

MINORITY REALITIES IN THE NEWS

A 5-week course of Minority Rights Group International on how to unearth the real stories behind the headlines in foreign affairs

- Do you want a better understanding of what lies behind the political issues in the world's hot spots?
- Are you interested in an opportunity to report exclusive stories of minorities and indigenous peoples in Africa and Asia?
- Do you want to know more about the aid flow and humanitarian assistance from the European Union and your country?



Children from a Batwa community in Mutaho, Burundi. ©Lucy Claridge, MRG

Then take part in MRG's *online* training "<u>Minority Realities in the News</u>"! When? 4 November – 8 December 2013

Why take part?

- Reflect reality more accurately in your writing;
- Put a new angle to your stories and extend your audience;
- Report more effectively and ethically on development and minority and indigenous rights;
- Gain resources, contacts and tools for covering issues from the global South;
- Understand development cooperation and international relations from a minority and indigenous perspective; and
- The most active participants will travel to the global South and participate in face-to-face training events in regional media centres;
- Will be offered opportunities to visit and immerse themselves in the lives and cultures of minority and indigenous communities in Africa and Asia;
- Will be able to apply for bursaries to support reporting on minority and indigenous issues; and
- Get the chance to have your work published by an international organization.



Maasai women share their stories. © Mohamed Matovu, MRG

Who do we expect?

Journalists, photo-journalists, editors and journalism students from Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Slovakia with a proven interest in foreign issues and who want to extend their expertise. *The language of the course is English*.

Application process:

Please send the attached <u>application form</u> to Bernadett Sebály (<u>bernadett.sebaly@mrgmail.org</u>) by 22 October 2013.

About the course:

- The training is free, facilitated by tutors, flexible in time and lasts only for 5 weeks;
- Includes a webinar led by a high-profile journalist from <u>The Guardian</u>'s award-winning Global development section; and
- All you need is a maximum of 3 hours per week and broadband internet access.

Read about the course in details here.

Why MRG?

Minority Rights Group International (MRG) has worked for over 40 years to secure the rights of ethnic, religious and linguistic minorities and indigenous peoples worldwide. We have extensive experience in training on minority and indigenous issues. We also work directly with over 150 grass-roots organizations in nearly 50 countries, giving us unique access to minority and indigenous communities.

Our partners

Our partners in this programme are the <u>Center for Independent Journalism</u> (Hungary), <u>Cracow University of Economics</u> (Poland), Foundation "For a Better Partnership on Journalism" (Bulgaria), <u>Gender Project for Bulgaria Foundation</u> (Bulgaria) and the <u>Slovak Syndicate of Journalists</u> (Slovakia).

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