



Advocates for International Development
Lawyers Eradicating Poverty



The Legal Path to Sustainable Development

A4ID's Law and Development Training Programme 2020

A4ID's flagship law and development training programme provides lawyers with an in-depth understanding of the issues at the heart of the development agenda, and how these relate to their everyday work and their clients' business.

For 2020, our renewed programme spans the different Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and explores

how lawyers can harness the law to better advise corporate clients and reduce poverty, strengthen the rule of law and protect the environment.

You will be trained by experts from the World Bank, Chatham House, the Overseas Development Institute, King's College London, Clifford Chance LLP, Tax Justice Network and ClientEarth.

What are the SDGs?

Adopted by all UN Member States in 2015, the SDGs set out the global agenda for sustainable development, which seeks to end poverty, improve health and education, reduce inequality and spur economic growth for all, while tackling climate change and preserving our planet. The SDGs involve the entire world, developed and developing countries alike, and depend on the commitment of national governments, international agencies, civil society and the private sector.

Why attend this programme?

The private sector is increasingly integrating the SDGs into their business practice in order to better manage their risks, build positions in growth markets, and strengthen their supply chains. As companies seek advice about the legal and regulatory implications of aligning themselves with the goals, the SDGs are fast becoming an emerging area of practice for lawyers to provide responsible advice to corporate clients.

Equally, the SDGs provide an effective framework for law firms to evolve toward a more strategic approach to pro bono work.

Building knowledge of the bigger picture means that lawyers will deepen their understanding of and familiarity with key development issues and their legal contexts; thereby increasing their standing within the legal community and becoming more valuable to their firms.

Who is it for?

A4ID's highly interactive programme is aimed at experienced lawyers and development professionals who wish to harness the law to reduce poverty, spur

economic growth and preserve our planet. You need a legal background and the critical skills to apply your knowledge to a new area.

Location, Prices and Booking

Modules are held at the University of Law, Moorgate. You can book the full programme or individual modules. We offer a 10% discount for A4ID Legal and Development Partners. Book online at www.a4id.org or at events@a4id.org.

	Full course (7 modules)	Single module
Law firms	£1,800	£300
Development organisations	£1,350	£225
Self-funding individuals	£1,200	£200

Module 1	Harnessing the law to eradicate poverty	Saturday 25 January 2020
10.00-10.30	Introduction to A4ID and the programme	A4ID
10.30-13.15	Introduction to the SDGs: what is sustainable development?	Farooq Ullah (Stakeholders Forum)
14.15-15.45	Using socio-economic rights to eradicate poverty	Olivier De Schutter (Former UN Special Rapporteur) and Diana Skelton (ATD Fourth World)
16.00-17.30	Protecting land rights to end poverty and hunger	Ruth Kelly (University of York)
Module 2	Peace and the rule of law	Sunday 9 February
10.00-15.45	Strong institutions, rule of law and development	Michael Woolcock (World Bank)
16.00-17.30	Political corruption and the impact on development	Dr Sarah Bracking (KCL)
Module 3	Putting people first: legal mechanisms to reduce inequalities	Saturday 7 March 2020
10.00-11.30	How can the law ensure the right to health for all?	Robert Yates (Chatham House)
11.45-13.15	Right to water: legal frameworks and political-economy challenges	Peter Newborne (ODI)
14.15-15.45	Gender equality in law and practice	Jacqui Hunt (Equality Now)
16.00-17.30	Right to education: learning for development	Delphine Dorsi (Right to Education)
Module 4	Business and human rights: prosperity for all	Saturday 28 March 2020
10.00-11.30	Responsible project financing for sustainable growth	Helena Anderson (Ikigai Capital)
11.45-17.00	The UN Guiding Principles on Business & Human Rights – key developments and trends, and advising responsibly	Isabel Ebert (University of St Gallen) Anna Kirkpatrick (Clifford Chance)
Module 5	The role of law in protecting our environment	Saturday 25 April 2020
10.00-11.30	Climate negotiations – in practice	Pascale Bird (LRI) and Olivia Tatterlitter
11.45-13.15	Climate risk and the power of the law	Joanne Etherton (ClientEarth)
14.15-15.45	How can the law protect biodiversity?	TBC
16.00-17.30	Towards a circular economy: legal opportunities	Maya de Souza (DEFRA)
Module 6	Using the law to promote sustainable partnerships and finance development	Saturday 16 May 2020
10.00-11.30	Global trade and development	James Scott (King's College London)
11.45-13.15	Tax revenue – a challenge for development	John Christensen (Tax Justice Network)
14.15-15.45	Alleviating debt for sustainable development	Tim Jones (Jubilee Debt Campaign)
16.00-17.30	Technology and the private sector: Blockchain for development	Raphaël Mazet (Alice)
Module 7	The SDGs and pro bono in practice	Saturday 6 June 2020
10.00-15.00	Doing pro bono the international development way	A4ID
15.00-17.30	Integrating SDGs into pro bono practice	Pro Bono Managers from leading global law firms



About A4ID

Advocates for International Development (A4ID) is a global charity that believes the law can – and should – be used more effectively to advance fair and sustainable development.

For over ten years, our work has ensured lawyers and development organisations have the skills and knowledge to use the law as an effective development tool. Our network includes over 50,000 lawyers and more than 800 development partners, facilitating projects in more than 130 countries.

What we do:

- Train lawyers on the role of law in advancing sustainable development and human rights
- Provide training and expertise for charities on legal issues impacting their work
- Facilitate free legal advice for development organisations
- Offer lawyers pro bono opportunities matching their expertise
- Contribute to policy discussions on law and the Sustainable Development Goals and Business and Human Rights

Feedback from 2019 attendees

“As a commercial lawyer I want to understand how my skill set can lend to development work. The course made it clear how my job and my specific skill set is transferable and what I can do in my actual day-to-day job to improve engagement in these issues”

“Really interesting course. Great to see how we can address human rights issues in our day-to-day work as commercial lawyers – very inspiring!”