

Short-Term Expert

Terms of Reference: Academic Trainer on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD)

Location: Yangon and suburbs

Assignment schedule: September, 2019

1) Background

The Denmark-Myanmar Programme on Rule of Law and Human Rights (2016-2020) (hereafter the Programme) supports the Union Attorney General's Office, the Office of the Supreme Court of the Union, lawyers, CSOs as well as the law departments of Dagon and East Yangon Universities in strengthening capacities on core aspects of rule of law and human rights and supporting reform in relevant areas. The Programme which has a total grant of DKK 70 million (approximately USD 10 million) is based on participatory approaches supporting partners to identify their own needs and priorities and taking lead in implementation of activities.

The governance of the programme is based on joint decision-making with partners through co-chaired Steering Committees. The programme is part of the Denmark-Myanmar Country Programme (2016-2020) endorsed by a bilateral government-to-government agreement between Myanmar and Denmark as well as MoUs with all key stakeholders. The Programme funded by the Embassy of Denmark in Myanmar and comprised of the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) and the Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR) as a joint venture which has been contracted to provide technical assistance to the programme through a team of experts supporting implementation.

2) Description of the Assignment

In connection with the Programme's work with research and human rights education, the law faculty staff of both partner universities expressed a strong interest in the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Law in Myanmar (2015) and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities which Myanmar has ratified since December 2011. To date, the evolutionary concept of approaching the rights of persons with disabilities is globally changing, from charity and medical approaches to human rights-based approach. Thus, the teachers aspire to learn more about the topic in order to provide meaningful classroom discussion in teaching the topic in terms of equality, rights and dignity.

The Programme has identified the need for an expert to deliver a contextual tailored training on the above-detailed subject matter. In furtherance, the incumbent must be available to design and deliver a 3-day workshop on CRPD the law faculties in September 2019.

This is as per the 2019 approved workplan and budget specifically Activity 1.1.2.b Introduction of new teaching methodologies: Workshop on Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

3) Objectives

The objective of the assignment is

- Increase knowledge of law lecturers on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities through interactive teaching;
- Enhance the capacity of the law faculty partners to understand the applicability of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities within the Myanmar context, its level of implementation

4) Deliverables

The short-term expert will be expected to deliver the following outputs:

- A three-day workshop on the rights of persons with disabilities, which is founded in Human Rights Education principles and invites reflection on teaching methodologies;
- Brief evaluation and report on the workshop, including recommendations for the Programme on how to strengthen knowledge and integrate CRPD into the human rights law curricula at tertiary education level.

5) Activities of the Short-Term Expert

The short-term expert will:

- Develop and deliver a three-day workshop on the rights of persons with disabilities and the CRPD, which will include modern teaching methodologies, and increase knowledge of the law faculty staff of Dagon University and East Yangon University;
- Conduct brief evaluation of the workshop, submit end of activity report, including recommendations for the Programme on how to strengthen knowledge and integrate CRPD into the human rights law curricula at tertiary education level.

6) Timing and Costs Schedule

Output	Timing	Cost
Preparation of a 3-day workshop	September 2019	3 days
CRPD workshop	September 2019	3 days
Produce brief report evaluating the workshop, including recommendations on continuing work with the CRPD	September 2019	1 day
Travel	September 2019	1 day

Total inputs – 8 days (Please be noted that counting travel days has flexibility depending on the location of the short-term expert).

7) Qualification of the short-term expert

The short-term expert should have:

- Relevant University Degree and preferable in International Human Rights Law or Social Science;
- Experience in strong academic teaching on the topic of the CRPD;
- Experience in working research projects with the CRPD;
- Experience delivering workshop related to the rights of persons with disabilities, and the relationship between international human rights law and domestic law;
- Experience in working with universities in developing countries;
- Experience in working with Persons with Disabilities Rights NGOs and CSOs;
- Experience in working in projects related to improving the rule of law and human rights in developing countries;

8) Application

Applicants for the consultancy may be Myanmar based, or located outside the country. Applicants need to provide 1) their CV, 2) a technical bid/cover letter of no more than 2 pages outlining their qualifications and expertise in undertaking the assignment, 3) 2-3 references that can speak to the consultants competency and/or rights of persons with disabilities capacity, 4) a financial bid that includes daily rates and other expected expenses (not including local travel in Myanmar), and 5) a brief proposal on the CRPD workshop. Applications will be evaluation both on technical and financial grounds, however, technical factors will be given greater weight if the consultant's offer is within the activity budget.

Supervisor: Senior Legal Adviser of the Human Rights Education Programme Team

The following financial arrangements will apply:

(a) Fees for services

The applicant will propose a daily rate for the services under these terms of reference.

(b) Travel expenses

All travel related expenses for work under this consultancy (visa fees, hotel, airport transfers, local transportation and daily subsistence allowance to cover food and incidental expenses) will be covered. Any international travel must be included within the financial bid.

Applications conforming to these requirements should be sent to the email address myanmar.recruitment@icj.org by later than **7 August 2019**.

For any further information, please contact: eilw@humanrights.dk

Note:

The Programme reserves the right to change or cancel this TOR at any time during the selection process.