



Advocates for International Development
Lawyers Eradicating Poverty



The Legal Path to Sustainable Development

A4ID's Virtual Law and Development Training Programme 2021

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.

For 2021, our renewed programme spans the different Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and explore how lawyers can harness the law to better advise corporate clients and reduce poverty, strengthen the rule of law and protect the environment. You will be trained by experts from the World Bank, the Overseas

Development Institute, King's College London, Clifford Chance LLP, Tax Justice Network and ClientEarth.

Last year's success in delivering part of the programme virtually, allowing a wider array of speakers and participants to join the programme all over the world, has inspired us to build an even better programme this year. The programme will be delivered through our e-learning portal, enabling participants to engage with their peers and experts in a learning community, share their learning experience and discuss opportunities to use their knowledge in their practice.

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.

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.

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.

Location, Bookings and Price

The live session modules are to be held virtually through our e-learning platform <http://a4id.learnworlds.com>. You can book the full programme or individual modules. You can register your place and make payment through our online platform. We offer a 10% discount for A4ID Legal and Development Partners.

We are also offering scholarships for up to five applicants to attend the full programme. Find out more [here](#).

	Full course (12 modules)	Single module
Law firms	£1,270	£115
Development organisations	£950	£86
Self-funding individuals	£770	£70

Training Schedule and Modules

All modules will be held from 13:00-16:15 GMT/BST on Saturdays

27 March	Module 1: Harnessing the law to eradicate poverty
All SDGs	Introduction to the SDGs: what is sustainable development?
SDGs 1 & 2	Using socio-economic rights to eradicate poverty with a focus on the right to food
10 April	Module 2: Putting People First: The law and human development
SDG 3	How can the law ensure the right to health for all?
SDG 4	Right to education: learning for development
24 April	Module 3: All equal before the law: Legal mechanisms to reduce inequalities
SDG 5	Gender equality in law and practice
SDG 10	Reducing economic inequalities
8 May	Module 4: How can the law promote sustainable and inclusive economic growth?
SDGs 7, 8 & 9	The UN Guiding Principles on Business & Human Rights – Advising responsibly
SDGs 7, 8 & 9	Responsible project financing for sustainable growth
22 May	Module 5: Role of law in shaping our living environments
SDG 6	Right to water: legal frameworks and political-economy challenges
SDG 11	The law for building sustainable cities
5 June	Module 6: Law and Climate Action
SDG 13	Climate Negotiations- In practice
SDG 13	Climate risk and power of the law
19 June	Module 7: Developing the law to protect biodiversity and the environment
SDG 14 & 15	How can the law protect biodiversity?
SDG 12	Towards a circular economy: legal opportunities
SUMMER BREAK	
11 September	Module 8: Development and the rule of law
SDG 16	Strong institutions, rule of law and development
SDG 16	Political corruption and the impact on development
25 September	Module 9: Using the law to finance development (Part 1)
SDG 10 & 17	Global Trade and Development
SDG 10 & 17	Tax revenue – a challenge for development
9 October	Module 10: Using the law to finance development (Part 2)
SDG 10 & 17	Alleviating debt for sustainable development
SDG 10 & 17	Technology for Development
23 October	Module 11: Strategic Pro Bono in Practice
All SDGs	Workshop: Doing Pro Bono the international development way
6 November	Module 12: The SDGs and Legal Practice
All SDGs	Integrating the SDGs into legal practice

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

Feedback from previous attendees

“As a commercial lawyer I want to understand how my skill set can lend to development work. The course made it clear how my job and my specific skill set is transferable and what I can do in my actual day-to-day job to improve engagement in these issues.”

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

“The course has provided me a better knowledge base to advocate within, and engage with, my current law firm to find ways for us all to be more mindful of these issues in private practice, and the practical applications for lawyers and clients alike.”
