

# GENERAL SECRETARIAT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES EXECUTIVE SECRETARIAT FOR THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

## Call for Resumes:

### **HUMAN RIGHTS CONSULTANT**

## **Executive Secretary for Monitoring, Promotion and Technical Cooperation**

Type of Appointment: Consultancy

Organizational Unit: Executive Secretariat of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

Start Date: June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020

**Duration:** 4 months, possibility of extension depending on availability of funds

Consulting Fee: \$5,500/month

**Duty Station:** Washington, DC (Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the selected

person will work from their home country until further notice)

Description: Human Rights Consultant

**Objective:** Provide support to the daily work of a Monitoring Section Area, including general monitoring, and making/responding to requests for information on situations of concern, in particular regarding the Caribbean region.

#### **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Monitor the overall situation of human rights in the member states assigned, in particular of Caribbean states. This includes contacting and maintaining sources, collecting and reviewing information and consulting with the Commission Rapporteur.
- Maintain ongoing communication with the country and/or thematic Rapporteur assigned and support his or her work.
- Prepare reports and inputs on priority issues concerning the human rights situation in member states assigned and/or selected human rights issues.
- Prepare written inputs for the sections pertinent the situation of human rights in member states assigned and on selected human rights issues in the annual report of the IACHR.
- Draft letters, press releases, media postings, briefings and information sheets on member states assigned, in particular those in the Caribbean region.
- Prepare information about and participate in on-site visits, trainings, and seminars organized by the IACHR and outside actors.
- Contribute to the planning process of the work of the Rapporteurship and/or assigned countries.
- Prepare donor projects and support the execution of and reporting on donor funding.
- Maintain ongoing communication with other IACHR Executive Secretariat sections and outside actors.
- When needed, participate in the preparation of draft admissibility, inadmissibility, and merits reports for the IACHR's consideration. Prepare specialized opinions for petitions, precautionary measures, and requests for advisory opinions and cases before the Inter-American Court of Human Rights.
- Receive and process requests for public hearings on the human rights situation of specific countries and/or thematic issues within the Americas. These include public hearings granted by the IACHR at its own initiative.
- Organize and participate dialogues and/or meetings with representatives of civil society organizations as well as public officials, in particular those of the Caribbean region.

#### NATIONALITY:

• Candidates must be nationals of one of the 14 CARICOM countries that are members of the Organization of American States.

#### **EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE:**

- Juris Doctor or First University Degree (Bachelor's) in law, international public law, international relations, human rights or other related studies, issued by a duly accredited institution.
- Five years of relevant experience in similar positions at the national and/or international level, or Advanced University Degree (Master) issued by a duly accredited institution and 3 years of relevant experience.
- Knowledge of international legal standards related to human rights and international human rights law.

**Desirable:** Experience or knowledge of the OAS mandates and priorities as related to the area of work and/or the dynamics of the Inter-American agenda and system. Experience working with the promotion of human rights in Caribbean countries.

#### **COMPUTER SKILLS:**

Ability to effectively work using Microsoft Office (e.g. Outlook, Word, and Excel), and other software
applicable to the area of work.

## LANGUAGES:

**Essential** – Fluency in English (read, write and communicate) **Desirable** – Working knowledge of Spanish. Knowledge of French is also desirable.

Please submit the above required documents to <u>CIDH\_CPR@oas.org</u> and indicate the title of the consultancy for which you are applying in the subject line (CONSULTANT - HUMAN RIGHTS CONSULTANT - MONITORING).

We encourage women, members of the LGBTI community, Afro-descendants and persons of indigenous origins to apply.

DEADLINE TO SUBMIT IS: 11:59 PM, May 19, 2020.