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XXXVII Course on International Law: “International Law and Contemporary Global Transformations”

Announcement of scholarships for young people of African descent

The Department of International Law of the Secretariat for Legal Affairs of the Organization of American States (OAS) is pleased to call for applications for 4 scholarships to be awarded to young people of African descent in the OAS member states, to enable them to participate in the XXXVII Course on International Law in accordance with the provisions of this document.

Anyone meeting the requirements set forth in Point 10 of this announcement shall be eligible. Applications should be submitted along with all the data requested in Point 10 and through the channels indicated therein.

- 1. Study site:** Everest Rio Hotel Convention Center, Rua Prudente de Moraes 1117, Ipanema, Rio de Janeiro
- 2. Coordination:** Department of International Law, Secretariat for Legal Affairs, Organization of American States
- 3. Modality:** On-site
- 4. Course start and end dates:** August 2 to 20, 2010
- 5. Course duration:** Three (3) weeks
- 6. Languages:** Spanish and English
- 7. Objectives:** Study and discussion of, and update on public and private international law-related topics
- 8. Program:** The Course program is designed by the Inter-American Juridical Committee and the Department of International Law of the Secretariat for Legal Affairs of the OAS. The main topic of this year's course will be “International Law and Contemporary



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Global Transformations.” The course will consist of two morning sessions from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and one afternoon session, from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

9. Certificates: A certificate of attendance will be issued to participants attending at least 90% of classes and who pass two tests administered within the three weeks. Each participant may present a written paper on one of the topics discussed during the course, within six months of its conclusion, having submitted a hypothesis and work outline by the deadline set by the coordination. If the final paper is deemed satisfactory, the participant will receive a course diploma.

10. Requirements, documentation, deadlines, and submission of the application:

- Be an African Descent citizen or permanent resident of one of the OAS member states. (Residents must forward a copy of their visa);
- Have a professional degree in international law or international relations. Candidates must submit a copy of their professional credentials, and certification of courses taken with the respective grades earned;
- Have professional experience in international law and international relations;
- Be no more than 40 years old;
- Have good comprehension of Spanish and English;
- Be physically fit to fulfill the obligations of the course;
- Write a letter addressed to the Department of International Law of the OAS Secretariat for Legal Affairs, explaining the reasons for applying for a scholarship and the use to which knowledge acquired in the Course will be put in your professional life.



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- Attach to the above-mentioned letter a curriculum vitae of no more than 2 pages.
- The deadline for sending the required documents (a copy of your I.D., copy of your degree, statement of reasons, curriculum vitae) is April 30, 2010.
- The documentation referred to in the foregoing point may be sent electronically, for the attention of Dr. Roberto Rojas Dávila of the Department of International Law, to the following e-mail address: rojas@oas.org.

The documents may also be sent by regular mail to the address below (the candidate shall be responsible for ensuring that all documentation reaches its destination by the deadline):

ROBERTO ROJAS DÁVILA
Department of International Law
Secretariat for Legal Affairs
Organization of American States
19th St. & Constitution Ave. NW
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11. Criteria governing the award of OAS scholarships:

The scholarships will be awarded by the Department of International Law based on the candidate's merits and general credentials, which include his or her academic and professional background.

12. Benefits:

- The OAS provides roundtrip economy air fare from the scholarship recipient's place of residence to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. **Funds for terminal and in-transit costs are not provided.**
- A subsistence allowance in the amount of US\$2 500.00.
- No subsistence allowance will be paid to scholarship recipients residing in the Rio de Janeiro metropolitan area



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- Scholarship recipients will receive information about places in which other scholarship recipients have often been hosted in the past, as well as the names of other scholarship recipients of the same nationality, in case they wish to share accommodation.

13. Responsibilities of selected candidates:

- **Notice of acceptance to the Department of International Law:** The selected candidates must confirm their acceptance of the scholarship to the Department of International Law of the Secretariat for Legal Affairs, through the Course Coordinator, Dr. Diego Moreno, at the following address: dmoreno@oas.org.
- **Visas:** The selected scholarship recipients are responsible for obtaining in a timely manner the necessary visa(s) to enter the country of study and/or the country or countries of transit (if applicable). **The OAS will not be responsible for any costs related to obtaining visas or transfer documentation.**
- **Date of arrival in Rio de Janeiro:** Each scholarship recipient is responsible for arriving at the study site in time for the commencement of the course, on the date established by the institution offering the course.

14. Responsibilities with regard to travel costs and expenses in the event the scholarship recipient declines the scholarship, changes date or route, or terminates the scholarship:

- In the event a selected candidate declines the scholarship after the air ticket has been purchased, without due authorization from Department of Human Development, Education and Culture, or does not travel on the scheduled dates or changes route, the candidate and/or his/her sponsoring institution will have responsibility for the cost of the air ticket or any additional cost incurred.
- If the scholarship recipient fails to travel on the scheduled dates, or changes route, after the General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (GS/OAS) has purchased his/her travel ticket, he/she will be responsible for paying the difference in ticket cost in order to arrive at the course site in time for the commencement of the course.



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- The scholarship recipient must **reimburse** the GS/OAS the total cost of his/her round trip travel from his/her country of residence to the site where the course will be held if, after the ticket has been purchased, he/she declines the scholarship without written authorization from the Department of Human Development, Education and Culture of the OAS. This includes any additional costs incurred by the GS/OAS, such as extra costs for accommodation during the scholarship recipient's travel to and from the country where the course will be held.
- If the scholarship recipient declines, cancels, or terminates the scholarship after the course or program has started without providing the GS/OAS with sufficient evidence of the grounds therefor, he/she must **reimburse** GS/OAS the total amount of costs incurred on his/her behalf.

Please bear in mind that the official announcement of this call for applications is posted on the Department of International Law's website at:

<http://www.oas.org/dil>.

For any further information regarding applications for these scholarships, please contact Dr. Roberto Rojas Dávila of the Department of International Law, at the following e-mail address: rrojas@oas.org.