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INVITATION TO APPLY
2nd WEST AFRICA EXECUTIVE COURSE ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND DRUG POLICY

The University of Ghana School of Law, in collaboration with the Open Society Global Drug Policy Program and Open Society Initiative for West Africa, is inviting applications for its intensive 6-day 2nd West Africa Executive Course on Human Rights and Drug Policy to be held at the University of Ghana, Legon between **July 27 and 1 August, 2015**.

The course aims at developing the competencies of the participants to support their home governments in adopting drug policies which are underpinned by public health and citizen security, anchored in evidence-based harm reduction approaches and backed by laws or practices that are human rights-compliant.

A key character of the course is its inter-disciplinary focus, both of learning and problem-solving. It is designed for high-achieving personnel who are engaged, or are interested, in policy formulation relating to drug control generally. Candidates should be people who are highly motivated, inspirational and have the capacity to effect or influence change in their communities. All participants are expected to be fluent in both spoken and written English. No prior knowledge of human rights and drug policy is required of participants, though such knowledge may be an advantage. 30 participants who are West African citizens and reside in the sub-region shall be selected to take part in this course. Deadline for submission of applications is **June 30, 2014**. Applications should be submitted to the Admission Committee, West Africa Executive Course on Human Rights and Drugs Policy, Faculty of Law, University of Ghana, Legon **by email** at wafdrug@gmail.com, accompanied by the following documents:

- a. Transcript (s) bearing academic qualifications. A minimum of bachelor degree in any field from a recognised university is allowed;
- b. Cover letter (of not more than 2 pages) – stating, *inter alia*, applicant's leadership credentials, work experience, involvement in community or grassroots activities;
- c. Motivation letter (1 page) – outlining the reasons for wanting to take the course and how the knowledge acquired can be taken home and applied to effect change in policy on drugs control;
- d. Letters of reference (2) – academic or work-related;
- e. 1-page outline of the drugs problems existing in the applicant's country of origin of applicant.

Only selected applicants shall be notified. Notifications will be sent a week after the deadline. Women are encouraged to apply.