



Law and Development Training Programme

For legal professionals in Scotland



Advocates for International Development
Lawyers Eradicating Poverty

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 ten years, we have worked to ensure 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 almost 700 development partners, facilitating projects in more than 120 countries.

What we do

- Training lawyers on the role of law in advancing sustainable development and human rights
- Providing training and expertise for charities on legal issues impacting their work
- Facilitating free legal advice for development organisations
- Offering lawyers pro bono opportunities matching their expertise
- Contributing to policy discussions on issues of law & development and business & human rights

Why take this programme?

The programme will equip lawyers with in depth understanding of how major issues on the development agenda relate to their everyday work and their clients' business. It will increase their level of awareness and insight into the increasingly important fields of development and business & human rights. Empowered to advise clients worldwide on these two fields, they will stand out among other lawyers for their knowledge of development issues and their legal context.

The programme will equate to 12 CPD hours and participants who successfully complete the course will receive a certificate for their development record.

Our trainers are experts in their field. Our panel includes experts from the Scottish Government's International Development Division, the International Institute for Environment and Development, the UK Department for International Development (DFID), Shepherd & Wedderburn LLP and Aberdeen University.

Who is it for?

Our programme is aimed at practising lawyers and those with a strong interest in the role the law plays in the development agenda. You need a legal background and the critical skills to apply your knowledge to a new area.

When

Friday 23rd September and Friday 21st October 2016, from 9:30 to 17:30.

Where

Shepherd & Wedderburn LLP, 1 Exchange Crescent, Conference Square, Edinburgh.

What participants in our Law & Development Training Programme in London have said:



An excellent course for any lawyer with an interest in human rights and a desire to advise clients ethically and responsibly.

Madelin Sinclair | Allen & Overy LLP

This has been the most stimulating study experience I've had in recent years; it has been a tonic against professional jadedness.

Sergio Repka | Reed Smith

"A great range of speakers, delivering an in depth but accessible level of information. Well planned tasks to assist in learning and a very good range of topics."

Geoffrey Yussouf | Reed Smith



Programme Content and Expert Speakers

Friday 23rd September 2016

Module One: Introduction to Law & Development

9:30 - 13:15

Breakfast and Welcome

Actors and processes, and the role of lawyers 1h

**Lorenzo Cotula, International Institute for Environment and Development
(Principal Researcher and Team Leader)**

We examine evolutions in “law and development” thinking, from the failure of 1960s “legal transplants” to today’s concepts of good governance, business & human rights and legal empowerment, with a particular focus on the Sustainable Development Goal 16: Access to Justice.

Land rights, land-based investments and “land grabbing” 1h

**Lorenzo Cotula, International Institute for Environment and Development
(Principal Researcher and Team Leader)**

We discuss the issue of land grabbing and how good governance is linked to land rights and what role lawyers can play in transnational land deals and sustained accountability strategies.

Development policy in Scotland 30min

Joanna Keating, Scottish International Development Division (Head)

We study the evolution of Scotland’s international development and human rights policy, and how lawyers can promote and comply with this vision in their work and business relations.

Importance of the rule of law for development 1h

Jennifer Escott, human rights lawyer & consultant

How can institutional systems be strengthened to deliver on development policy pronouncements?
How can communities develop their capacity to get equitable justice from the legal system they live under?

Module Two: Finance and Development

14:15 - 17:30

Sources of finance for development 1h

Justin Haccius, UK Department for International Development (Rule of Law Advisor)

What are the sources of finance for development and how can they promote and hinder fairness and sustainability in development? Should aid funds be used for welfare, investment or global public goods? What is development effectiveness and why is it important?

Developing country debt 1h

Kirsty Haigh, Jubilee Scotland (CEO)

Sovereign debt, often accumulating under corrupt regimes, restricts developing countries' economic growth. We examine the concepts of odious and illegitimate debt, the call to cancel developing country debt and strategies to protect countries from a future debt crisis.

Corruption 1h

Judy Krieg, Shepherd & Wedderburn (Partner)

What are the modern meanings and manifestations of corruption, and the impact of corrupt regimes on achieving development goals? How can due diligence processes help to fight corruption, in the development finance market and the private sector? Can foreign aid itself fuel corruption?

Friday 21st October 2016

Module Three: Business and Human Rights

9:30 - 13:15

Breakfast and Welcome

The UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights (UNGPs) 1.5h

Diego Quiroz, Scottish Human Rights Commission (Policy Officer)

We unpack the theoretical principles behind the "protect, respect, remedy" framework of the UNGPs, analyse the mechanisms in place to demand corporate accountability for infringing human rights, and explore how the international business and human rights agenda is influencing commercial legal practice.

Applying the UNGPs: legal approach case study 1.5h

Mark Igiehon, Aberdeen University

We examine the case study of natural resource extraction, and the increasing importance of the UNGPs in the oil & gas industry. What do lawyers advising clients in this industry need to know about the UNGPs and accountability mechanisms?

Module Four: Sustainable Development

14:15 - 17:30

The Sustainable Development Goals 1h

Jane Salmonson, Network of International Development Organisations in Scotland (CEO)

This session will explore the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and their impact. What is the role of organisations, businesses, environmental law & legal institutions and governments in promoting the SDGs? What are the new threats and opportunities for businesses and lawyers in the era of the SDGs?

Sustainable Development Goal 16: Access to Justice 45min

Jennifer Escott, human rights lawyer & consultant

How is equal access to justice essential to sustainable development? How can effective judiciary systems be used to protect the environment and the rights of communities affected by climate change?

Case study: rule of law in Malawi 15min

Fiona Parker, Shepherd & Wedderburn (Senior Associate)

Climate change negotiations in practice 1.5h

Subhi Barakat, International Institute for Environment & Development (Consultant)

The climate change regulatory framework is complex and developing countries may lack the legal and technical capacity which would enable them to participate in climate change negotiations on an equal footing. We consider how the demands of developed and developing countries may differ, and explore the role that lawyers play in enabling fair negotiations, and assisting countries who are most vulnerable to climate change and least equipped to cope.

Pricing and Booking

For more information and to book, please contact our Head of Learning, Laurène Veale:
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	Total Course (4 modules, 12 hours)	1 day (2 modules, 6 hours)
Law firms and organisations with annual revenue > £5 million	£450	£300
Law firms and organisations with annual revenue < £5 million and self-funding individuals	£340	£200
Full-time Postgraduate students	£220	£150

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