



Advocates for International Development  
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# PRO BONO AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS – HOME AND ABROAD – A4ID & LAWWORKS

## SPEAKER PROFILES



### **The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth**

Patricia Scotland was born in the Commonwealth of Dominica. She is the tenth of twelve children and grew up in London. She completed her LLB (Hons) London University at the age of twenty and was called to the Bar at Middle Temple at the age of twenty-one.

Her career has been marked by achieving a number of extraordinary firsts, not least of which was to be the first woman in the more than 700-year history of the office to serve as

Her Majesty's Attorney-General for England and Wales and for Northern Ireland.

While holding these and other senior ministerial office she was given responsibility, inter alia, for gender equality, domestic violence, forced marriage, and international child abduction, and from these positions promoted diversity and equality of opportunity, particularly for women and girls.

As the only woman to have been appointed Secretary-General of Commonwealth she is placing special emphasis on mobilising the 54 nations of the Commonwealth to tackle climate change – including its disproportionate impact on women – and, through women's enterprise, to build the resilience of smaller or more vulnerable countries. Eliminating domestic violence and violence against women and girls is another area of focus.



### **Yasmin Batliwala – Advocates for International Development**

Yasmin Batliwala is the CEO of Advocates for International Development (A4ID), which sources lawyers to provide free legal advice and assistance to support organisations working in the international development sector and whose principle aim is the eradication of poverty by focusing on the 2030 Agenda. She has held a number of significant leadership positions over the years within the Public and Third Sectors. Her portfolios have included HIV/Aids, Drug and Alcohol dependency, and Criminal Justice. She has undertaken work

for the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime in this regard. Yasmin was a recipient of the City of London Woman of Achievement Awards in respect to her work in the Public Sector.



### **Sung-Hyui Park – Bates Wells**

Sung-Hyui Park is a Senior Associate in the Impact Economy practice at Bates Wells, the first UK law firm to be certified as a B Corp. Sung-Hyui advises on the full range of activities carried out by clients seeking to have a positive social impact through their business and other activities, including capital-raising, formation, governance, and general not-for-profit and commercial law issues.

She has a particular interest in structuring and executing impact-focused investment transactions in a wide range of forms, for organisations including social investors, development finance institutions, charities and foundations, certified B Corps and other purposeful businesses and investors. Before joining Bates Wells, Sung-Hyui trained and worked for 10 years in the Banking & Finance team at Clifford Chance, where she advised on a wide range of international and national complex financing transactions.



### **Naina Patel – Blackstone Chambers**

Naina Patel is recognised as a leading barrister in a broad range of areas, with particular expertise in public and human rights law, competition and regulatory law, commercial law, public international law and trade and sanctions law. She acts for a wide range of clients, including international organisations, states, companies and individuals, whether as claimants, defendants or interveners. Naina regularly appears before a wide variety of courts and tribunals, and has appeared in over ten cases before the House of

Lords/Supreme Court, several Privy Council matters and numerous Court of Appeal cases, including as sole Counsel. She was profiled as the Times' "Lawyer of the Week" in December 2011 and won the Sydney Elland Goldsmith Bar Pro Bono Award in 2008. Naina is a member of the Attorney-General's Civil and Public International Law Panels, the Equality and Human Rights Commission's Panel and the UNHCR's Pro Bono Panel. She is also an expert member of HMG's Civilian Stabilisation Group, providing justice and security advice to the Ministry of Defence, Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Department for International Development. Naina is a Senior Rule of Law Fellow at the Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law and a widely published author on rule of law issues around the world, including on the SDGs. She regularly speaks and provides training in this area to governments and civil society in the UK and overseas.



### **James Sandbach – LawWorks (the Solicitors Pro Bono Group)**

James is LawWorks' Director of Policy and External Affairs. Before joining LawWorks he was Advocacy Director for the Legal Action Group supporting and Independent Commission on the future of the free legal advice sector. Prior to that James was Legal Affairs Policy Officer for Citizens Advice for over a decade, leading Citizens Advice's advocacy work on access to justice. He also has background of working for other charities including Mind and Action on Hearing Loss, and for MPs offices.

In addition to his interest in social justice, James also has an interest in international development issues, having gained a doctorate in conflict resolution, on the topic of the implementation of the Dayton Agreement in Bosnia. He has also been called to the Bar (non-practising status).



### **Tom Tugendhat MP**

Tom Tugendhat MP MBE is a British Conservative Party politician currently serving as Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee since 2017. He has been the Member of Parliament (MP) for Tonbridge and Malling since 2015, and is a former chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Public Legal Education and Pro Bono. Before entering politics, amongst other roles, he was a Territorial Army officer in the British Army.

Tom undertook military service on operations during the Iraq War and the War in Afghanistan. He also served, in a civilian capacity, for the Foreign Office in Afghanistan and helped set up the National Security Council of Afghanistan and the government in Helmand Province



### **Tom Dunn – Clifford Chance**

Tom is the pro bono director at Clifford Chance where he is responsible for many of the firm's major international pro bono initiatives and the design and implementation of its pro bono strategy. He has led the development of the firm's impact measurement framework, which incorporates a pro bono theory of change directed at contributing to the SDGs, and annual public reporting on the numbers of people helped as a result of the firm's pro bono work and philanthropy internationally.

Before joining the firm, Tom led a government funded public legal education project on a council estate in Brixton for 3 years. Before that, he was a housing aid legal solicitor, acting for tenants in disputes with their landlords, primarily in relation to disrepair, overcrowding, and rent arrears, and for homeless people being denied statutory services. He worked in south London, both in private practice and a law centre.

He sits on the board of University House Legal Advice Centre and has held board positions with other access to justice organisation