IAJ calls for training course applications

South Africa's Institute for the Advancement of Journalism (IAJ) and the International Institute for Journalism (IIJ) in Berlin, Germany, of the GIZ - Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit - are inviting mid-career journalists to apply for a two-week training course on Reporting regional integration - the history, politics and economics of SADC.

The course will be held at the IAJ in Johannesburg from 15-26 August 2011. The programme is aimed at mid-career journalists from newspapers, news agencies and online media in the SADC region. 15 participants will be admitted: not more than three per country. The course will be conducted in English at the IAJ's Parktown Campus in South Africa.

Enhance the quality of reporting

The aim of the programme is to enhance the quality of reporting on SADC matters in the regional media. During the first week of the course, participants will be given an introduction to the history, politics and economics of SADC and will deal journalistically with these aspects. The programme of the second week will build on what was learned during the initial session and focuses on enhancing journalistic skills.

In order to apply, applicants are requested to complete the information sheet (to be downloaded from www.iaj.org.za) and submit to the address listed below together with the following documents:

- a motivation letter, explaining what the applicant and their respective media houses hope to get out of the programme and how he/she will apply the skills learned;
- a detailed CV with clear contact details; and
- a letter of support from the applicant's employer, with clear contact details, committing the applicant to participate in the full duration of the course.

The international travel costs to and from the training venue will be borne by the IIJ on the condition that the publishing houses are not able to cover the costs. In addition, accommodation costs as well as daily allowances to cover meals will be borne by the organisers.

Closing date for applications: Friday, 17 June 2011.
Note: Only applications complete with all the above information will be considered.

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