

Application  
Deadline:  
December 1  
2020

## UGSoL VIRTUAL TRAINING COURSE:

### Civil Society in the COVID 19 Era: Exploring opportunities for Adaptation and Resilience.

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**GOAL:**

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*The Training Course is designed to increase the knowledge and skills of CSO actors and policy advocates in order to adapt their activities and advocacy processes to the reality of the COVID-19 era. This training provides the skills needed to make input in the design, management and implementation of programmes as well as to explore avenues for building resilient CSOs post the COVID-19.*

#### **WHAT IS PURPOSE OF THE TRAININGS?**

COVID-19 pandemic has transformed the way we live our lives, how we interact with state institutions and law enforcement agencies, and is having a significant cross-sectoral impact on the way we exercise our rights as citizens, in a democracy.

The pandemic and the legislative and executive measures taken in response to it present wider risks related to the accountability of government and associated public institutions. In addition, measures taken in response to the pandemic have the potential to seriously impact how civil society organizations conduct their activities. While in normal times, civil society organizations would be better positioned to monitor and report on public institutions, as well as hold them accountable for their actions, the current crisis poses several challenges to the roles of civil society: monitoring, accountability, advocacy, and promoting citizens' participation. It is important for policy and human rights advocacy to adapt to this reality, while navigating the restrictions in a manner that doesn't narrow the space for civic activism, limit its effectiveness or institutionalize the risk of a long term of culture of silence and democratic erosion.

The University of Ghana School of Law (UGSoL), with the support of Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ) has designed the training course to provide critical capacity building to Civil Society Organizations to adapt their activities and advocacy processes to the reality of the COVID-19 pandemic and to take advantage of opportunities presented by adaptation to the new normal.

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*Intended  
Audience:*

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This course is aimed at professionals working in civil society organizations; or are involved in policy and human rights advocacy as well as other relevant stakeholders, media professionals. The training is best suited to people with all levels of responsibility in CSO, including policy advocacy, policy implementation, grant development and partnerships.

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*Outcomes:*

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- Understand the challenges faced by civil society organizations in Ghana as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic
  - Understand the laws and policy measures adopted in response to the pandemic in Ghana
  - Explore Challenges, Tools and Techniques of Effective Communication for CSOs in the COVID-19 era
  - Learn how donor organizations are responding to civil society needs during the COVID-19 crisis, including the constraints faced by funders as well as how they are shifting their strategies
  - Explore opportunities presented by the pandemic and discuss how civil society can respond to the COVID-19 crisis to build back better
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*Certification:*

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**The training programme will comprise an intensive three-week course of online lectures and exercises leading to a Certificate for all participants who attend classes regularly and participate**

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*Dates for  
Training:*

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**The training will be held in December-January. The finalized dates will be communicated with shortlisted candidates.**

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*Cost of Training:*

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**Trainees are not expected to pay for the trainings. However, considering that the trainings will be held virtually, trainees are expected to have a functioning computer and stable internet access. The University of Ghana School of Law does not charge a fee at any stage of the training process (Application, Selection, or Training) and will not request Applicant's payment details.**

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*Venue:*

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**The trainings will be held virtually, and selected candidates will be enrolled on the University's e-learning platform in due course.**

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*How to Apply:*

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To apply, kindly submit a copy of your curriculum vitae (CV) and personal statement to the project office via e-mail to: **dvproject@ug.edu.gh** no later than **Midnight 1 December 2020**. E-mails should have as its subject: "Capacity Building for CSOs [Applicant's Surname]".

Female candidates are strongly encouraged to apply.

CSOs are also invited to nominate candidates for participation in the training course and are encouraged to consider how their nominations promote gender equality and empower women.

**Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.**

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Additional Information:

The University of Ghana School of Law is an equal opportunity organization which welcomes applications from qualified professionals all over the country. We are committed to achieving diversity in terms of gender, sexual orientation, ethnicity, political opinion, religion and creed, as the diversity of our participant pool is critical to the University's success.