HIGHLIGHTS AND UPCOMING EVENTS


The topic of the Law, Justice and Development Week 2016 will be “Climate Change, Law and Development” and will be held on December 5-8, 2016 at the World Bank Headquarters in Washington D.C. The concept note and calls for proposals for sessions will be available shortly on the Global Forum website.

- **Uganda Report: Strengthening the Legal Environment for the Elimination of Falsified and Substandard Medicines**

The full report on “Strengthening the Legal Environment for the Elimination of Falsified and Substandard Medicines” is now available. The report is the third product of the pilot and preliminary phase of a larger initiative to build a knowledge base and collection of tools to support a whole-of-government approach to manage public health problem of falsified and substandard (FS) medicines in any country. See also the executive summary.

The initiative also produced a “Guide to the Development of a National Strategy for Strengthening the Legal and Regulatory Environment for the Elimination of Falsified and Substandard Medicines” and “Assessment Tool to Evaluate National Actions to Address Falsified and Substandard medicines”, which will be further tested and refined as this project continues, for use in other jurisdictions.

The initiative was jointly conceived and coordinated by four organizations: the World Bank, the International Development Law Organization (IDLO), the O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law at Georgetown University, and the United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI). The National Drug Authority of the Government of Uganda partnered with the four organizations to ensure a successful pilot.

The report from UNICRI on “Ensuring Supply Chain Security: The Role of Anti-Counterfeiting Technologies” was launched on February 25, 2016 at the World Bank Headquarters in Washington D.C. The meeting was co-organized by the World Bank and the United Nation Interregional Crime and Justice Institute (UNICRI). Read the study here.
- **CoP International Poverty Law event on “Law, Justice and Poverty Reduction”, April 12, 2016**

The CoP on International Poverty Law is organizing an event on the occasion of the **2016 Spring Meetings** to be held April 15-17, 2016. The event on “Law, Justice and Poverty Reduction” relates to the role of law and justice in achievement of the twin goals and is organized under the umbrella of the newly created CoP on International Poverty Law.

- **Publication of the joint report on “Protecting Children from Cybercrime: Legislative Responses in Latin America to Fight Child Pornography, Online Grooming and Cyberbullying through Information Technologies”**

The joint report “Protecting Children from Cybercrime, Legislative Responses in Latin America to Fight Child Pornography, Online Grooming and Cyberbullying through Information Technologies” was published on the **World Bank Repository** and on the **ICMEC website** in November 2015. It was written in collaboration between the Associacao dos Juizes Federais da Primeira Regiao (AJUFER), the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children (ICMEC) and the World Bank. This regional report follows a first report focused on Asia, “Protecting Children from Cybercrime: Legislative Responses in Asia to Fight Child Pornography, Online Grooming and Cyberbullying”. Both reports were written under the umbrella of the TWG on Empowerment and Equity for Diverse Communities, as part of the sub-group on the Protection of Children from Violence through the Internet and Associated Technologies.

**GLOBAL FORUM NEWS**

- **Admission of 7 New Partners to the Global Forum**

As of February 22, 2016, the Global Forum has seven new partners. We are glad to welcome the new partners of the Global Forum:

- **Center for Water Security and Cooperation** (CWSC), USA
- **Comparative Research Program on Poverty** (CROP), Norway
- **Emory University School of Law**, USA
- **New Community of Practice - Proposal on 3D Bio Printing**

A new Community of Practice (CoP) on 3D Bio Printing is being created, at the initiative of the new partner the South-East European Research Center (SEERC). Its objective is to collect current knowledge and share challenges and opportunities regarding bio printing, and to improve and build upon existing regulations/legislations. It will aim at carrying out a literature review and a good practice checklist, and at organizing virtual discussions with experts on the topic. The first draft of the concept note is available [here](#). We encourage all partners interested in participating in this new CoP to reach out to the Global Forum Secretariat with an expression of interest.

- **New Community of Practice - Proposal on Refugees Brain Gain**

A new CoP has been established on the issue of brain drain and brain waste of high-skilled refugees in Europe in the context of the current refugee crisis. The goal of the CoP is to participate in the existing efforts and grassroots initiatives to help refugees integrate European societies through an integration of the job market. The concept note is open for comments and is available [here](#). Partners who are interested in joining the CoP should reach out to the Global Forum Secretariat with an expression of interest.

- **Community of Practice on Combatting Cybercrime**

Cybercrime is a growing, global problem, affecting the economies of all countries. Countries with developing economies are perhaps the most vulnerable. Therefore the Community of Practice on Combatting Cybercrime is developing a “**Toolkit for Developing Capacity in Combatting Cybercrime**”. The main aims of this project are: a) building capacity among policy-makers, legislators, public prosecutors and investigators, and civil society in developing countries in policy, legal and criminal justice aspects of the enabling environment to combat “cybercrime”, through synthesizing international best practices in these areas in a published tool that enables assessment
of the legal issues associated with combatting cybercrime and, b) field testing the tool in selected pilot countries. It is expected that the tool will be made available as a global public good.

The main partners in the Project include: The Korea Supreme Prosecutors Office, Council of Europe, Oxford University’s Cyber-security Capacity Building Centre, International Association of Penal Law, UNODC, UNICRI, ITU, and UNCTAD. The Project is being led by the World Bank and is funded by a grant from the Government of Korea.

- **Brochure Translated in French, Spanish, Korean, Chinese, Italian**

The Global Forum’s Brochure, which was released for LJD Week 2015 is now available on the Global Forum website in Chinese, French, Korean and Spanish. Feel free to share it!

**NEWS FROM PARTNERS**

- **Certificate in Law and Development of the Law and Development Institute (LDI)**

The Law and Development Institute, in collaboration with Emory University School of Law, offers the Certificate in Law and Development (CLD) Program, a short-term training course in law and development for government officials from both developing and developed countries, professionals from international organizations and NGOs, lawyers, consultants, and students interested in learning the role of law, legal frameworks, and institutions (LFIs) for economic development.

The CLD Program provides timely instruction on how LFIs affect economic development in key areas such as property rights, business transactions and industrial promotion. The CLD Program will also provide guidance for pro-development legislation in those key areas. The CLD Program will give substantial practical value for participating professionals and students. The Program will also offer an excellent overview of law and development and set an excellent foundation for advanced degree such as a master or doctorate programs in relevant areas.

Knowledge in law and/or development will be helpful but not required to enroll in the Program. The certificate can be obtained by attending the classes in person at Emory Law School or by following them through an online platform. All inquiries should be made to the Law and
Lex: Lead Offers Internship Opportunities for its Law Students

Lex:lead is a small, all-volunteer initiative started in 2010 by a group of young lawyers primarily offering an annual essay competition on topics of law and development to students in the world’s least developed countries. Lex:lead sponsors interns who have won the Lex:lead scholarship to work with Global Forum members for short period of time. This year, fifteen students have won this scholarship and are interested by this unique partnership.

The group would like to hear from Global Forum partners interested in working with a Lex:lead law student from Ethiopia, Eritrea, Tanzania, Rwanda, Uganda, or Zambia. More information about the group is available at www.lex-lead.org or by reaching contact@lex-lead.org.