

Call for Applications

TRAINING COURSE ON JUDICIAL AFFAIRS AND RULE OF LAW IN PEACE MISSIONS

The Barcelona International Peace Centre (BIPC) and 2gedar-PeaceOps and Development Network are pleased to announce the *Intensive Training Course on Judicial Affairs in Peace Missions*, to be held in Barcelona, Spain, from **May 6-10, 2019**.

Overview

Recognising the central place of the rule of law, the General Assembly at its 67th Session, held a High-level Meeting on the Rule of Law at the National and International Levels on 24 September 2012 which reaffirmed their commitment to the rule of law and elaborated on the efforts required to uphold different aspects of the rule of law. The Declaration recognises “that the rule of law applies to all States equally, and to international organizations, including the United Nations and its principal organs, and that respect for and promotion of the rule of law and justice should guide all of their activities and accord predictability and legitimacy to their actions. Consequently, Rule of Law (RoL) constitutes one of the Key Pillars of the substantive operations of the United Nations in peacekeeping and political field missions. Every UN Security Council Mandate includes a RoL mandate to Field Missions, and constitutes a key component of peacekeeping and peacebuilding activities of the United Nations, and also feature strongly in the mandates of most UN Agencies, Funds and Programmes, including the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), or the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), to name but two of the largest entities of the UN with strong RoL mandates and activities.

The Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions (OROLSI) is the RoL Leading entity within the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations (DPKO) and the UN Department of Political Affairs (DPA) at the UN HQ and dealing directly with RoL Units within Field Mission that implement RoL Mandates in peacekeeping operations. RoL sections are typically headed by a Director (D1) and staffed at P5, P4, P3, P2, and NPO grades, engaged in a variety of areas ranging from capacity building for the judiciary, monitoring, penal management, institution building, traditional justice mechanisms, mapping and assessing, and a whole range of possible activities, which may include war crimes and prosecutions. Judicial Affairs professional paths are one of the most exciting and with the widest range of career opportunities within the United Nations.

Objectives

This international training course will allow participants to understand the theory and practice of rule of law assistance in conflict-affected states. Through the use of case studies, interactive exercises and experience sharing, participants will expand their rule of law knowledge and skills to be better equipped to face the challenges of effective rule of law promotion and implementation.

The training course aims to familiarize participants with the structures and methodologies in place to implement RoL strategies and programmes from a practical perspective. Specifically, it also aims to prepare participants for the recruitment processes as Judicial Affairs Officers with the UN Secretariat and field missions.

The overall objectives of the course are therefore to:

- Provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of Judicial Affairs practice in UN Field Missions;
- Receive extensive materials and practical guidance and insights from highly experienced current and former Judicial Affairs officers;
- Provide participants with effective tools in a highly specialised area of UN practice;
- Prepare candidates for recruitment as Judicial Affairs officers;
- Provide an opportunity for candidates to network and develop mentoring relationships with current and former practitioners within the United Nations.

Methodology

The course focuses on the technical aspects of the work of judicial affairs officers and other fundamental skills that Judicial Affairs Officers should apply in the field. The course format includes a combination of lectures, small group discussions, practical exercises and peer exchange of experiences.

It comprises four practical exercises based in three different Missions and includes the following thematic areas: Legal Monitoring and Mapping and Assessing the Justice System, Justice Programming and Reporting, Research and Legislative Reform, Informal Justice, Gender and Women's rights and Corrections. The course also highlights aspects such as coordination between stakeholders, promotion of human rights, and understanding of political and legal contexts in host countries.

Participants will be provided in advance with extensive range of documents and materials which they will be expected to become generally familiar with prior to their attendance to the course. The course itself will focus on the practical elements of the applicability of these materials to actual field practice.

For whom is this course?

The course is designed to benefit candidates wishing to become judicial affair officers with United Nations Field Operations, UN Agencies Funds and Programmes, and would be of interest to staff members in international entities, NGOs and corporations operating in rule of law activities and programme, officers in Ministries of Foreign Affairs dealing with UN portfolios, and police officers contemplating peacekeeping and observation missions as part of their pre-deployment training, and research institutes and other international organisations and donors supporting field missions.

Generally, participants will be expected and will be given priority to enrol if they hold degree/s qualifying for entry into the UN Civil Service; will be fully conversant with written and spoken English at a professional working level. Candidates not meeting all of these criteria may be accepted at the discretion of the organizers and subject to availability of places.

Trainers

The organizers put great emphasis on delivering the course with a multi-cultural and multi-disciplinary team. The course will be led by [Luis Carnasa](#) with [Manuel Calzada](#). Luis has more than 20 years of professional experience at international level in legal monitoring, police, and prosecution matters, as well as in legislative and judicial reform projects. His most recent engagement from 2011-2018 was with the Special Prosecution Office in Pristina, with EULEX, and previously with the UN in Afghanistan, the OSCE in the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and other organizations in Kosovo, Croatia, Romania, and Bulgaria. Manuel is currently Director of Legal Affairs with UNAMID, the African Union – United Nations Mission in Darfur, Sudan. Manuel brings over 20 years' experience working on legal and judicial with the United Nations and other international organizations. Other senior trainers and experts with experience of different programmatic areas will be brought in for particular sessions, to ensure a variety of approaches and perspectives. Guest trainers from international organisations will be brought in to share their experiences.

Dates & location

May 6-10, 2019 at Sant Felip Neri House in Barcelona, Spain. It will start at 9:00 on Monday 6 of May and end around 15:30 on Friday 10 of May.

Language & cost

The course will be taught in English. The course fee is 2000 Euros. This fee includes course materials, refreshments, and lunch. It does not include the cost of traveling to/from Barcelona, visa, accommodation, insurance, and other meals, such as dinner.

Please note that this course requires a minimum number of participants. Unfortunately, the organizers cannot provide any scholarships or waivers for the course fees, but we can provide participants with letters of support in obtaining sponsorship, within the participant's country of residence or work. We can provide logistical assistance and letters in support of participants' visa applications upon request. Payment arrangement information will be included in acceptance letters.

Upon registration, the organizers will provide information about different accommodation options, including within the venue where the course will take place.

How to Apply

The application deadline is extended to the 10th of April 2019, but acceptance onto the course will be granted on a rolling basis. To apply for the course, please submit your current Curriculum Vitae and the completed application form to Eva Lopez, course coordinator, at info@bcnpeacecenter.org. Please see the enclosed application form for further details. Alternatively, it can be downloaded [here](#).

If you have any questions about the application process, program, or logistics, please contact Eva Lopez at info@bcnpeacecenter.org

ABOUT US

Barcelona International Peace Center (BIPC) – www.bcnpeacecenter.org

The Barcelona International Peace Center (BIPC) is the outcome of an initiative to promote the culture of peace through dialogue, awareness-raising, and training in crisis management and conflict resolution. Created in 2009, the BIPC is the only center of its kind in Spain. Its work is inspired by the philosophy of centers around the world specializing in crisis management and peace operations. The BIPC's main activity is an international specialised training program designed to meet the extensive learning needs of civilian personnel and to equip them with the skills they need to engage in field operations around the world. The center offers a range of training courses aimed at professionals working in peacebuilding, complex crisis management, and humanitarian affairs.

2GEDAR PeaceOps & Development Network - www.2gedar.com

2gedar PeaceOps & Development Network designs and presents specialist, practical and hands-on training programs in peacekeeping, peacebuilding and public development sectors. Our courses aim to prepare participants for the realities of actual field needs. Our courses and presentations seek to provide the required skills to successfully face entrance examinations and interview requirements into United Nations and UN Agencies, Funds and programs, each course focused on a very specific area of practice and occupational group. Specialized courses are also designed for pre-deployment training of peacekeeping missions' troop and police contingents.

Practice areas include political, legal affairs, protection, emergency response, security, intelligence, mission support and logistics, human rights, rule of law, civil affairs, gender, ethics and SEA, human resources, and internal justice processes.