

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – Deadline 10 May!

South Asia Regional Training of Trainers on Strengthening Application of CEDAW in South Asia

15-21 July 2011

Partners for Law in Development (PLD) is organising a residential South Asia Training of Trainers on CEDAW “**Strengthening Application of CEDAW in South Asia**” from 15-21 July in New Delhi. The regional training of trainers is open to all practitioners of Convention for Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) from South Asia, and aims to strengthen the capacities of stakeholders in advancing application of CEDAW in local and national contexts. It seeks to refresh and deepen understanding of concepts, facilitate implementation in key contexts of gender inequality in South Asia, and familiarise with diverse applications of CEDAW, including the review processes.

The training will aim to strengthen and expand the pool of resource persons in the South Asia region to invigorate and strengthen implementation at local and national levels.

Selection criteria: Women’s rights activists, lawyers, NGO workers and government officials are invited to apply.

- Applicants must have three to seven years experience in conducting trainings on women’s rights; applicants with greater experience who have not had opportunity to participate in a regional ToT may also apply.
- Participants from Afghanistan, Bhutan and Maldives with three years or less of work / training experience on CEDAW will be considered. Though not essential, however strong reliance will be placed on the endorsement letter by any known CEDAW/ women’s rights resource person of your country/ in your region.
- Demonstrated experience of applying CEDAW in their contexts, as trainers, advocates or programmers and evidence of initiative;
- Applicants must demonstrate a strong commitment to work towards women’s human rights at the local and national levels.
- The ToT is open to persons of all genders. Women with commensurate experience will be given preference.

- Applicants must be fluent in English as that will be the medium of communication.

25 participants covering all eight SAARC countries are invited to apply for this regional training of trainers. Trainers and practitioners will be given preference, and selection will be equitably drawn from all the SAARC member states. This capacity building initiative is supported by UN Women.

The last date for receiving applications is 10 May 2011. Applicants from Afghanistan, Pakistan and Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Maldives are strongly advised to apply as soon as possible, in order to process the visa clearance (usually takes about four to six weeks in India).

Those interested in applying can contact PLD at pldindia@gmail.com

Forms can also be downloaded from www.cedawsouthasia.org