



Awards celebrate 'Global Impact'

The first A4ID pro bono Awards took place on 18th March 2011, celebrating the outstanding achievements of our legal and development partners and their work towards poverty eradication.

The Lawyers' Award was won by Antonia Horrocks from Shearman & Sterling LLP for her work with Progressio that was crucial to new EU legislation banning the import of illegal timber to the EU.

The winning Development Professional was Tom Sanderson, the UK Director of Five Talents International, whose efforts to engage Simmons & Simmons' lawyers have led to a

long-term relationship between the charity and law firm.

The winners were chosen by the Director General of the UK's Department for International Development, Michael Anderson, Philip Marsden and Diana Good from a shortlist that included solicitors and barristers from around the world, large international aid agencies and small local charities.

Speaking at the event Michael Anderson said, "Lawyers can add value to the development agenda by using their skills of critical analysis to find long-term solutions for those who are living in poverty."

Update from A4ID's CEO



Welcome to the latest edition of A4ID's Newsletter.

As you can see it has been a very busy few months for us as we continue to grow and venture into new areas.

Kicking the quarter off in style was our Awards ceremony in March where we joined by the Solicitor General, Edward Garnier QC, the Director General at DfID, Michael Anderson, and many other supporters and partners. We hope this will become a yearly celebration highlighting the joint work and impact of individuals in the legal and development world. So if you have been inspired by either a development or a legal partner, please let us know.

As a result of two new legal partners joining us, Kirkland and Ellis, and Alliot Group, our first alliance of law firms, our network of legal professionals has now grown to over 27,000 individuals. And our global reach continues to expand too. This quarter alone we have placed projects with lawyers in Cambodia, India and Kazakhstan, to name but a few. On 3 May 2011 we held our AGM at the House of Commons.

We were warmly welcomed by

Edward Garnier who expressed continued support for our work and were joined by Richard King from Concordis International who spoke of the legal challenges facing a newly independent South Sudan.

I am also pleased to announce that two new directors were voted in to join our Board. Richard Dyton and George Peretz come with a wealth of experience and have both been involved with A4ID in many guises since our inception; I look forward to working with them closely in the future.

We have also recently been joined by Helen Mould as our new Head of Learning and Communications, who comes to us with experience from the public and international development sectors.

At A4ID we are keen to promote sustainable solutions to tackling poverty, which is why training and awareness-raising is central to our work. So we are pleased that 260 people have now completed our Annual Law and Development Programme since it started five years ago. We are currently planning the next programme starting in October 2011 so if you or your firm is interested in getting involved please look out for further details in the coming weeks.

And finally, I would like to thank all our partners and supporters for your continued dedication to A4ID.

Yasmin Batliwala is A4ID's CEO.



Photo: Dwayne Baraka

DFID Director General Michael Anderson and Antonia Horrocks of Shearman & Sterling.

Legal Partner Award: Victory for Forest Communities

Every year between 350 million and 650 million square metres of forest are illegally logged causing serious environmental damage as well as jeopardising the survival of poor forest communities.

A4ID's development partner Progressio works with communities in Latin America affected by this practice and has seen its impacts first hand; loss of natural resources, polluted water sources and the threat of physical violence by the loggers. Alberto Aurelio Granados is the president of a Forest Community Consultation Committee in Campamento, Honduras and a partner of Progressio. He said, "As a child I got to see trees my children can no longer see. In the summer we have streams with no water at all and some streams no longer exist; you go there and all you find is sand."

The demand for illegally logged timber is largely driven by the EU. However licensing agreements that were in place were non-binding and so failed to solve the problem.

Seeking a long-term, sustainable solution, Progressio came to A4ID looking for legal advice to support their advocacy campaign.

As a result Antonia Horrocks from our Legal Partner Shearman & Sterling worked with them to advise on and draft amendments to existing legislation that would ensure the ban of illegally logged timber from the EU market.

In a historic victory for forest communities the new EU legislation was ratified in October 2010 and is due to come into force in 2012.

Alberto Aurelio Granados said, "It is right to support this ban in Europe as it will serve our children; they will be the ones that inherit this achievement."

Development Partner Award: Supporting Talent

Five Talents is the micro-finance charity of the Anglican Church operating micro-credit schemes in 12 countries across the globe where commercial finance is unavailable.

Five Talents believes that development 'from the bottom up' creates economic

Photo: Rainforest Action Network



independence, prosperity, employment and dignity for the poor.

Small groups of entrepreneurs – around two-thirds of whom are women - are provided with basic business training before being granted credit to invest in business enterprises. Once the money has been repaid, the same capital is then re-loaned to another group.

So far more than 20,000 individuals have repaid their loans at a repayment rate of 90-100 per cent.

A4ID has worked with Five Talents to provide them with legal advice with regards to their international structure, liability for volunteers and intellectual property through our Legal Partner Simmons & Simmons.

For more details about Five Talents please visit www.fivetalents.org.uk.

A4ID to launch online resource centre

We are currently putting the finishing touches to our new online resource centre which is due to go live this July.

It will provide a variety of different resources including short legal guides, legal know-how, academic papers and the latest thinking in the field of law and international development.

It will be here that you will also be able to find podcasts and films from our various training events and Knowledge Groups featuring a variety of speakers from the

legal, development and academic worlds, as well as interviews explaining topical issues.

The aim of the centre is to raise awareness amongst NGOs of the ways in which the law can be used to meet their development aims.

For lawyers it will provide insight into the challenges involved in poverty reduction and how development issues intersect with and development considerations can be further integrated into their work.

If you would like to contribute to the resource centre or have recommendations for additional materials please contact Helen Mould at: helen.mould@a4id.org.

Runners support A4ID at British 10k

We are delighted that this year five runners will be taking part in the 11th British 10k London Run to raise money and awareness for A4ID.

The run will take place on 10 July 2011, starting at Hyde Park Corner and finishing on Whitehall.

If you would like to sponsor one of our amazing runners and help support our work please visit <http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/team/A4ID> Good luck to everyone taking part!

Become part of our team!

We are now accepting applications for our autumn internships. A4ID internships provide an exciting chance for committed individuals to get directly involved in our work, while expanding their own skills and knowledge about law and international development.

The closing date for applications is 1 July 2011. See www.a4id.org for more details.

Upcoming Event

Governance Knowledge Group

'Security, Militarisation and Aid'

Date: Wednesday 22nd June

Time: 6.30pm – 8pm

Venue: Linklaters, One Silk Street, London, EC2Y 8HQ

Threats to Cambodian civil society

Despite campaigning by national and international NGOs, changes to the law in Cambodia look set to severely restrict the role and effectiveness of its civil society. New legislation will restrict NGOs' ability to register and implement their work, making it more difficult for them to operate in the country.

In addition, a second law is set to impinge on the work of trade unions by placing strict registration demands on them, allowing them to be dissolved by the government and blocking the ability of their members to protest.

In response, A4ID Development Partner One World Action is currently working with Cambodian trade unions that represent teachers and textile workers to lobby for revisions to the legislation.

One World Action asked for assistance from A4ID to assess whether and how the draft law undermined the Cambodian government's ability to meet its international commitments.

Research by our member Camilla ter Haar from Five Paper Chambers studied the

potential implications of the new legislation and was used to inform One World Action's advocacy efforts in Cambodia.

This research picked up on several inconsistencies between the draft Trade Union Law and the International Labour Organisation (ILO) Conventions 87 'The Freedom of Association and Protection of the Right to Organise' and 98 'The Right to Organise and Collective Bargaining', to which Cambodia is a state party. One World Action and its partners the Cambodian Independent Teachers Association and the Free Trade Union of the Workers of the Kingdom of Cambodia have been attempting to make

amendments to the proposed legislation, but so far these have not been accepted by the government.

In a final effort to make some changes they presented their recommendations using the outcomes of the legal research

"Camilla provided the solid legal evidence that was essential for credible lobbying on this issue"

Bethan Cobley - One World Action



Photo: One World Action

to the ILO who included it in their recommendations to the Cambodian government.

Bethan Cobley, from One World Action said, "We knew that this draft law could be potentially devastating for trade unions and for the right to organise in Cambodia but we were not able to articulate how it would undermine the Government's ability to meet international obligations. Camilla provided the timely, accessible, comprehensive and powerful evidence that we needed."

Investing in India's health

Despite areas of rapid economic growth more than 70 per cent of India's population still live on less than \$2 a day. Many of the country's most vulnerable citizens live in isolated villages with little access to basic services such as clean water, education and healthcare. Aiming to tackle the inability of many poor, rural communities to access healthcare services, A4ID development partner the Eleos Foundation recently established a network of E-Healthpoints with support from one of our legal partners. As part of the project, village clinics have been set up and are staffed by clinical assistants and pharmacists.

They are connected to larger regional clinics and to doctors by the internet, with patients receiving medical advice online.

Each of the village Healthpoints also provides access to safe drinking water using a system of reverse osmosis which filters and treats dirty water.

Using an innovative model that unites the business, philanthropic and charitable sectors, the Eleos Foundation works with social innovators in the developing world to create sustainable development solutions in the areas of health and education.

Eleos approached A4ID looking for advice on how they could act as a guarantor to encourage investors to fund the E-Healthpoints in India.

Working with our legal partner two new entities were established; the Eleos Healthpoint Investors Fund and Eleos Investments Management. The legal advice facilitated the setting up of the Healthpoint fund while also creating a template for future investments, allowing for expansion.

Andy Lower, Executive Director of Eleos said, "If we had not received this invaluable legal advice on a pro bono basis, the cost to us would have been prohibitive and we would not have been able to continue with the E-Healthpoint project. "As it is, we have investors who are supporting 13 new Healthpoints in rural India providing quality healthcare

using an innovative and effective model."

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Following this project, Eleos is now working with our legal partner on an investment structure for a fair-trade organic cotton clothing manufacturer in Liberia.

Please see <http://www.theeleosfoundation.com/> for more information.

Future Lawyer's Training Programme

This March saw the completion of our first training programme aimed specifically at law students.

The Future Lawyers' Training Programme - funded by DfID - is a free course that provides an introduction to international development and an insight into how lawyers can contribute to development aims over the course of their career.

More than 80 students attended four days training with speakers from Global Witness, Business in the Community, Clifford Chance and the WWF providing a variety of perspectives on development issues, while practicing lawyers gave examples about the difference pro bono can make to development organisations.

With such high demand from students for the course, we are pleased to announce that there will be two opportunities to attend the course next year in either January or March.

Annual Law and Development Training Programme

We believe that the most effective solutions to eradicating poverty are those that are sustainable.

This is why we are committed to engaging the legal profession in international development issues on a long-term basis, and why education and awareness-raising is central to our work.

At the core of our education work is the Annual Law and Development Training Programme which has just completed its fifth year.

260 lawyers have completed the Annual Law and Development Training Programme since it began five years ago, and it continues to grow every year

The Training Programme allows lawyers from a variety of practice areas to see how their expertise is relevant to global governance and poverty reduction. As well as providing an introduction to international development it also looks at key areas such as international trade

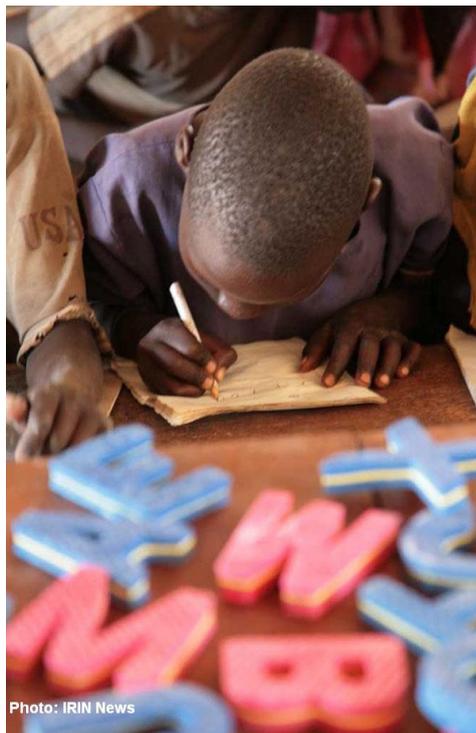


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regulation, developing country debt and natural resource management, and the role of the law in each.

Based on feedback from previous participants, the final preparations are now being made to the 2011-12 programme. Look out for more details soon at www.a4id.org.

A4ID Knowledge Group: Business and Human Rights

In 2008 the United Nations Human Rights Council welcomed the 'Protect, Respect and Remedy' Framework into existence. This Framework was prepared by the Special Representative of the Secretary General 'on the issue of human rights and transnational corporations and other business enterprises.'

The Special Representative - Professor John Ruggie - was asked to identify and clarify standards of corporate responsibility and accountability regarding human rights; elaborate on state roles in the regulation of corporate activities; and consider state and corporate best practices.

The framework is designed to ensure the better management of business and human rights challenges. It is based on three pillars; state duty to protect against human rights abuses, corporate responsibility to respect human rights, and the need for greater access by

victims to effective remedy.

The Framework was widely supported by governments, companies and NGOs. Since then the focus has been on putting the framework into practice, leading to Professor Ruggie producing a complementary set of 'Guiding Principles for Human Rights'.

These Guiding Principles are due to be agreed by the Council in June 2011. To mark this event we will be holding a special Responsible Business Knowledge Group on 21 June when we will be joined by Vanessa Zimmerman, Legal Adviser to Professor Ruggie. The meeting will explore the Guiding Principles, corporate accountability and their impact on international development. For more information or to book your place please visit www.a4id.org.

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