

# MYANMAR DEMOCRACY FELLOWSHIP 2016-2017

## What is MDF?

The Myanmar Democracy Fellowship (MDF) is a certificate programme focused on comparative constitutional and electoral law, human rights and democratic reform. The MDF is designed for Civil Society Organisations from across Myanmar to advance their knowledge and practical skills in democratic governance and advocacy. The Fellowship is co-organised by Democracy Reporting International (DRI) and Charity Oriented Myanmar (COM).

### 2016-2017 MFD Modules and Schedule

- **Module 1:** Introduction to International Human Rights Law and & Constitutional reform processes (23-27 September 2016)
- **Module 2:** Democratic States: Separation of Powers (1-5 December 2016)
- **Module 3:** State Structure: Decentralization, Elements of Federalism and Local Governance (17-21 February 2017)
- **Module 4:** Accountability: Genuine Elections and political participation (31 March-4 April 2017)

The Fellowship covers **different aspects of constitutional, electoral law and democracy**. Modules are designed to provide participants with comparative knowledge and the fundamentals of legal-constitutional analysis in such areas as:

- Civil and political rights and genuine elections
  - Separation and balance of powers
  - Decentralization and local government
  - Democratic governance of armed forces
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Complementing its thematic modules, the MDF offers **practical sessions** geared towards developing the skills of CSO representatives. Trainings will focus on skills commonly employed in project design and implementation, including:

- Research, policy paper drafting and presentation skills
- Stakeholder analysis and strategic planning methodologies
- Basic adult training techniques
- Proposal drafting and organizational development

**Evening lectures and meetings with stakeholders** (including selected members of Parliament) on key democracy issues will complement some of the modules and there will be a parallel social and evening programme with **human rights movies**, evening debates or a literature café.

Through an **online platform** accessible by all fellows, trainers and tutors, fellows will be required to do deliver short assignments between the modules. This will consist of reading exercises, experience sharing and small written inputs, and will require the dedication of one hour per week to the Fellowship.

## What are the benefits?

- The MDF is a unique opportunity to gain essential skills and knowledge on legal electoral and constitutional concepts.
  - Upon completion of all four modules, participants will be awarded a certificate recognising their acquired knowledge and skills.
  - An honors award will be presented to the highest achieving fellow: he or she will have the opportunity to publish an article related to the content of the MDF on the DRI website.
  - The MDF will allow CSO representatives to expand their network. Throughout the activities, fellows will have chance to meet national and international experts, officials from Myanmar and others CSO members.
  - Fellows will become part of an Alumni network that will continue serve as a platform for sharing information, knowledge and resources.
  - Fellows will have online tutoring in English and Myanmar language and will be able to seek support on their organisations' activities and research in fields related to the programme.
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- Experts and tutors will provide participants with advice on career orientation and present relevant tools which can be helpful for future study abroad.

## Who is eligible?

- The MDF is open to all Myanmar CSO representatives motivated to deepen their knowledge of constitutional reform and the promotion of democratic governance in Myanmar.
- Candidates must commit to participation in the full fellowship (four modules-see dates in the box above) and should demonstrate the capacity and commitment to apply the teachings of the Fellowship to developing and implementing a project that will benefit their respective organisation, community and/or sector in Myanmar
- Basic knowledge of English would be an asset as well as basic IT skills.

*Women, persons with disabilities and minority candidates are explicitly encouraged to apply.*

## Additional information

The fellowship will require an approximate commitment of 10 months from September 2016 to April 2017 and will consist of four modules of five days each. Participants will be required to attend all modules. One modules will take place in Yangon, the three others will take place in other cities in Myanmar.

The selected participants will be awarded a full scholarship that covers all tuition, accommodation and transportation costs.

The fellowship will be conducted in both languages, Burmese and English.

A total of 20 fellows from every region of Myanmar will be selected through a competitive application process. The deadline for application is July 15<sup>th</sup> 2016, please notice that application submitted after that time will not be taken into consideration.

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The Selection process will take place between July 15<sup>th</sup> and July 30<sup>th</sup> 2016 and notification of acceptance will be communicated to selected participants by 1<sup>st</sup> August.

*For more information regarding the fellowship, please contact Charity Oriented Myanmar or DRI Myanmar office through our DRI Myanmar- FB account or by writing to [Myanmar@democracy-reporting.org](mailto:Myanmar@democracy-reporting.org) (in Myanmar or in English)*

## How to Apply?

- Fill in the attached application form and reply to all of the questions
- Attached your CV/Resume,
- Professional recommendation are also accepted but not compulsory
- If you will be employed at that time, one permission letter from your organization head office officially certified that you are allowed to attend all sessions
- Submit electronically the entire application or hand in a hard copy to DRI office, no later than 15th July.

DRI Office address: 68B Sayar San Rd. Bahan, Yangon,

DRI Facebook account: Democracy Reporting International- DRI Myanmar

Contact email address: [m.constant@democracy-reporting.org](mailto:m.constant@democracy-reporting.org)

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# Application Form

## I. BIO-DATA INFORMATION

### Personal Information

First Name:	
Gender:	
Date of Birth (dd/mm/yy):	

### Contact Information (best way to reach you)

Telephone Number:	
Email Address:	
Facebook account (if any):	

### Memberships or Affiliations

Please list any current memberships or affiliations to groups, associations or networks that you have:

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### English Skills

Please rate and mark your level of English for the following categories with an X:

Comprehension:    Excellent \_\_\_\_\_    Good \_\_\_\_\_    Adequate \_\_\_\_\_    Poor \_\_\_\_\_

Reading:            Excellent \_\_\_\_\_    Good \_\_\_\_\_    Adequate \_\_\_\_\_    Poor \_\_\_\_\_

Speaking:            Excellent \_\_\_\_\_    Good \_\_\_\_\_    Adequate \_\_\_\_\_    Poor \_\_\_\_\_

**Reference:** mention the name and the contact detail of a person from your circle ( professional or educational) to whom we could speak

Name: .....

Contact: .....

### How often do you have access to internet?

- Per day : .....

- Per week : .....

Do you own a computer? YES

NO

Can you access a computer regularly? YES

NO



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**Question 1**

What knowledge, skills and abilities do you hope to gain as a result of participating in this program?

*300 words max*



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## Question 2

What is your vision for Democracy in Myanmar and what role do CSOs play in it?

*300-600 words max.*





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### Question 3

How a good trainer should be? Tell us more about your expectations regarding trainers.

*300 words max.*



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**Question 4:**

Explain what is your organization doing and your role inside.

*200 words max.*

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