

Media21 fellowship on Human Rights
In collaboration with the UNOHCHR, OMCT, TRIAL and Human Rights Watch

The **Objective** is to increase the scope and depth of human rights reportage around the world by offering journalists the information, contacts and understanding on the issue.

The fellowship offers local journalists an opportunity to interact with global players, as well as learn from each other. The end result is to better the quality of reports that appear in the domestic media.

The human rights workshop coincides with the sessions of the UN Human Rights Council. This allows journalists to not only cover the Council for their respective media and sustain an interest in their own countries, but it also allows them to interact with global players. The workshop consists of briefings and interactions with agencies such as the UN, NGOs, government and diplomatic missions.

The workshop is open to English and French-speaking journalists. Six such workshops have been organised so far. It takes a practical approach to knowledge-sharing and believes in learning by doing. The journalists will be mentored by experienced journalists at the *Human Rights Tribune*, an award winning online news source. They will also be provided temporary press accreditation to the UN.

Participating journalists produce reports for their own media, as well as contribute toward the production of a special issue of On Assignment, earlier called Human Rights Bulletin (see earlier bulletins <http://www.infosud.org/spip/spip.php?article1423>, http://www.media21geneva.org/images/human_rights/human%20rights%20september%202008%20on%20assignment.pdf).

The next workshop will be held during **December 1-5, 2008** and coincides with the Human Rights Council session focusing on Universal Periodical Review (UPR). Selection of the journalists has been made keeping in mind the countries undergoing their UPR this session. We expect journalists from Israel, Palestine, Serbia, Kosovo and Burundi to participate this time. See the draft programme.

The fellowship offers grants to six journalists. The grant will cover their tuition fees, flight ticket, accomodation and daily allowance. The grant will not cover visa fees, insurance and vaccination costs, and travel to nearest international airport.

We welcome journalists sponsored by their own organisations or other donors. The cost break-up is as follows:

Tuition fees	Chf 1,500
Accommodation (for 6 days)	Chf 810
per diem and telecommunication costs	Chf 380
Flight ticket (approximate)	Chf 2,000
Total	Chf 4,690

About us

InfoSud is a Geneva-based development news agency focusing on issues of the South since two decades.

Media21 is Global Journalism Network and trains local journalists on issues such as human rights, health, climate change, migration, peace and security and development aid.

Human Rights Tribune is an award-winning online news portal focusing on human rights.

Draft Programme

Unplanned activities include reporting the UN Human Rights Council, conducting special interviews and writing reports. Planned panels are as follows.

Monday Dec 1

0900 - 1100 Registration at the UN, briefing of Human Rights Tribune
Michel Buhrer and Carole Vann, Editors – Human Rights Tribune
1300 – 1430 **Yves Lador**, Consultant to International Organisations (to confirm)
Overview of the UPR mechanism
1615 – 1700 Editorial meeting
venue: Palais des Nations, press salle 2

Tuesday Dec 2

0900 – 1030 **Joao Nataf**, UN Office of High Commission for Human Rights
Briefing on international treaties on human rights
1615 – 1700 Editorial meeting
venue: Palais des Nations, press salle 2

Wednesday Dec 3

1300 – 1400 **Sebastien Gillioz**, Human Rights Watch
1615 – 1700 Editorial meeting
venue: Palais des Nations, press salle 2

Thursday Dec 4

0930 – 1030 **Eric Sottas**, OMCT (to confirm)
1615 – 1700 Editorial meeting
venue: Palais des Nations, press salle 2

Friday Dec 5

1615 – 1700 Final editorial meeting and submission of articles
venue: Palais des Nations, press salle 2

Our partners

UN Office of High Commission on Human Rights
OMCT – World Organisation against Torture
FIDH - Fédération Internationale des Droits de l'Homme
Human Rights Watch
TRIAL – Track Impunity Always

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