

APPLICATION FORM FOR ACSSI FELLOWSHIP

The African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies (ACDHRS) in collaboration with the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL) is pleased to announce the **African Civil Society Support Initiative Regional Fellowship Program** for a 3-4 weeks Fellowship Programme with effect from October, 2014.

The Fellowship, which is the 2nd under the African Civil Society Support Initiative, will offer the opportunity to civil society leaders with a focus on Freedom of Association and Assembly to work with an appropriate host NGO in another country in the region, identified by ICNL and ACDHRS. Fellows will have the opportunity to share knowledge and experience with NGO partners during the Fellowship, be further equipped with practical skills needed to advance civil society law initiatives, gain exposure, and build or strengthen regional coalitions for reform.

The Fellowships will be awarded to civil society leaders, human rights advocates or activists or experts in the region challenging them to advance the legal environment for civil society.

Proposals must focus on the legal environment for civil society (for example, the rules governing the establishment, operation, funding or sustainability of NGOs, NGO-government relations, freedom of association, freedom of assembly, etc.). We are particularly interested fellowship activities that will support an ongoing reform initiative in the fellow's home country.

Applications are especially encouraged from those who are currently or were recently involved in Freedom of Assembly and Association on-the-ground work at some level.

Selection Criteria

- ✓ *Past or present experience in NGOs/CSO law as a lawyer, Academic or NGOs/CSO Leader/Activist*
- ✓ *Interest in NGOs/CSOs law reform*
- ✓ *Ability to contribute to the work of the host organization*
- ✓ *Knowledge in using the knowledge and skills gained to advance the Freedoms of Association and Assembly upon return to your home country*

Complete Application form (**to be received no later than Tuesday, 30th September, 2014**)

- ✓ A duly completed application form (all questions answered)
- ✓ Copy of resume, curriculum vitae (abridged version of not more than 1 page)
- ✓ Three recommendations from (1 from your organization and 2 from partners that are familiar with your work) Recommendations must be submitted directly to the African Centre by email: acssi@acdhrs.org,
- ✓ Personal statement (no more than 3 pages)

- ✓ Information on your organization (brochure, articles, newspaper articles etc)

ACSSI Fellowship Application form

Name:----- (in full)

Organization:-----

Designation:-----

Address:-----

Date of Birth..... Male/Female-----

Country of Residence.....

Nationality:-----

Tel:..... Fax:.....

Email: -----

Website:-----

Highest level of Education attained (attach copy of Award/Certificate) –

How did you learn about the ACSSI Fellowship? -----

List organizations with which you have worked or are currently working on Freedom of Assembly and Association issues: -----

Recommendations: (for 3 persons who will submit recommendations on your behalf directly to the African Centre) before the deadline for receipt of applications form.

Name:----- Male/Female-----

Organization:-----

Profession.....

Telephone:-----

Email:-----

Personal Statement (no more than 3 pages):

- a. Briefly summarize your experience in the issue of Freedom of Association and Assembly

- b. Why are you interested in this Fellowship?

- c. If selected, what knowledge/skills would you share with your host organization during the period?

- d. How would your participation in this Fellowship enhance your future work in human rights in general and in Freedom of Association and Assembly in particular?

- e. How do you intend to implement the newly acquired knowledge and skills during the course of your work?

- f. If selected, how will your organization contribute or support your participation in the Fellowship?

- g. Any other information?