

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### Training on the Optional Protocol to the Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women

15-18 September 2009, Warsaw, Poland

KARAT Coalition, together with project partners, invites applications for participation in the training on the Optional Protocol to CEDAW convention which will take place in Warsaw, Poland, on 15-18 September 2009.

The training is organized jointly by KARAT Coalition and IRAW Asia Pacific and is part of the project "Building towards Eastern European and Central Asia NGO Coalition on Optional Protocol to CEDAW" implemented by KARAT Coalition and supported by OXFAM Novib.

The training is intended for women's rights activists and lawyers recommended by women's NGOs from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. The participation of women from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan is organized by Women's Support Center and supported by HIVOS.

The training will be held in English but Russian interpretation will be provided.

The training participants will gain:

- skills to make use of the procedures provided by the Optional Protocol to CEDAW, including submitting the communications to the CEDAW committee.
- improved knowledge of how to identify the discrimination against women in the local context and how to address it under the CEDAW convention,
- better understanding of the CEDAW convention, its mechanisms and the rights protected by it.

During the training the participants will identify common areas of discrimination against women in their countries and elaborate the basis for regional strategy of advancing women's rights by applying OP CEDAW to address women's rights violations.

Two women from each country (at least one of them with background in law) will be selected on the basis of the following criteria:

- expertise in CEDAW;
- women's/human rights NGOs background;
- commitment to cooperate closely with women's NGOs, including active participation in the project activities at national level;
- commitment to participate in follow up activities and other activities connected to CEDAW (e.g. by sharing the expertise gained, engaging in the CEDAW related activities);
- agreement to be included in the pool of experts established by KARAT Coalition within the project,
- recommendation from the women's NGO;

The participants are required to participate in the entire training.

#### Financial conditions

- Accommodation costs and meals will be covered by either KARAT Coalition or Women's Support Center, depending on the country;
- Travel expenses, cost of visa and insurance will be fully reimbursed to all participants on the basis of original invoices and boarding cards;
- The reimbursement of costs and award of certificate of attendance are contingent upon participation in the entire training.

#### Application procedure

Applicants are requested to submit a completed application form, a CV and the recommendation letter from women's NGO no later than **25<sup>th</sup> May 2009** to:

Armenia: Women's Rights Center, [susanna@wrcorg.am](mailto:susanna@wrcorg.am)

Azerbaijan: Azerbaijan Gender Association "Symmetry", [gmamedova@gmail.com](mailto:gmamedova@gmail.com)

Tajikistan: Public Foundation "Panorama", [rita\\_mamedova@mail.ru](mailto:rita_mamedova@mail.ru)

Uzbekistan: "Generation of the Future", [lkhamzayeva@mail.ru](mailto:lkhamzayeva@mail.ru)

Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan and Turkmenistan: Women's Support Center in Kyrgyzstan, [munarabek@gmail.com](mailto:munarabek@gmail.com)