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Call for Regional Writers for Right to Information World Advocacy Update

Terms of Reference

The FOIANet Steering Committee is looking to identify one group per region that will be able to collaborate in the creation of a Right to Information World Advocacy Update report. The RTI World Advocacy Update will be an easy to read report in the style of a newsletter of around 15 pages created by and for members of FOIANet member groups. Regional groups will lead on the production of regional contributions to the Update. It is hoped that the Update will help FOIANet members understand better the activities, challenges and contexts faced in different regions of the world. It will also provide a tool for more systematic cross-fertilisation and learning between regions.

Project

The objective of the RTI World Advocacy Update is to create a structured information exchange about Freedom of Information between advocates in all regions of the world, focusing on regional information about groups working in the region, their key activities, success stories and challenges, and lessons learned, in particular in relation to advocacy.

The work will be led by seven groups, (one from each region) and edited together by the coordinator and Steering Committee. The final document will be laid out with photos and relevant graphics, and disseminated on-line.

The FOI World Advocacy Update will be an important step towards the collective creation of information exchange products and will contribute to reaching out to parts of the world where FOIANet is underrepresented. It will also help new members to get up to date on the state of activity on FOI across the world.

Outline

1. The regions represented in the document will be broken down as the following:
 - Africa (sub-Saharan)
 - Australasia and Oceania
 - Americas
 - East and Southeast Asia
 - Europe
 - Middle East and North Africa (MENA)
 - South and Central Asia

2. For each region one FOIANet member organisation will be selected to undertake research and draft a brief of approximately 1500 words, in line with the Guiding Questions (see attached document). The chosen organisation must be able to analyse the right to information movement as a whole in the region, not just the situation in their sub region or country.
3. The selected groups will coordinate with the Coordinator during the drafting and editing process of the document and should follow the timeframe set by the steering committee.
4. A fee of €500 will be provided to the selected groups to compensate them for their research and analysis work.
5. A draft of the completed document will be circulated on the FOIANet discussion list for a comment period of at least 14 days.

Applicant Organisations

1. Applicant organisations should fill in the form here:
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dDM5WVFNOXNIWHp6MzVnZEZ0eGVDTkE6MQ>
2. Your organisation must be a member of FOIANet to apply.
3. The deadline for applying is 8th December.
4. The organisations will selected by the Steering Committee on the basis of their applications and the selected groups will be announced on the 13th December. Should the organisation of one of the members of the Steering Committee have applied to write the section for their region, they will sit out on the discussion of the chosen organisation for this region.
5. In the case that no organisations apply or more applications are needed for a certain region, the Steering Committee will invite FOIANet members from that region to apply and ultimately write any underrepresented region.
6. The timeline for completing the document will be the following:

November 2011	December 2011	January 2012	February 2012	March 2012	April 2012	May 2012	Jun 2012	Jul 2012
Nov 25: Call for Expression of Interest	Dec 8th: Deadline for Expression of Interest submissions	Jan 31st: Groups research and write outline for their sections	Groups write their sections	Groups write their sections	April 30th: Deadline for report sections	Edit text	Jun 1-15th: Distribute draft to FOIANet. Jun 15th - 31st Layout and Design	Print and Disseminate