

Ladies and gentlemen!

It's a great honor for me to address such an honorable audience. I have this honor because I was privileged to be graduated from the Project "Electronic human rights education for lawyers", which was carried out with the support of the Human Rights House Network.

Despite the fact that this course was a very challenging and time consuming, it is difficult to overestimate the benefices of the Program. This course allowed our Ukrainian lawyers to get a very unique and, what is more important, systematic education in the international law of human rights.

I'd like to suggest one of the possible solutions of the existing problem connected with the implementation of the international standards of human rights into our national practices. This solution is conducting with the task-oriented, systematic education of the lawyers.

We admit the fact , that there have been achieved the significant progress in training of judges and prosecutors in the issues of international standards of human rights. However the state agents are not motivated to implement the standards of human rights in practice. Moreover, as a rule, they are not officially required to do so. The political statements about the necessity to uphold human rights mostly are nonspecific and do not concern the certain official or the case he or she is dealing with.

Whereas the violation of the human rights usually takes place in the specific cases. And the person who has the authority to demand the upholding of the human rights in the specific case is the advocate. However now the less importance is devoted to the education of advocates in the international standards of human rights

Today It's almost impossible understand how to work with the international standards of human rights without special training. Summer schools and other short-term courses are rather sporadic and not always efficient

My recommendations are:

- 1) To the NGOs and specially for the governments – to pay much more attention to the education of lawyers in the standards of human rights.
- 2) To the NGOs - to adopt the best practices of the Human Rights House Network gained during the implementation of the Project "Electronic human rights education for lawyers".

In conclusion, I would like to say that this Program inspired us, Crimean lawyers- human rights defenders, to establish in Sevastopol the public organization "Regional Centre Of Human Rights", which sets the goal – to defend and popularize humans rights as the highest value of democratic society.