**ABOUT US**

Global Forum for Law Justice and Development (GFLJD) - A Convenor, Connector and Facilitator

The GFLJD is a global knowledge exchange forum **convening** and **connecting** experts and stakeholders from around the world to identify, co-generate, share, and disseminate relevant knowledge and solutions to improve development outcomes. The GFLJD consists of two mutually-complementary pillars: A permanent forum of intellectual partners, clustered by topics, and an ICT web based platform, Collaboration for Development (C4D), hosted by the World Bank Group. The C4D facilitates online brainstorming, consultations, discussions, knowledge-sharing, and learning solely among GFLJD partners.

[Learn more about GFLJD’s activities](#)

**OBJECTIVES**

The purpose of the GFLJD is to:

- Promote a better understanding of the role of law and justice in the development process, through structured South-South and North-South dialogue among relevant stakeholders.
- Advance a research agenda that facilitates and supports the co-generation of knowledge.
- Strengthen and integrate legal and judicial institutions in the development process, by carrying out relevant capacity building initiatives.
- Provide access to an open repository of knowledge.

**EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

The GFLJD expects to produce:

- Enhanced, innovative and customized legal solutions to law and justice challenges in development.
- Greater integration of law and justice considerations in the process of development and the design of development interventions.
- Increased exchange of legal solutions among development practitioners around the world.
- Enhanced collaboration among academic and research institutions.

**GOVERNANCE**

Partners play an important role in the GFLJD's governance through its five bodies:

- **The Partners' General Assembly**, a collegial body functioning as a participatory communication platform for Partners who are not sitting on the Steering Committee.
- **The Steering Committee**, the supreme governing body of the GFLJD composed of Financial and Intellectual Partners.
- **The Thematic Working Groups**, the core of the GFLJD, providing a platform for the co-generation of legal knowledge/products.
- **The Secretariat**, a technical and administrative body, which assists the Steering Committee and the Thematic Working Groups.
- **The Advisory Committee** (not yet established), a consultative body of Experts and Ambassadors which advises, supports, and assists the Steering Committee and the Thematic Working Groups.

**MILESTONES**

- **May 1, 2014**: Establishment of the Steering Committee (see below).
- **April 4, 2014**: The GFLJD Charter and Complementary Documents were adopted and the GFLJD transitioned from interim to permanent governance with the establishment of the Steering Committee.
- **August 15, 2013**: The C4D, a secure online collaboration platform, was launched.
- **April 20, 2012**: The GFLJD hosted its first knowledge event, a Colloquium on Bankruptcy Treatment of Financial Contracts.
- **February 28, 2012**: The first meeting of the Interim Steering Committee to plan and implement the GFLJD's 2012 agenda was held.
- **January 15, 2012**: 43 founding partners signed Letters of Endorsement, expressing their commitment to the GFLJD and their intent to advance the GFLJD's principles.

**LEADERSHIP**

**Partners**

- As of May 1, 2014, [151 partners](#) have signed Letters of Endorsement and the partnership is strengthened through their active involvement.

**Steering Committee**

- **Chair**: World Bank

Thematic Working Groups & Communities of Practice

- **TWG on Empowerment and Equity for Diverse Communities** co-led by Women Enabled (Stephanie Ortoleva) and the Bellagio Forum for Security and Development (Emilio C. Viano).

- **TWG on Environmental and Natural Resources Law** co-led by International Development Law Organization (Marie-Claire Cordonier Segger), Ministerio Publico do Estado de Minas Gerais - Brazil (Luciano Luz Badini Martins), and George Washington University (Lee Paddock).

- **TWG on Governance and Anti-Corruption** co-led by African Development Bank (Eunjung Park) and the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (Nicola Bonucci).

- **TWG on Justice Reform and Rule of Law** co-led by Loyola University - Chicago School of Law (William Loris) and the University of Cape Town Faculty of Law - South Africa (Salvatore Mancuso).

- **TWG on Law and the Economy** potentially co-led by Public Interest Intellectual Property Advisors and UNCITRAL.

- **CoP on Health Law** co-led by Georgetown University - O'Neil Institute on National and Global Health Law (Michele Forzley), International Development Law Organization (David Patterson), United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (Marco Musumeci) and World Bank (Andreas Seiter).

- **CoP on Alternative Dispute Resolution** co-led by Ministerio da Justica - Brazil (Flavio Caetano) and Universite de Montreal-Cyberjustice Laboratory (Valentin Callipel).

- **CoP on Compensatory Measures in International Government Procurement Contracts** co-led by European Club for Countertrade and Offset (Christian Sylvain).

- **CoP on Mass Atrocities Prevention** co-led by Auschwitz Institute for Peace and Reconciliation (Tibi Galis) and the Budapest Centre for the International Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities (Enzo M. Le Fevre).

- **CoP on Cybercrime** co-led by Council of Europe (Alexander Seger), Societe Internationale de Criminologie (Emilio Viano), United Nations Interregional Crime...
and Justice Research Institute (Francesca Bosco), United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) (Anika Holterhof), and World Bank (David Satola).

- **CoP on African Mining Legislation** co-led by University of Douala - Cameroon (Emmanuel Kam-Yogo), University of Cape Town - South Africa (Hanri Mostert), Eduardo Modlane University - Mozambique (Charles Minega) (tbc), World Bank (Nneoma Nwogu), and GFLJD Secretariat (Matteo Mazzoni).

**Partners**

**How to Join the Collaboration for Development Platform (C4D)**

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