



## BIANNUAL LEGAL PARTNERS' MEETING AGENDA

12:30PM, 29 JANUARY 2020

REED SMITH, BROADGATE TOWER, 20 PRIMROSE STREET, LONDON, EC2A 2RS

CHAIR: YASMIN BATLIWALA

The meeting will start at 12:30pm UK time (GMT) though please arrive at noon for a prompt start. It will conclude at approximately 1:30pm to be followed by refreshments and networking. A sandwich lunch will be provided.

1. Welcome and Introductions (*Chief Executive*)

2. **Breakout Group Discussions:**

*This part of the meeting will be devoted to a discussion of the following three areas. The meeting will be split into three small groups and discussions would be facilitated under Chatham House Rules for 10 minutes before rotating to the next group. Provisions will be made for those dialling in to participate. Please speak in advance with relevant people in your organisation, if necessary, to be prepared to contribute your thoughts.*

a. **Climate Change (SDG 13):**

- (1) What notable climate related matters (e.g. renewable energy, climate finance) are being conducted at your firm globally, whether on a pro bono or billable basis?
- (2) What measures could law firms adopt to get around potential conflict of interest issues in supporting pro bono projects to address the impacts of climate change?

b. **Rule of Law (SDG 16):**

- (1) How should we measure the impact of pro bono interventions to support an individual asylum seeker, as opposed to assisting the operational needs of a humanitarian relief charity?
- (2) Adopting the same scenario immediately above, and mindful of Target 16.3, to 'promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all', how would you prioritise the two competing projects, and why?

c. **Working with A4ID:**

- (1) Create your dream project/assignment, either through brokerage or the ROLE UK programme, that would be highly popular with your lawyers and have a high impact. You may base this on any past project (not necessarily with A4ID).
- (2) In the coming year, name one thing that we could do – either more of something we currently do or something completely new – that would assist in easing your workload and/or improving your pro bono programme.

3. **SDG Spotlight:** The multidimensional impacts of gender on international development and the role of pro bono legal support (Jacqui Hunt, Equality Now)

4. Any Other Business

5.1 Topics for discussion at next LP meeting

5.2 Date and Venue of next meeting – to be confirmed.