

Call for expression of interest

Development of a Training Module on Judicial Independence in Ethiopia

The Centre for International Cooperation, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (CIS VU) and its partners in Ethiopia are currently looking for a qualified and experienced external expert to develop a training module on judicial independence in Ethiopia under the [Law Democracy and Media](#) project (LA-DEM-MED). The training module is intended to foster improvement (as needed) independence of the judicial sector in Ethiopia. The training module may be used to help other sectors such as the executive and the legislature in dealing with the judiciary as an important part of the democratic transition currently ongoing in the country.

The training module is aimed at providing newly appointed and serving members of the judiciary with a solid understanding of the UN Basic Principles on the Independence of the Judiciary as well as the 1995 Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia Constitution. Therefore, the expert must have significant knowledge and experience working with Ethiopia or countries in the East Africa regions, as well as international experience. The call for an expert prioritises courses that will be interactive and allow the trainees to share experiences and good practices as well as engaging with facilitators.

The training should focus on areas including but not limited to the following principles of judicial independence:

1. Ethics and professional integrity,
2. Appointment, Qualifications, selection and training,
3. Conditions of service, compensation and tenure,
4. Professional secrecy, privileges and immunity, and
5. Discipline and removal.

The course content will be developed in a team with local experts from the regional Judicial Training Centres. The external expert will be responsible for ensuring that the course meets the best international and regional standards. The training sessions will be delivered by both local and international experts including ex-judges.

Content of the module

The LA-DEM-MED is committed deliver a skills-based, participatory and learner-centered training curriculum. The module should be developed accordingly and the comprehensive training module will include:

- Trainers' Manual (step-by-step instructions for preparing and delivering each session within the module. Each session should include specific objectives, key messages, exercises and materials required, etc)
- Facilitator's notebook (to include the key points, tips, templates, images to serve as a resource for facilitators when carrying out the training, as well as boxes for the facilitators to take note during the training)

- Training materials: Training Agenda, PPT, Hand-outs, activities and interactive exercises, etc
- A list of additional resources, such as relevant laws and resource materials, etc. so that trainers can obtain supplementary information and strengthen their understanding as required

The deadline for applications is 5th November 2021, 23.59 (CET). The expert appointed will be working under the supervision of the designated course development team. All applications are to be sent electronically to p.s.maguchu@vu.nl

The application should include:

- A short proposal (maximum 2 pages). Please include the course outline, learning outcomes, the approximate required student participation time, activities and assignment(s) to be completed.
- A detailed budget.
- CV.

More on this call:

- LA-DEM-MED particularly welcomes expressions of interest from women, particularly from developing countries.
- Due to limited staff resources, only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.
- If you are not submitting an EOI but are interested in engaging with LA-DEM-MED work on this training in other ways, please get in touch.
- Need more information? Feel free to get in touch: p.s.maguchu@vu.nl