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MESSAGE FROM THE GLOBAL FORUM SECRETARIAT

Dear partners, dear colleagues,

The second issue of our newsletter this year features the dynamism of the Global Forum through the tremendous activities led by our fantastic partners!

We would like to take this opportunity to highlight our Spring Meetings Event that gathered high level profile Speakers. All came to discuss the new approaches of doing business in the context of the SDGs. We would also like to remind all of our members that responses for the call for proposals for LJD Week 2019 are due June 30th.

The next issue of our newsletter will be released in October 2019. You will soon be receiving a form to help you promote events and news from your respective organizations.

We thank you for your continued collaboration.

Have a wonderful Summer.

The GFLJD Secretariat

HIGHLIGHTS



During the Spring Meetings Thursday, April 11, 2019, the Global Forum organized a Side Event to present the Community of Practice Human-Centred Business Model (HCBM).

The HCBM is an innovative business ecosystem that provides the tools and inputs to the private sector, public authorities, and consumers when developing new businesses. At the center of the model are economic, social, environmental sustainability, and ethical/integrity values that can lead to more sustainable business practices.

The session had sought to introduce the HCBM to a wider audience and explore how it can contribute to achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals. It will also analyze what role legal frameworks play in supporting HCBM’s multidimensional approach towards meeting these goals.



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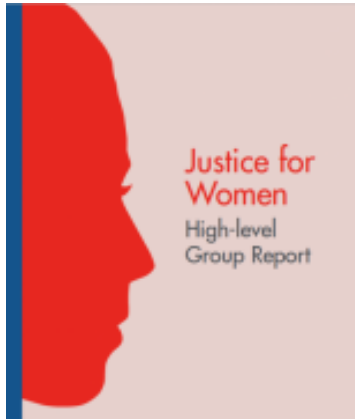


The International Development Law Organization (IDLO) has released several new publications for practitioners and policymakers regarding timely justice issues, including gender-based discrimination, women's participation in the justice sector, engagement with customary and informal justice mechanisms, and harnessing technology to improve the accessibility of justice and the transparency and accountability of justice providers. [Read more](#)



Women Delivering Justice: Contributions, Barriers, Pathways continues IDLO's Gender Pledge series, delivering on a commitment to address the barriers women face when accessing justice and seeking roles within the legal profession.

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Justice for Women [also available in Spanish] is a comprehensive report on common justice challenges for women, produced in collaboration with UN Women, the World Bank, and the Task Force on Justice.

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Similarly, in a bid to help make justice accessible for all in furtherance of Sustainable Development 16 of the 2030 Agenda, IDLO has launched [Consultations on customary and informal justice systems](#), underpinned by a series....

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E-ENABLING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LESSONS FROM E-JUSTICE PROGRAMMING IN KYRGYZSTAN



E-enabling Sustainable Development reflects on the results of an IDLO project in Kyrgyzstan in cooperation with USAID to strengthen access to justice through e-justice.

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Program on International Organizations, Law and Development ([PIOLD](#))

[PIOLD](#) strives to expand AU WCL's academics to the forefront of International Law and Development and Comparative Law by granting an exclusive look at the practice of the field and exposing students to innovative topics of law and technology, gender and development, natural resources, and comparative mining legislation.



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In July 2018, the Commission thus adopted the "**UNCITRAL Legislative Guide on Key Principles of a Business Registry**" with the view not only to promote business registration for business of all sizes, but to make it desirable for MSMEs to register.

The text of the Guide is available as an e-book in the six UN languages on the UNCITRAL website: uncitral.un.org (free download); printed copies have also been published. To contact the UNCITRAL secretariat: uncitral@un.org

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Taxation of Digital Services: Uganda's Social Media Tax Law

The internet has transformed the way people transact over the past few years. With more and more sales and purchases being completed online, one would agree that the traditional “brick and mortar” stores have since been out fashioned, and governments want their share in this new phenomenon.

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Blockchain and Notaries

Notary blockchain technology will guarantee the digital exchange of documents and their inalterability.

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Director of the Law and Development Institute, Professor Y.S. Lee, has published a treatise on law and development, entitled [“Law and Development: Theory and Practice” \(Routledge, 2019\).](#)

[Law and Development Review \(LDR\) is a leading peer-reviewed academic journal dedicated to the area of law and development, continuously operating since 2008.](#)

[LDR is open for article submission. Journal link: https://www.degruyter.com/view/j/ldr](#)

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The Institute of Legal and Philosophical Sciences of the Sorbonne (ISJPS - Institut des Sciences Juridique et Philosophique de la Sorbonne) is a joint research unit of the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and the National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) in France.

One of the research projects attached to this program is designed to understand how the International Monetary Fund (IMF) is associating its discourse and ideas on public finance with gender issues.

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The UNESCO Chair in Bioethics and Human Rights in collaboration with The University of Anáhuac (Faculty of Bioethics), the Holy Spirit College, and the Ateneo Regina Apostolorum is launching the **Master in Global Bioethics** online in English. This edition will start on September 30, 2019.

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EVENTS CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

May 9 - 24

ARTIVISM: The Atrocity Prevention Pavilion

Group exhibition / Venue: Palazzo Ca'Dando lo / San Polo 2879,

May 9 - November 24, 2019

Venice, Italy

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June 30

Law, Justice and Development Week 2019 - Rights, Technology and Development

Call for proposals are due **June 30**

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July 1 - 19

Summer School of Civil Law in Paris

July 1-19, 2019

University Panthéon-Assas (Paris II)

Paris, France

Registrations are made through the following links:

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Program on Investment Arbitration**

Lagos, Nigeria
July 8 -19, 2019

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September 4 - 6

2019 ELI Annual Conference in Vienna
The 2019 ELI Annual Conference

September 4-6, 2019

Vienna, Austria

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August 7

The Singapore Convention on Mediation

Singapore Convention Signing Ceremony in Singapore on **7 August 2019** and at the United Nations headquarters in New York thereafter.
Singapore and

New York, USA

The will be followed by a high-level Conference to explore the potential of mediation. This **“by invitation only”** .

For further information, please consult the UNCITRAL website: <https://uncitral.un.org/>

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October 27 - 31

19th World Congress of Criminology

October 27-31, 2019

Doha, Qatar

Call for Papers: International Annals of Criminology

Deadline for proposals: August 15, 2019.

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November 4 - 13

UNESCO

**Protecting the Future Generation and the
Ethics of Human Reproduction**

November 11-13, 2019

Casablanca, Morocco

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**Law, Justice and Development Week 2019
- Rights, Technology and Development**

November 4-7, 2019

Washington DC, USA

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December 6

**Call for Papers: 2019 Law and Development Conference
“Law and Development: From the Islamic Perspective”**

December 6, 2019

Dubai, UAE

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