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NEWS FROM THEMATIC WORKING GROUPS

TWG Governance and Anticorruption

Sub-group on Drivers of Corruption and the Multilateral Development Banks’ Legal and Policy Framework for Operations

- **Drivers of Corruption: A Brief Review (2014) by Tina Soreide.** The World Bank, the African Development Bank, the Nordic Investment Bank, and other multilateral and bilateral development partners with a stake in the fight against corruption, including the United Nations and regional organizations such as the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, academia, and research institutes, have launched this study under the auspices of GFLJD. The Study aims to understand how the opportunities and incentives for corruption - in other words, "drivers" - play out in IFI-funded operations, reflecting on the lessons this knowledge may hold for the IFIs' legal and policy frameworks for fighting corruption.

  [Download Review]

- **New External Participants.** EBRD is re-engaging with the study. In addition, two new members from civil society/academia have joined: Nancy Boswell, former President of TI USA and now a professor at AU, and Shruti Shaw, Senior Policy Director, TI USA.

- **New World Bank Participants.** Two new members from Integrity Vice Presidency have joined: Bobby Delonis and Matt Harvey. The Governance Global Practice and the Stolen Asset Recovery Initiative (StAR) team have also indicated potential interest in stepping up their involvement.

- **Coordinators Meeting/Deep Dives.** A recent coordinators meeting mapped out next steps for each of the "deep dives", which will begin in January after our kick-off meeting (see below). We are looking for a volunteer to coordinate the IDD deep dive.

- **GAC in Operations Group.** The last GAC in Operations group meeting, presented findings that included a recommendation to look more closely at the sanctioning of certain categories of project staff.

- **Deep Dive Kick-Off Meeting.** Invitations will be sent for a meeting on Monday, January 12, from 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., to welcome our new internal members and launch the deep dives.

- **Spark Group.** A Spark website for our discussion group has been set up and will help members share background materials and work product; all of our work products so far have been uploaded there (including summaries of our meetings). Going forward, we are encouraging the deep dive groups to use the site for sharing their work with the plenary group as well. We can also use the site for online discussions. Everyone, but especially our coordinators, are encouraged to start blogs to keep us abreast of developments and share their thoughts/reactions on the issues we are dealing with. (This will not be a substitute for but a complement to group meetings and other person-to-person contacts.)
TWG Law and the Economy

- We are glad to inform that UNCITRAL has joined as co-leader, the TWG on Law and the Economy.

NEWS FROM COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE

African Mining Legislation Atlas Project (AMLA)

- **AMLA Achieves Proposed Deliverables for Year One.** On October 20, 2014, the Legal Vice Presidency, in coordination with the Governance Global Practice and the Extractives and Energy Global Practice, all of the World Bank Group, and in partnership with the African Legal Support Facility and the University of Cape Town launched the African Mining Legislation Atlas (AMLA) project during the 2014 Law, Justice and Development Week. The project, which is established within the framework of a standalone Community of Practice of GFLJD, has three main activities: (i) creation of a free online legislative framework platform for Africa's mining sector with interactive features to provide comparative data on mining laws and regulations; (ii) production of a mining law guiding template to assist countries in the preparation or revision of their mining laws; and (iii) capacity building through training of law students, legal professionals and lawmakers (a) in the use of the platform and the guiding template and (b) on overall issues in mining law.

  The Project will be implemented over a 3-year period and will conclude with a handover of the maintenance of the platform and its institutional structure to the Mineral Law in Africa (MLIA) program of the University of Cape Town (UCT). MLIA at UCT will serve as the curator of the platform in coordination with several law faculties from universities across Africa.

  The project deliverables for its first year, namely the launch of the project and the inaugural training on the population, maintenance and use the AMLA platform, was met with acclaim.

  [Read more]

CoP Compensatory Measures in International Government Procurement Contracts

- Christian Sylvain, leader of this CoP, with Melanie Frank, Robert S. Metzger and Chantal Daugnaud, presented the analysis results on Australia, Brazil, Canada, India, Kuwait, Peru, Russia, South Africa, Turkey and UAE and international procurement regulations and practices performed by members of the CoP at a meeting in October. More analysis will be performed to identify desirable international standard on offsets in International government procurement contracts. The CoP next meeting will take place on January 13, 2015.

  [Contact Chantal Daugnaud to participate]

CoP Health Law

- **Pilot Project on “Strengthening the Legal and Regulatory Environment for Fighting Falsified and Substandard Medicines”**  New

  On October 28, Anne-Marie Leroy, Senior Vice President and General Counsel of the World Bank Group, and Pierre Vialou, Senior Director, Public Affairs & Government Relations of SICPA, signed during the Law, Justice and Development Week 2014 an agreement confirming SICPA’s contribution to a Pilot Project developed by GFLJD. This Pilot is a preliminary phase of a larger initiative to fight falsified and substandard medicines in developing countries. Partnering initially with one country, the project will include assessment of national, cross-border and regional legal and regulatory frameworks.

  [Read Press Release]

CoP Human Rights and Development

- The CoP on Human Rights and Development was launched on October 22 during the Law, Justice and Development Week. A website has been created to facilitate communication among members and provide a neutral platform for exchanges of information on topics relevant to the CoP. The website is hosted by the University of Leuven Center for Global Governance Studies (University of Leuven), and can be accessed at www.humanrightsanddevelopment.org. Membership of the CoP is open to individuals and GFLJD members alike by registering on the website under the "Membership" tab. New research products and updates on law
and policy developments can be sent for uploading on the CoP website to cop@ggs.kuleuven.be. Members will receive regular updates about new publications, activities and events.

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NEWS FROM GFLJD PARTNERS *New*

This section called "News from GFLJD Partners" will be used to include highlights from three to five GFLJD partners. The content can be one to two paragraph long. The GFLJD Secretariat will send a reminder to all GFLJD Partners to solicit content two weeks prior to the content launch date which is the first Thursday of every other month. The next issues will be in March, May, July, September, and November 2015. We look forward to your contribution.

SAVE THE DATE

Law, Justice and Development Week 2015, October 26-30, World Bank Headquarters, Washington DC

The World Bank Group is glad to announce that the Law, Justice and Development Week in 2015 is scheduled on October 26-30, 2015. Preparations are already in full swing and a call for proposals will be issued in due course.

Go to www.worldbank.org/ljdweek2015