

## **Call for Applications: Professional Training on Human Rights-Compliant Policing**

**19<sup>th</sup> Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights Education & Training**  
**September - October 2020**  
**Online**

### **About the Training Programme**

This fully online programme is designed as a professional training for representatives of ASEM government agencies involved in upholding the rule of law; i.e. ministries of public security, police services, departments of home affairs, and representatives of the judiciary, primarily police officers and public prosecutors.

The training will introduce tangible, efficient, and human rights-compliant tools for law enforcement and public prosecutors through the introduction of investigative interviewing; which if fully implemented, will contribute to human rights implementation and strengthen the rule of law. The main objective of the training programme is to build capacity of law enforcement, and members of the judiciary in ASEM Partner countries on the evidence-based and human rights-compliant Investigative Interviewing technique and its associated safeguards.

The capacity-building programme will present international guidelines on Investigative Interviewing and other non-coercive techniques, intended to support law enforcement investigations by outlining guidelines and practices for efficient and torture-free investigations. The Norwegian Centre for Human Rights will conduct the training.

### **Target Participants**

All applicants should demonstrate that they have minimum 5 years of practical and/or theoretical experience with interviewing procedures and/or criminal procedural law, in addition to other qualifications.

#### **Selection criteria for participants:**

- **Minimum 5 years of experience** as a police investigator (detective) or as a public prosecutor with practical/or theoretical experience with interviewing procedures and/or criminal procedural law;
- **ASEM nationality<sup>1</sup>**;

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<sup>1</sup> The 53 ASEM Partners are Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belgium, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Cambodia, China, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Korea, the Lao PDR, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malaysia, Malta, Mongolia, Myanmar, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, the Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Romania, the Russian Federation, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, the United Kingdom, Viet Nam, the European Union and the ASEAN Secretariat.



- **Professional proficiency in English;** and
- **Letter of endorsement from his/her organisation.**

*Senior representatives of relevant CSOs and other public institutions involved in promoting and upholding the rule of law are also eligible to apply.*

## **Application Process**

Interested applicants are kindly requested to complete the online application form [here](#) by Sunday, 23 August 2020 (23:59 Singapore time). In the online application, applicants are requested to upload a letter of organisational endorsement or nomination letter, explaining how their participation in the training fits into the organisation's priorities and activities.

The selection of participants is conducted by an admission panel designated by the co-organisers.

ASEF will do a pre-screening of applications, which may include calling shortlisted applicants for a short interview.

## **Training Format**

The training will require each successful applicant to devote approximately 12 hours of focus time over the course of 2 months. It will comprise of live lectures, which will be conducted via Zoom, recommended readings, group works and pre-recorded lectures. Details of the programme, including schedule of the sessions and module topics, will be shared with selected participants.

Selected participants will also have access to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) training modules on Investigative Interviewing once these modules are completed and published (tentatively October-November 2020).<sup>2</sup> The estimated time for completing the modules are not included in the 12-hour estimate for participant focus time.

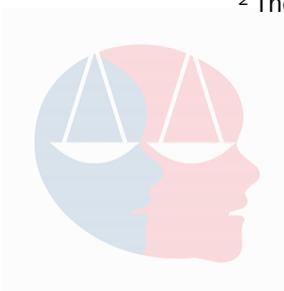
## **The Organisers**

The **Asia-Europe Foundation (ASEF)** is an intergovernmental not-for-profit organisation located in Singapore. Founded in 1997, it is the only institution of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM).

ASEF promotes understanding, strengthens relationships and facilitates cooperation among the people, institutions and organisations of Asia and Europe. ASEF enhances dialogue, enables exchanges and encourages collaboration across thematic areas of culture, education, governance, economy, sustainable development, public health and media.

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<sup>2</sup> The UNODC e-learning module is optional but would grant a separate UNODC certificate.



ASEF runs more than 25 projects a year, consisting of around 100 activities, mainly conferences, seminars, workshops, lectures, publications and online platforms, together with about 150 partner organisations. Each year over 3,000 Asians and Europeans participate in ASEF's activities, and much wider audiences are reached through its various events, networks and web-portals.

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The **Informal Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Seminar on Human Rights** promotes mutual understanding and co-operation between Asia and Europe in the area of political dialogue, particularly on human rights issues. It encourages open and non-confrontational debate between representatives of civil society organisations and officials from all ASEM Partners. The Seminar series is co-organised by ASEF, the Raoul Wallenberg Institute (nominated by the Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs), the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs, the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China.

The 19<sup>th</sup> Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights took place on 4-6 November 2019 in Tromsø, Norway, focusing on the theme of "Human Rights Education & Training". The host of the 19<sup>th</sup> Seminar was the Royal Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Report of the 19<sup>th</sup> Informal ASEM Seminar on Human Rights Education & Training can be found [here](#).

The **Norwegian Centre for Human Rights (NCHR)** has more than 30 years of experience promoting human rights through competence building, knowledge enhancement and dialogue in Asia. NCHR's Rule of Law programme supports the judiciary's capacity to improve its human rights compliance by strengthening human rights knowledge among core actors within the chain of justice, including judges, prosecutors and the police.

NCHR's International Department was originally established as country programmes to support the bilateral human rights dialogue between Norway and China, Indonesia and Vietnam. NCHR has maintained a strong cooperation with these, and other Asian countries, in human rights promoting efforts and outreach activities. These initiatives stem from international human rights standards and recommendations by the UN and the regular reviews undertaken in the form of Universal Periodic Reviews (UPR).

For more information, please visit: <http://www.jus.uio.no/smr/english/about/>



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