A4ID

Advocates for International Development
Lawyers Eradicating Poverty

The Legal Path to Sustainable Development

A4ID's Virtual Law and Development Training Programme

About the online programme

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.

Our 2020 programme covers topics spanning the different Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and explores how the law can be harnessed to reduce poverty, promote equality and protect the environment. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the last four modules of our 2020 programme had to be postponed. We have decided to resume our programme from September 2020 as a virtual online training. Each of the modules will now be delivered as two separate half-day afternoon events by our trainers, who are experts in their respective fields.

We have reduced the fees associated with the programme in reflection of the changes to its delivery. We are also opening a low fee scholarship scheme for lawyers who wish to attend our programme, but may otherwise face financial barriers from accessing the course. Further details of this scheme are laid out below.

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.

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

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.

Content and dates

Module 4 Session 1	**Business and Human Rights: Prosperity for All**	**Saturday 5 September 2020**
13.00-15.00	Responsible Project Financing for Sustainable Growth	Helena Anderson (Ikigai Capital)
Module 4 Session 2	**Business and human rights: prosperity for all**	**Saturday 19 September 2020**
13.00-17.00	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 Session 1	**The Role of Law in Protecting Our Environment**	**Saturday 3 October 2020**
13.00-14.30	Climate Negotiations in Practice	Pascale Bird (LRI)
14.45-16.30	Climate Risk and the Power of the Law	Joanne Etherton (ClientEarth)
Module 5 Session 2	**The Role of Law in Protecting Our Environment**	**Saturday 17 October 2020**
13.00-14.30	How Can the Law Protect Biodiversity?	TBC
14.45-16.30	Towards a Circular Economy: Legal Opportunities	Maya de Souza (DEFRA)
Module 6 Session 1	**Using the Law to Promote Sustainable Partnerships and Finance Development**	**Saturday 31 October 2020**
13.00-14.30	Global Trade and Development	James Scott (King's College London)
14.45-16.30	Tax Revenue – A Challenge for Development	John Christensen (Tax Justice Network)
Module 6 Session 2	**Using the Law to Promote Sustainable Partnerships and Finance Development**	**Saturday 14 November 2020**
13.00-14.30	Alleviating Debt for Sustainable Development	Tim Jones (Jubilee Debt Campaign)
14.45-16.30	Technology and the Private Sector: Blockchain for Development	Areti Kampyli (Alice)
Module 7 Session 1	**The SDGs and Pro Bono in Practice**	**Saturday 28 November 2020**
13.00-16.30	Doing Pro Bono the International Development Way	A4ID
Module 7 Session 2	**The SDGs and Pro Bono in Practice**	**Saturday 5 December 2020**
13.00-15.00	Integrating SDGs into Pro Bono Practice	Pro Bono Managers from leading global law firms

Prices and booking

The final four modules have been split into two half-day events – the half day events are referred to as a 'session'. The programme is designed as a full course, but due to the disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic we have amended the fee structure to allow you to sign up to single sessions or entire modules.

We offer a 10% discount for A4ID Legal and Development Partners. Contact events@a4id.org for your A4ID partner discount code and to book your place on the programme.

	Single module	Single session
Law firms	£210	£105
Development organisations	£157	£78
Self-funding individuals	£140	£70

Reduced fee scholarship

We are offering a scholarship for up to seven applicants to attend the remaining four modules (eight sessions in total) of the programme at a highly discounted rate. **The successful applicants will be able to participate in the remaining four modules for just £100 in total.** To be considered for the scholarship, applicants must demonstrate that they are unable to access the programme due to financial barriers.

To be eligible for the scholarship you must:

• Self-fund the course and not be funded by your employer or university.

• Commit to attending the full programme of remaining modules in 2020 (dates available below).

To be considered for the scholarship please email A4ID's Learning and Development Officer, Naomi Cantor, at events@a4id.org with your CV (two pages maximum) and a 500-word letter of intent that must demonstrate the following:

• A strong case for why you are interested in this Programme and how it would benefit your professional development.

• A proven commitment to international development or human rights, either in employment or in a volunteer capacity.

• A clear plan for what specific activities, volunteer or otherwise, you intend to undertake in international development or human rights after the Programme.

• An explanation for why the full rate would otherwise prevent you from attending.

• A commitment to attending the full course of remaining modules.

Applications must be received by 9.00hrs (BST) on 28 August 2020. Successful applicants will be notified by Wednesday 2 September 2020 and must register and pay for the Programme within 7 days of notification.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Naomi Cantor at events@a4id.org.

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

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.