact details:

Address of organisation:

City/Town:

State/Province:

Postcode:

Country:

Phone:

Fax:

E-mail:

Webb:

Please comment:

1. Explain how the field of human rights of and the environment relates to your professional role and/or professional plans and interests?
2. Are there any particular areas related to course topics which you would like us to focus on in the course? Please elaborate any suggestions of what, how, why?
3. Are there any particular areas related to course topics which are particularly interesting for your institution? (Kindly consult your Dean/relevant supervisor to respond to this question).
4. What are your expectations for the blended learning course?

Thank you for responding to all questions above. This will help us make the course as useful and relevant as possible for our participants.