



LEGAL PARTNERS' MEETING

AGENDA

CHAIR: YASMIN BATLIWALA

Date: 17 June 2020

Time: 12:30hrs - 13:30hrs (BST)

The meeting will be held online and details of how to join will be circulated to those who **RSVP**.

1) **Welcome and Introductions**

2) **Responses to Legal Partners Feedback**

(PBLs Manager)

3) **SDG Spotlight**

"Defending the Defenders: Using the law and lawyers to protect biodiversity"

This presentation will highlight how the law and lawyers, in the right hands, can make a significant impact on the advancement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), specifically SDG 14 – Life Below Water.

Guest Development Partner Speaker: Anne-Sophie Julienne, Sea Users Association

- i. **Followed by Q & A**
- ii. **Breakout Group Discussion**

Biodiversity

Biodiversity is a cross-cutting theme that extends beyond just 'Life Below Water' (SDG 14) and Life on Land' (SDG 15). At the intersection with health, habitat and biodiversity loss is a major cause of zoonotic diseases (transmitted from animals to humans), which accounts for 75 per cent of all new infectious diseases, including the recent COVID-19. Food security and climate change (among others) are common examples of these linkages. Further details are set out in the technical report [Biodiversity and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#).

With this mind, select one or more interesting linkage that resonates with your pro bono programming priorities and why you feel it would be an impactful area that could be developed with further support from A4ID.

4) **Working with A4ID during COVID-19**

- i. The lockdowns imposed by governments in response to COVID-19 have forced lawyers to adapt very quickly to new ways of working. What lessons have been learned in this process and can any of it be applied to working with A4ID?
- ii. We have been delighted by your commitment to support our Development Partners during this uncertain time. How else could A4ID better facilitate the use of your expertise to respond to the crisis?



5) **Topics for Discussion at the Next Legal Partners' meeting**

6) **Any Other Business**

7) **Date of the next meeting**

27 January 2021 and will be hosted by Norton Rose Fulbright