



**ROLE UK**  
Rule of Law Expertise



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# ROLE UK Strategic Forum

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**Programme Update**  
**26 August 2021**



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# Year 2 in Review

**25 active partnerships  
across 15 countries**

**7 virtual workshops, and  
7 coordination events,  
reaching 264  
organisations**

**61 Pro bono specialists  
mobilised for virtual  
activity in Programme  
Year 2**

**5 papers published  
including research on pro  
bono and right to health**

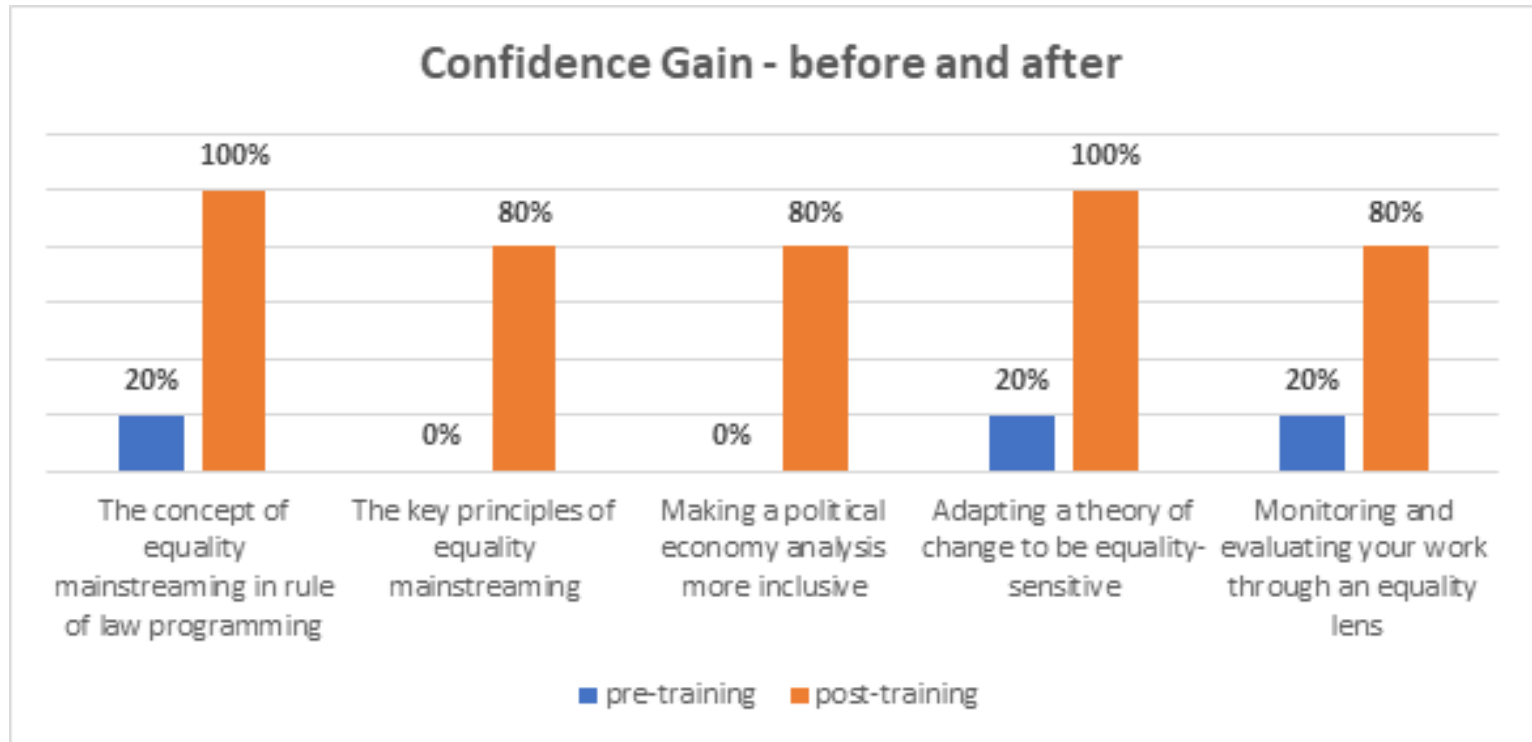
- Death penalty outlawed, Sierra Leone
  - UK Sierra Leone Pro Bono Network
- Sentencing Guidelines for implemented, The Gambia
  - Judiciary of England & Wales / Judiciary of The Gambia



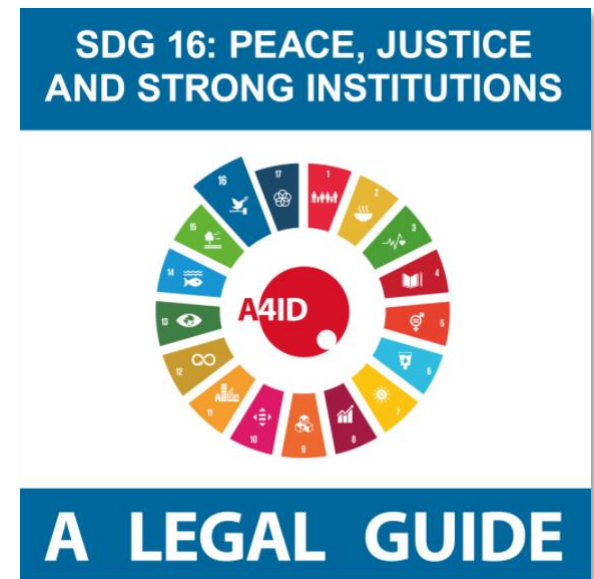
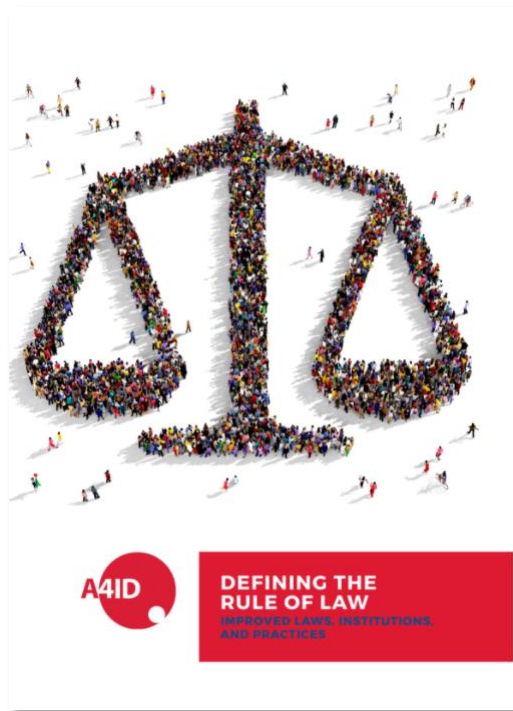
- International Bridges to Justice
  - China duty lawyer exchange
- Nigeria prosecutors training
  - Kaduna State MoJ – ILP
  - Imo State MoJ – Bar Council



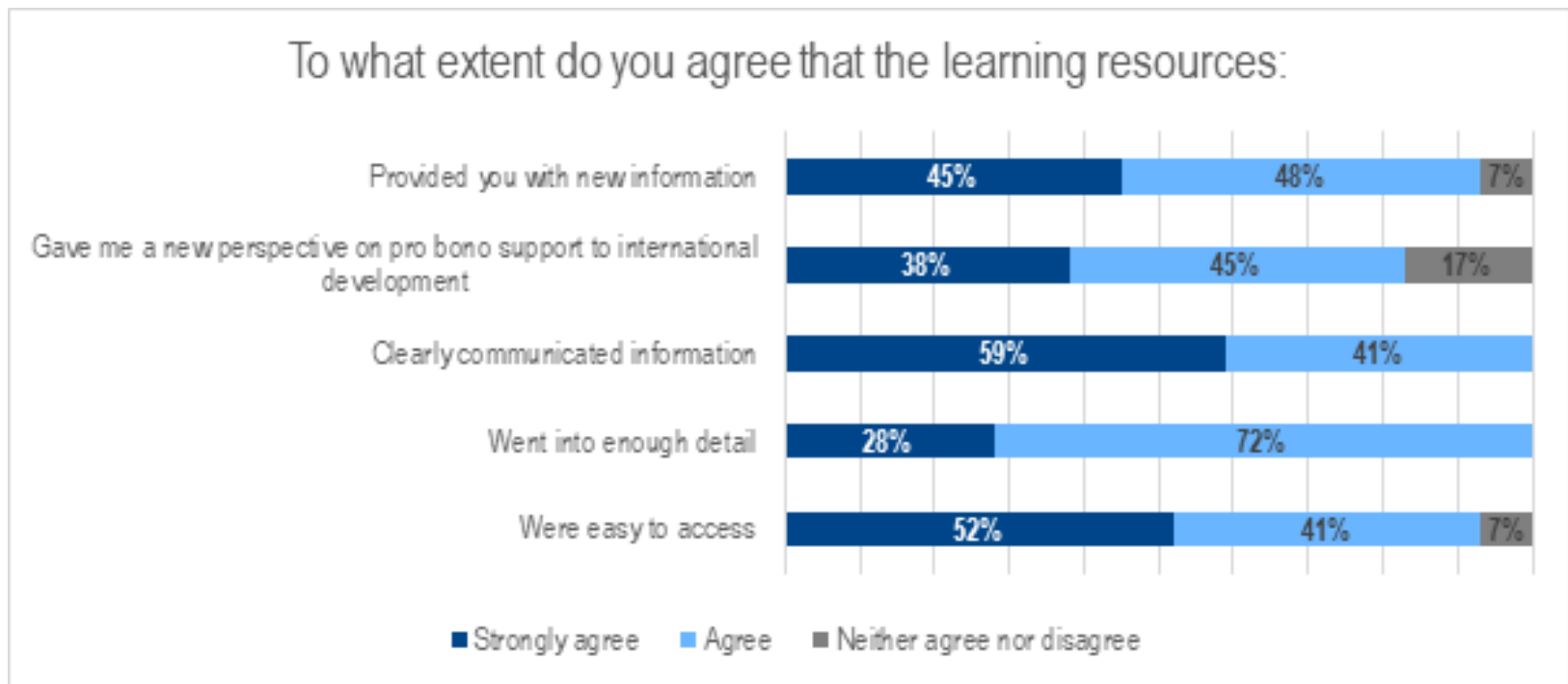
- Since the last SF, we delivered **6 workshops**, including a new one on **Equality Mainstreaming**.



- Recently published papers:



- Increase in downloads (average of 235 per month) and positive feedback for papers:





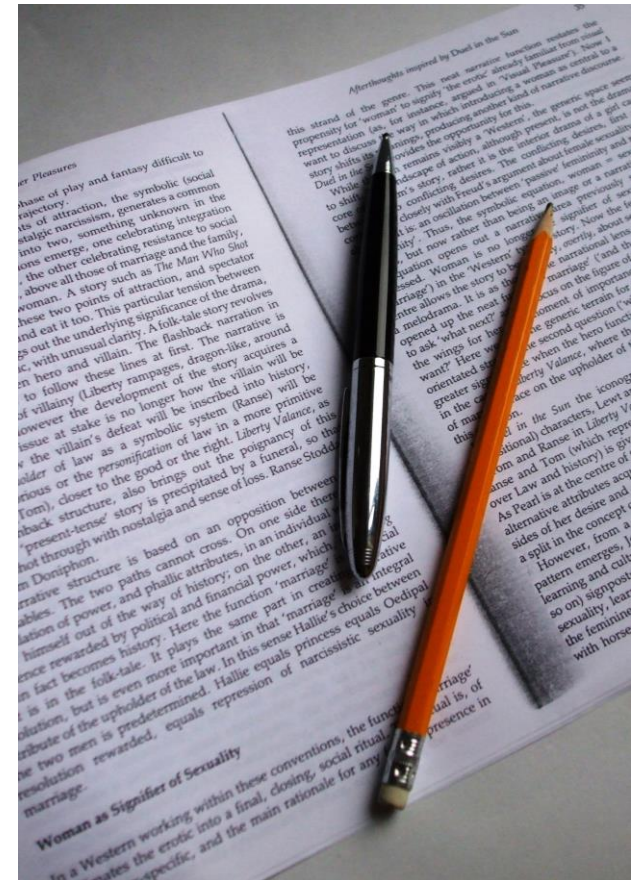


- **09/09:** Doing Pro Bono the International Development Way – Part 1
- **07/10:** Doing Pro Bono the International Development Way – Part 2
- **25/11:** M&E Methods for Trainings
- **DPBIDW at other events:**
  - 24/09: Asia Pro Bono Conference
  - 23/10: Law and Development Training Programme




## Papers:

- M&E Methods for Trainings Toolbox
- Role of Pro Bono in Achieving SDG 16
- A blog update on 'rule of law in times of health crisis'
- Capacity Building Beyond Trainings



## A4ID Rule of Law & Pro Bono Conference (June 2021)

- 6 panels, 2 workshops & 3 fringe events
- **Over 160 unique attendees** from 31 countries
- 125 participating organisations
- **Next Year theme:** International Partnerships



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Panelists on the Opening Panel: Towards a World Beyond COVID-19 discussed the role of judiciary, government, development sector, and the legal sector in responding to challenges arising from the pandemic. They shared international perspectives, including highlighting the role of women in upholding the rule of law in these times.

**A4ID Annual Conference**  
Pro Bono for the Rule of Law

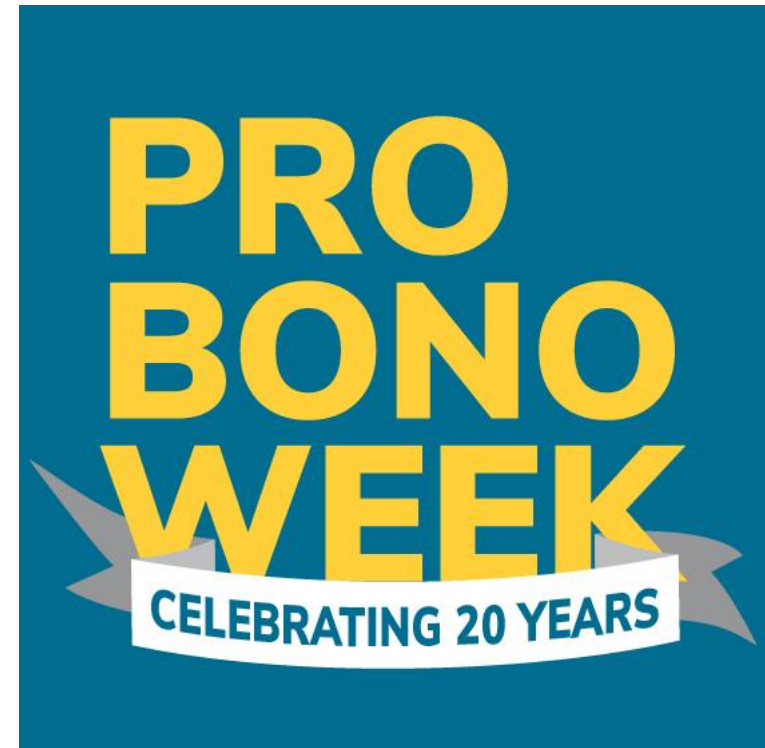
**2021** Towards a More Just Post-Pandemic World



# Coordination Facility - Pipeline



- Virtual Event: 'A Celebration of International Pro Bono'  
**4 November 2021**

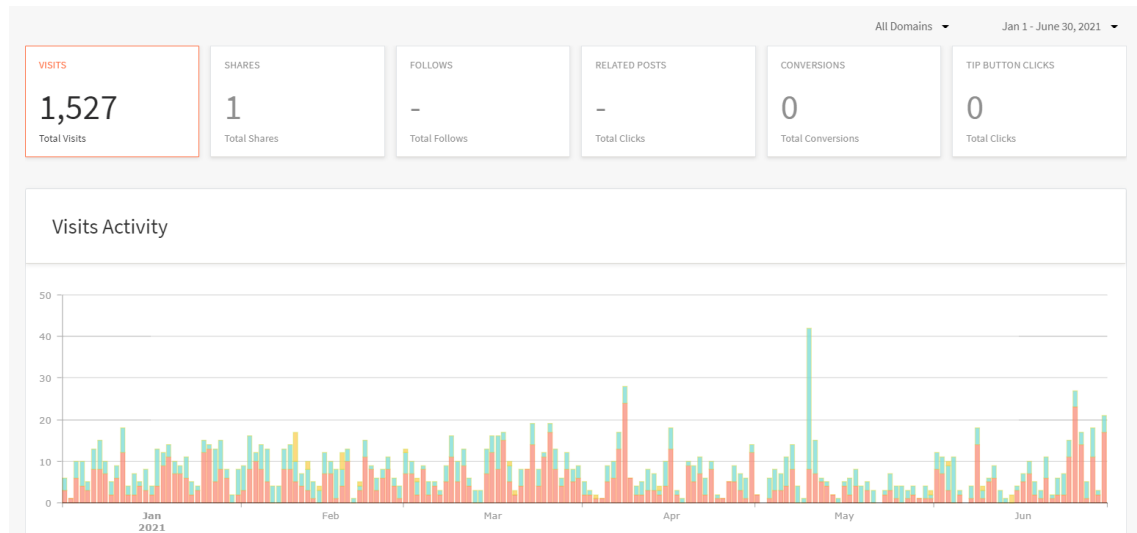


## Increased Stakeholder Network:

Gained 176 new A4ID contacts from Registrations. This roughly represents an increase of 9.3% of A4ID's mailing list, showing the growth of our network.

## Resource Downloads: 1527

Downloads between Jan 2021 and June 2021.

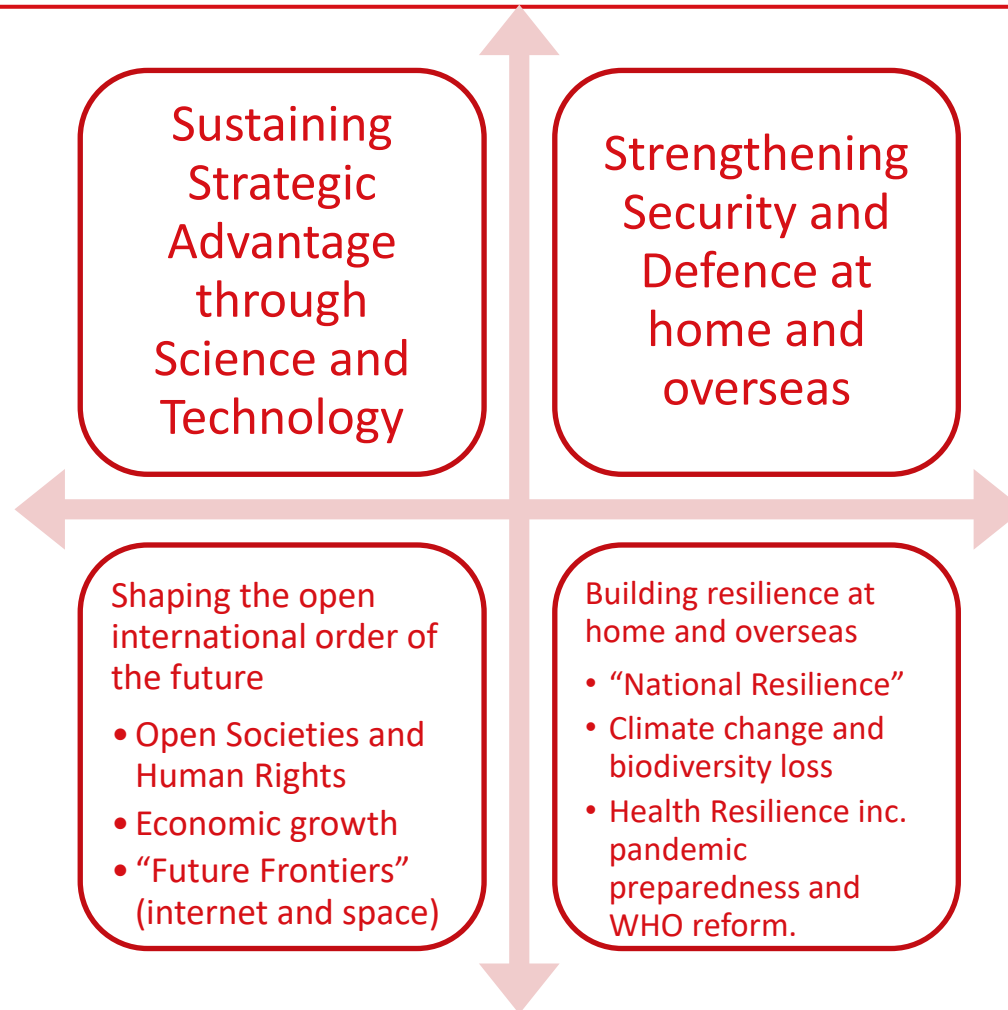


- In March 2021, the UK Government released “Global Britain in a competitive age: The Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy.”
- Sets out strategic international priorities across multiple sectors, including aid spending, to 2030.



- The integrated review responds to several changes in the UK's position:
  - DFID-FCO merger
  - Brexit
- Also reflects changes in the international order:
  - Emerging global powers + regions (Indo-Pacific)
  - Contested international system and rules
  - Rapid technological changes
  - Transnational challenges, inc. climate change, health and finance

# 4 areas





- Our Priority Actions will be:

[...]To promote effective and transparent governance, robust democratic institutions and the rule of law. The UK will support strong, transparent and accountable political processes and institutions overseas, including parliaments and political parties, through the Westminster Foundation for Democracy and other institutions. This work will be bolstered by a new UK capability to support election observation and activity to strengthen existing multilateral efforts. We will also establish a new global sanctions regime on corruption (see textbox) and reinvigorate our efforts to tackle illicit finance.

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- climate and biodiversity;
- global health security;
- open societies and conflict resolution;
- girls' education;
- humanitarian preparedness and response, especially food security and famine prevention;
- S&T;
- trade and economic development.

*“As governments become able to finance their own development priorities, we will gradually move towards providing UK expertise in place of grants and using a variety of financing models to tackle regional challenges in our mutual interests.” (p. 46)*



# Implications for ROLE UK Programme



- Opportunity for rule of law to play a greater role on the international development agenda, and an interest in using UK expertise more widely
- Emphasis on UK shaping international order
- Law and lawyers tackling diverse challenges: climate change, biodiversity, economic growth, health, technology
- No date given for return to 0.7% ODA commitment

## Guiding Question

- Considering the FCDO's strategic objectives, what should the UK's rule of law community prioritise going forward?



# Share your thoughts!



- Please take a moment to complete our **2 minute feedback survey!**
- Link now in the chat





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# Thank you for joining

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