

**Scholarships for Executive Training Course “Connectivity and Convergence: Alternative Regulatory Strategies”**

12 – 16 April 2010  
Cape Town, South Africa

**Course Description**

LIRNEasia, with generous funding from the International Development Research Center Canada and the Department for International Development UK is offering scholarships to attend the Executive Training Course on “**Connectivity and Convergence: Alternative Regulatory Strategies**” held 12 – 16 April 2010 in Cape Town, South Africa.

Until 2008 this course was organized by LIRNEasia, and usually held in Singapore (<http://lirneasia.net/capacity-building/training-courses/>). Since 2009, the course is organized by LIRNEasia’s sister research network Research ICT Africa (RIA), in collaboration with the University of Cape Town Graduate School of Business Management (Certificates of completion for the 2010 course are issued by the University of Cape Town Graduate School of Business Management).

Visit <http://www.gsb.uct.ac.za/gsbwebb/EMEBrochure.asp?intpagenr=605> or <http://www.researchictafrica.net/index.php/training> for details.

**Eligibility for Scholarships**

To be eligible for a scholarship, applicants must fall into one of the following categories:

1. Current mid or senior level staff of telecom regulatory agencies in the following countries: India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Indonesia, Philippines, Mongolia. To be eligible, applicant must:
  - a. be involved in technical or economic regulation related activities (as opposed to administrative/HR duties) within the regulatory agency
  - b. be a mid-career or senior staff member (staff members with less than 5 years of experience at a regulatory agency are not eligible)
  - c. be recommended by the head of the regulatory agency who states that the applicant is not scheduled for retirement within 3 years of course completion (i.e. prior to April 2010).
2. Senior level staff members of civil society/non-governmental organizations in the ICT space (e.g. those involved in ICT policy, ICT related consumer protection activities, ICT-development activities etc).
3. Journalist and media personnel who have a proven track-record of covering the telecommunications, ICT sector. Free lance professionals or those attached to an established (online or print) publication are eligible.

**What the scholarship covers**

1. Full tuition fee inclusive of all course material, morning/afternoon tea breaks and lunch for duration of the course
2. Economy class airfare from home location to Cape Town
3. Accommodation (on a bed & breakfast basis) at the U of CT housing

**What is not included:**

1. Cost of dinner for duration of the stay and cost of any meals outside of the duration of the course
2. Cost of airport transfer (in home country or in South Africa)

3. Visa fees or related costs (RIA/U of CT GSB/LIRNEasia will however provide you with documentation necessary to obtain the visas)
4. Any other costs other than those specified above

**Deadline for Application:**

Friday 26 February 2010

**Procedure for application**

The selection will be done by a panel.

Interested parties should send the following information via email, to [training@lirneasia.net](mailto:training@lirneasia.net) (no faxes or post accepted) no later than Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

1. Regulatory Agency Staff
  - a. most recent curriculum vitae, clearly highlighting current duties and level of seniority and past experience
  - b. recommendation or authorization by the head of the regulatory agency
2. Civil Society Organizations
  - a. Most recent curriculum vitae, clearly highlighting involvement in ICT-policy related activities
  - b. Description of the organization and its vision/mission
3. Media personnel
  - a. Most recent Curriculum Vitae
  - b. A minimum of one (ideally 2-4) recently published articles that cover the telecom/ICT sector or related sector

For questions, please email [training@lirneasia.net](mailto:training@lirneasia.net)