

**CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR THE SECOND JRR TRAINING COURSE**

The purpose of this call is to invite nominations of criminal justice and related experts for the Second Justice Rapid Response Training course to be held in May 2010.

**Background**

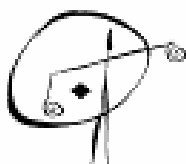
The Justice Rapid Response (JRR) is a multilateral stand-by facility to deploy rapidly criminal justice and related professionals, trained for international investigations and at the service of States and international institutions. It allows the international community to provide much needed support for and compliance with the effective enforcement of international criminal justice, thus helping to make justice an integral and constructive part of conflict resolution and post-conflict peace-building. At the request of a State or international institution with jurisdiction, JRR experts can deploy quickly to identify, collect and preserve especially the most perishable information about crimes under international law and massive human rights violations, and reporting back to the requesting authority would be in a position, if requested, to make recommendations as to the most appropriate remedies under the circumstance. To qualify for inclusion on the JRR Roster, experts in a variety of fields are nominated by the State or institution for which they work to attend a JRR Training Course, designed to ensure that their technical expertise is matched by their knowledge of international investigations and deployment, in order to provide a consistently high-quality roster.

The Second JRR Training Course for experts to be included on the JRR roster builds on the work, experience and lessons learned from the Pilot Training Course held in May 2009 in Berlin. A debt of gratitude is owed to the Institute for International Criminal Investigations, the German Centre for International Peace Operations (ZIF) and the Folke Bernadette Academy as well as trainers from the Argentine Forensic Anthropology Team, the ICC, ICTY, Special Court for Sierra Leone and the Irish Centre for Human Rights who, working in close cooperation with the Government of Canada as Chair of JRR, the Interim JRR Secretariat (NPWJ) and the JRR Coordinating Group have developed and are helping to shape the course syllabus and training.

**Nominations Package**

All JRR participants are invited to nominate experts to participate in the Second JRR Training Course, to be held on **8-16 May 2010** in **Buenos Aires, Argentina**. Interested JRR participants are requested to propose criminal justice and related professionals who are willing and could be made available for short-term international deployment at short notice. Nominations must contain a complete application package, available from the JRR website, which includes a personal history form of the candidate; a statement of the candidate's willingness to be deployed; and a statement from the nominating entity indicating their willingness to release the expert for short term deployment in the event that entity decides to participate in any given mission.

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## Expertise sought

Given that the Pilot Training Course focused primarily on the core expertise of criminal investigation and prosecution, it is important to broaden the scope of expertise available in the JRR roster. Thus the ideal candidate for nomination would be an active-duty professional with field experience in one of the various aspects of criminal investigations, including:

- Forensic investigations –all areas of forensics but especially documentary investigations and forensic anthropology and physiology; skills should include both evidence gathering and preservation and analysis.
- Human rights – skills should include monitoring; investigations; legal analysis; and reporting.
- Gender violence specialists – skills should include investigation and/or prosecution of sexual violence and related abuse especially but not exclusively in conflict situations.
- Military/Police specialists – skills needed include military law; military and police organization and operations; crowd control; and weaponry and tactics.
- Logistics and Security – field safety and security; risk analysis; risk management.
- Interaction with victims and witnesses – skills should include knowledge of protection and security; witness support; vulnerable witnesses (such as children or sexual violence victims); interviewing techniques; and psycho-social support.

Nominations of International law specialists and practitioners knowledgeable in human rights, international criminal and international humanitarian law; as well as other criminal law specialists working in investigations, prosecutions, defence, analysis, and policing (preferably with experience with mass crimes and conflict settings) are also welcome.

## Course Modalities

The Second JRR Training Course will consist of six and a half days of training, including field simulations, with a maximum of 20-25 participants and up to 5 observers.

While the cost of the course itself will be covered by the organisers, JRR participants wishing to nominate experts for the course are asked to fund the travel, room and board of their candidates. JRR participants with the ability to do so are encouraged to provide assistance for experts from JRR participants that may require financial assistance. JRR participants in a position to do so are requested to inform the Interim JRR Secretariat as soon as possible on [jrr@npwj.org](mailto:jrr@npwj.org).

The **deadline** for nominations is **19 March 2010**

Nominations can be sent by email to [jrr@npwj.org](mailto:jrr@npwj.org) or by fax to +32-2-511-8100

Course participants will again be chosen by the Coordinating Group from among the nominees 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.

Details on the Pilot Training Course, on which this course is being modelled, is available from:  
[http://www.justicerapidresponse.org/jrr\\_PTC\\_Berlin\\_May09.htm](http://www.justicerapidresponse.org/jrr_PTC_Berlin_May09.htm)

**The application package is available from <http://www.justicerapidresponse.org>**  
**The nominating entity should fill in the Sponsorship Form**  
**The nominated expert should fill in the Personal History Form**