



## Capacity Building in International Relations

### *International Human Rights Law and Environmental Law*

### Yerevan, 26 September to 8 October 2010

## Information for Applicants

### A. General information

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The project *Capacity Building in International Relations* is an initiative sponsored by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) and is implemented by the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (GIIDS), Geneva, in co-operation with a local partner. The project began with a pilot course in Geneva in 1997 and was followed by 18 courses between September 2001 and October 2010. The broad objective of the project is to promote the role of Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia within international organizations and in multilateral affairs, increase the accountability and transparency in the management of public affairs and to improve access to information. The course is held alternatively in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia.

The training course *International Human Rights law and Environmental Law* will take place in Yerevan from 26 September to 8 October 2010. The course will be given by leading experts in the field and include a module on communication, negotiation and diplomacy training. The course provides a platform for an in-depth analysis of the international legal framework for the protection of human rights and international environmental law with reference to the practical challenges in a multilateral setting. A preliminary programme will be available soon on our website at [www.cabir.org/news](http://www.cabir.org/news).

Classes will take place from 09.00 to 17.00 with a 2 hours lunch break. The course is conducted in English. The programme is accompanied by a cultural programme, a day trip, receptions and official meetings. The course is an intensive full time programme with classes on the week-end and participants **must** be relieved of all professional duties by their superiors for the entire duration of the course. Participants must take part in all activities. There is no fee for the participation in this course. Accommodation will be provided for candidates from Georgia and travel expenses will be reimbursed. All participants will receive pocket money equivalent to 400 USD for the entire duration of the course to cover local expenses.

### B. Application profile

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The SDC and GIIDS invite applications from state officials from Armenia and Georgia. Prospective candidates should be specialists in international law. They should be working in various government institutions in Armenia and Georgia dealing with international agencies in their respective countries or abroad. Prospective candidates should have the following profile:

1. Language: Fluency in understanding and speaking English is an **absolute** necessity.
2. Age: Between 25 and 35. Applicants who satisfy all application criteria but are younger than 25 years can also apply for the course.

3. Work experience: minimum 2 years in a government institution dealing with human rights and/or environmental issues
4. University degree: minimum Bachelors or equivalent.
5. Relevant interest and work experience in the field of study.

If a choice has to be made between two equally gifted candidates, preference will be given to those who have never attended an extensive training course on the same topic and who belong to the focus group (intermediate diplomatic level, i.e. above Attaché up to Counsellors in the Ministries of Foreign Affairs or specialists, leading specialists or senior specialists in other government institutions). Gender balance will also be taken into consideration.

Short-listed candidates must be available for interviews with Dr. Warner in Tbilisi and Yerevan during the period 6 – 10 September 2010. All state officials who have participated in a previous course of this project are not allowed to re-apply.

### **C. Application instructions**

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- (1) The application must be *typed or word-processed* and include one passport size *photo*.
- (2) The application form must be accompanied by a *one-page Curriculum Vitae*.
- (3) The application form must be accompanied by the *signed form relieving participants from all professional duties for the whole duration of the course* (page 3 of the application form).
- (4) **Deadline for application: Monday 30 August 2010**
- (5) The application form together with the Curriculum Vitae can be submitted in two ways:

by fax: +41 22 908 57 59

or

by e-mail: applications@cabir.org. The relief form can be faxed separately or substituted by an e-mail from your superior.

We will not proceed with incomplete applications. You will receive a confirmation once we have received your application. For further information about the course you may also contact Ms. Céline Glutz, Project Coordinator, Centre for International Governance, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies (GIIDS), Geneva, Switzerland by e-mail: applications@cabir.org.

**You can download the application form at  
[www.cabir.org/applications](http://www.cabir.org/applications)**