Global Initiative for
JUSTICE, TRUTH +
RECONCILIATION

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE ACADEMY APPLICATION FORM

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The Global Initiative for Justice, Truth and Reconciliation is a consortium of ten organizations, led by the International Coalition of Sites of Conscience, that develop and implement a range of rapid response and high-impact programs, utilizing both restorative and retributive approaches to justice and accountability for gross human rights violations. In light of new opportunities for transitional justice in the Middle East and North Africa region, the Consortium proposes an interdisciplinary, regional MENA Transitional Justice Academy program (the TJ Academy). The TJ Academy will train approximately twenty-eight activists, practitioners, academics and non-traditional actors from Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia, Syria and Yemen, with special consideration given to participants from Syria and Libya.

The TJ Academy seeks to build the capacity of activists, practitioners, academics and non-traditional actors in MENA by providing them with training, support and opportunities to participate in the design and implementation of transitional justice approaches that are responsive to and inclusive of local needs, cultures and understandings of justice. Consolidating the Consortium partners' multidisciplinary approaches to transitional justice issues, the TJ Academy will draw on a range of disciplines, bringing participants together to share experiences and knowledge of transitional justice options and increase their understanding of how to undertake transitional justice programs in high-risk environments, with a particular focus on community engagement and empowerment and project sustainability.

Through a series of training workshops and ongoing support from Consortium partners, 28 activists, practitioners, academic actors and non-traditional actors from Algeria, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Tunisia, Syria, and Yemen will increase their knowledge of broad transitional justice mechanisms as well as develop an understanding of how these mechanisms could be adapted and applied to their countries and the MENA region more broadly. A sub-granting process will enable TJ Academy participants to undertake community-based transitional justice activities that seek to meet local communities' needs on issues related to truth, justice and reconciliation.

As a pilot and first of its kind in the region, the TJ Academy presents an opportunity for a range of stakeholders to inform the design and development of an integrated, participatory approach to addressing transitional justice issues in MENA – one that could become a replicable model for the region.

If you are interested in participating in the TJ Academy and meet the participant criteria outlined below, please complete the application form and submit to Emily Kimler at ekimler@sitesofconscience.org by 10 February 2016. No late or incomplete applications will be considered.

PARTICIPANT CRITERIA

The TJ Academy is aimed at mid-career level professionals who either hold a bachelor's degree or have between three to seven years of field experience.

Requirements:

- Demonstrated practical experience working on transitional justice or peacebuilding issues.
- Proven experience working with local communities, particularly with victims of human rights violations, women and youth.
- Commitment to collaboration.
- Ability to fundraise and/or knowledge of local funding sources.
- Interest in implementing transitional justice projects at a community level.
- Fluency in English and/or Arabic.
- Availability to attend all four workshops. Tentative dates for the workshops are: 10-16 April 2016; 18-22 July 2016; 26-30 September 2016; 6-9 February 2017.

APPLICATION FORM

1. Name:

2. Age:

3. Sex:

4. Country:

5. City:

6. Profession:

7. Spoken language/s:

8. Organization (if relevant):

a) If you belong to an organization, kindly provide a letter of support from your organization's director.

9. Highest university qualification/ number of years of field experience:

10. Briefly describe your work in the area of transitional justice and/or peacebuilding, particularly any work with local communities (maximum 150 words).

11. What is your area of transitional justice interest/expertise and what would you like to learn more about?

12. What for you are the key transitional justice issues that need to be addressed in your region/country and what are some of the challenges that you face in addressing these needs (maximum 100 words)?

13. Briefly describe a concept for a six-month community transitional justice project that you would like to implement. Outline the need, the project beneficiaries, the key project goals and the main activities (maximum 300 words).

14. How do you hope to benefit from your participation in the TJ Academy (maximum 70 words)?

15. Please provide the names and contact details of three references.