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Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

The purpose of this call for nominations is to seek your interest in attending a Certification Workshop, with a view to creating opportunities for participating in investigations of human rights and international criminal law violations. The workshop is being offered from **11-14 September** just prior to and at the same location in Madeira, Portugal as the 19th International Association of Forensic Sciences (IAFS) Triennial Meeting. At the invitation of the IAFS the workshop is organized under the auspices of Justice Rapid Response (JRR), an intergovernmental entity created to provide a stand-by facility of a wide range of rapidly deployable criminal justice experts to assist the international community in situations where possible human rights and international criminal justice violations need timely investigation. JRR can assist states, the International Criminal Court (ICC), parts of the United Nations system and regional organizations. Those completing this workshop will be certified to the JRR roster for possible deployments for international investigations. For more information on JRR please see the attached fact-sheet and FAQ document. The workshop will be conducted by the Institute for International Criminal Investigations (IICI).

The purpose of the workshop is to help prepare qualified, expert forensic professionals to be an important part of multi-disciplinary, diverse investigative teams that could be deployed rapidly. The focus of the exercise therefore, would be on the international criminal law application of forensic expertise, as well as the security, logistical and interoperability aspects of international deployment, including in less than optimal environments. The areas of forensic sciences that are particularly needed for the JRR roster are: clinical forensic medicine; forensic pathology; ballistics/explosives; video/image, including aerial image analysis; cyber investigations; document examination; and financial forensics. In addition forensic experts with experience with sexual violence and conflict situations are particularly needed.

While this workshop is modelled primarily for forensic specialists, details of previous JRR Certification Workshops, on which the present is based, may be seen on: <http://www.justicerapidresponse.org/>. There are 20 positions available in the workshop. Participants will again be chosen from among nominees by JRR's Coordinating Group on the basis of the expertise identified for this course and the qualifications and experience of the nominees. The need to have a roster reflecting as broad a geographic representation as possible and gender balance will also be taken into consideration. We have been asked by IAFS to remind candidates that those for whom nominations are submitted should be duly registered for the conference.

Forensic experts attending the 19th Triennial IAFS conference wishing to participate in the workshop and be certified to the JRR roster are requested to complete the attached personal history form. As rapid deployability of JRR experts requires the permission of the expert's employer, a nomination form is also attached to be completed by the employer of the expert. **The forms should be returned to the JRR Secretariat – JRR.Secretariat@gmail.com – by Friday, 24 June. There is no charge for the workshop. Experts or their employers are only asked to cover meal and accommodation expenses.**

For any additional information please contact the JRR Secretariat Manager at jrr.secretariat@gmail.com (Phone: +41 31 322 87 27).

Sincerely,
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