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## Background

**Law, Justice and Development Week** (LJD Week) is an annual event organized by the Legal Vice Presidency of the World Bank in collaboration with the Global Forum on Law, Justice and Development, an international knowledge exchange platform of over 170 partners engaged in legal aspects of development. The conference draws over 1,000 participants and convenes a broad community of development professionals who use law and justice tools to battle poverty and boost shared prosperity.

**LJD Week attendees** include:

- General Counsel and legal staff of International Financial Institutions (IFIs);
- Partners of the Global Forum on Law, Justice and Development;
- Government officials from developed and developing countries;
- Development practitioners, lawyers and judges;
- Legal scholars, professors and students; and,
- Civil society representatives.

## Program



### Climate Change Days

*Monday and Tuesday, December 5-6*

The theme for the first two days of the conference is Law, Climate Change and Development.

Sessions will be organized into two parallel tracks, one emphasizing legal issues arising in **adaptation** to the changes shaping our global climate, and the other on issues around **mitigation** to climate impacts.

Within the two streams, sessions will address both specific and cross-cutting issues.

Link to *Climate Change Days* below for more details.



## IFI Day

*Wednesday, December 7*

The third day of the conference will focus on legal issues relevant to IFIs involved in global development. The program features two parallel session streams: **Co-Financing with Climate Funds**, which explores approaches to financing climate change mitigation and adaptation and **Hot Topics for IFIs**, including refugees and forced displacement, private sector development and leveraging concessional finance, developments in procurement, governance and institutions, and other topics. IFI Day also includes networking opportunities for leaders through the **General Counsel Roundtable**. Exciting **new networking opportunities** this year include roundtables for Deputy General Counsel and Chief and Assistant General Counsel, and a networking event to connect all IFI lawyers.

*Link to [International Financial Institutions Day](#) below for more details.*



## Global Forum Day

*Thursday, December 8*

The fourth day will be dedicated to the *Global Forum on Law, Justice and Development*, featuring a plenary **meeting of the Steering Committee**, as well as **meetings** and **events** organized by **Thematic Working Groups** and **Communities of Practice**, on activities, deliverables and a wide variety of development topics relevant to the Sustainable Development Goals.

*Link to [Global Forum Day](#) below for more details.*



## World Bank Group Day

*Friday, December 9*

The last day of the conference will be reserved for lawyers working in the World Bank Group, providing a unique annual opportunity to exchange knowledge and experiences on issues of specific interest to the World Bank, IFC, MIGA and ICSID.

Evening receptions will offer an opportunity to network with global experts and colleagues.

## Timeline for Proposals

Proposals are being solicited from partners of the Global Forum on Law, Justice and Development; World Bank and IFI staff; and leading public and private institutions involved in legal aspects of climate change.

- **The deadline for submission of proposals** is **May 27**.
- **Decisions on proposals** will be made by **June 15**.
- **Materials and speakers** for sessions will be finalized by **October 31**.

## Proposal Format and Guidelines

- Proposals must be submitted using this format ([Proposal Form in Word format](#)), and should be brief. A sample proposal is also available for convenience ([Proposal Sample in Word format](#)).
- The Background Notes on the Climate Change Days, the IFI Day and Global Forum Day provide detailed information on the types of proposals being sought.
- Each proposal must be submitted separately, indicating the day for which it is proposed.
- Proposals will be evaluated based on: (1) relevance to the themes of the conference, (2) likely interest in the topic, and (3) engaging format. While some proposals for panel discussions will be accepted, priority will be given to innovative and interactive

presentations, such as workshops, interviews, TED-style talks, debates, and [Pecha Kucha](#) presentations.

- Because there will be fewer sessions than in prior years, proposals will be subject to higher competition and must be submitted timely.
- Opportunities to sponsor 2016 LJD Week can be discussed at any time, and will be actively solicited from the first week of June.
- Registration will be open from September 5, and will close on November 25.



# Climate Change Days

*Day 1 and Day 2 – Monday and Tuesday*

**Climate change** is one of the greatest challenges of our time. Typhoon Haiyan in 2013, Hurricane Sandy in 2012, and the severe droughts currently threatening Ethiopia and Brazil all demonstrate the danger. Unmitigated climate change has the potential to undo decades of developmental achievement, push hundreds of millions of people back into poverty, and derail countries on their pathways towards sustainable development. As a consequence, the world is mobilizing:

- **Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 13** — In September 2015, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. SDG 13 is entitled “Taking Urgent Action to Combat Climate Change and its impacts” and reflects a recognition that sustainable development cannot be achieved without decisive action to adapt to and mitigate climate change.
- **Paris Agreement** — In December 2015, the United Nations Framework Conference on Climate Change (COP21) agreed to the goals of keeping global temperature increase below 2 degrees Celsius and achieving net-zero emissions in the second half of this century. All countries, rich and poor, have been asked to submit Nationally Determined Contributions to climate change mitigation and adaptation targets.
- **Marrakech (COP22)** — In November 2016, the United Nations Framework Conference on Climate Change will meet to flesh out the decisions taken in Paris, and share information on national policies and contributions.

**Climate Change Days**, during LJD Week 2016, will focus on the legal and regulatory tools that will be necessary to achieve SDG13 and implement the Paris Agreement.

Presentations will be organized in two parallel streams:

- **Mitigation of Climate Change; and**
- **Adaptation to Climate Impacts.**

Sessions under the two streams may cover specific mitigation or adaptation issues or cross-cutting issues. Below is a list to topics that we would like to see addressed in proposals. The list is not exhaustive. Other ideas within the two streams that would be of interest to the audience are also welcome.

## Mitigation

- **Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)** — Approaches to help countries to prepare and implement NDCs and ensure the transparency and accountability of their targets.
- **Putting a Price on Carbon** — Status of and lessons learned from carbon trading, carbon taxing and other international and national market-based approaches.
- **Opportunities for a New Generation of Cooperative and Flexible Mechanisms for Climate Change Mitigation** — Sustainable Development Mechanism.
- **Increasing Climate Investment from Billions to Trillions** — How to transition from fossil fuel dependence to no and low carbon alternatives, e.g. energy efficiency and renewable energy solutions.
- **SDGs and Climate Change** — How to meet climate change targets while protecting societies and the environment, and creating economic opportunities.

## Adaptation

- **Preparing for Climate Impacts and Disaster Risk Management** — Adaptation and loss and damage—the potential for compensation for climate impacts.
- **Country Approaches to Managing Climate Risk and Increase Resilience** — Climate laws, national adaptation plans, governance and finance.

## Cross-cutting

- **Country Approaches to Policies and Laws to Mitigate and Adapt to Climate Change** — How countries address climate change mitigation and adaptation through laws and regulations (e.g. Climate Change Law of Mexico); case studies to inform participants on climate laws, national action plans and governance.

- **Financing Climate Mitigation and Adaptation Measures** — Development of innovative financial instruments (green bonds, guarantees, insurance, capacity-building and technical assistance, investments, results-based finance); how to partner with the financial mechanism of the UNFCCC (Global Environment Facility and Green Climate Fund) to deliver on climate finance.
- **World Bank Mandate** — How climate finance can deliver on the World Bank's twin goals of eliminating extreme poverty and boosting shared prosperity. This topic may include safeguards compliance, co-benefits, benefit sharing, capacity building, and transparency.
- **Mainstreaming Climate Action within Financial Institutions** — How to incorporate climate action into financial institutions' operations and decision-making.
- **The Interplay between Forestry, Land-Use, Agriculture and Climate Change** — How to make *Reducing Emissions from Deforestation and Forest Degradation* programs work; climate-smart ways to manage risks and green supply chains.
- **The Role of Infrastructure and Local Governments in the Climate Debate** — Forming climate-smart global partnerships to address climate change mitigation and adaptation challenges while investing in infrastructure essential for economic growth.
- **Engaging the Private Sector to Respond to Climate Change** — How to provide the right incentives (compliance vs. voluntary); how to better understand and quantify climate risks and how to incorporate them into decision-making.
- **Paris Agreement and the Role of Multilateral Development Banks, International Financial Institutions, and Private Sector Finance** — This topic may include issues, such as NDCs, finance, technology, capacity-building, cooperative approach and SDM, forming partnerships to deliver on climate finance.
- **Addressing Social and Environmental Issues Associated with Climate Change** — How to ensure that disadvantaged and vulnerable communities, including women, children, indigenous peoples, and traditional communities are protected from climate impacts, as well as given opportunities to benefit from climate programs and projects.

# International Financial Institutions Day

*Day 3 – Wednesday*

This day is devoted to exploring issues of interest to lawyers in International Financial Institutions (IFIs). Sessions are open to all participants, unless otherwise advertised.

## IFI Day Sessions

Presentations will be organized in two parallel streams:

- **Co-financing with Climate Funds** — Exploring approaches to financing climate change mitigation and/or adaptation activities with resources managed by IFIs in conjunction with financial resources contributed or invested by external entities.
- **Hot Topics for IFIs** — This stream provides an opportunity to share approaches and come away with new tools to contribute to pressing issues of the day in a way that is innovative and legally coherent.

Topics may include:

- Fragility, Conflict and Violence: Responding to global challenges of refugees and forced displacement.
- Expanding Financing Modes, Inclusive Growth & Private Sector Development, such as leveraging concessional, non-concessional and private sector financing; guarantees; and, Islamic Finance.
- Economic Transformation and Jobs: Responding to migration, urbanization and social exclusion.
- Gender Dimensions in Development: Including access to jobs, assets and services.
- Environmental and Social issues: Updates and developments in institutional approaches.

- Procurement: Updates and developments in institutional approaches, including co-financing.
- Governance and Institutions, such as approaches to anti-corruption measures and integrity due diligence; and, Anti-money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism.
- Privileges and immunities: Operating in a changing world.

Presentations for both parallel streams can be made by video conference or in-person. ***We welcome proposals from IFIs to lead either video conference or in-person sessions on topics in both streams.***

- **Video Conference Sessions** — Since most IFIs will be able to bring only a limited number of lawyers to Washington, we will offer three high-quality **moderated video conference round tables** which will allow more lawyers to join remotely across time zones. IFIs are invited to propose to have their staff either lead or participate in a video conference session from their headquarters. Two sessions will be scheduled in the morning and one early in the afternoon. While one of the morning sessions will be held early, we recognize that for IFIs in Asia this will still mean participation in the evening for interested staff.
- **In-Person Sessions** — All other presentations throughout the day will be in-person discussions events.

## **Networking for Leaders**

As in previous years, a closed General Counsel Roundtable and a lunch will be organized to address current topics.

We are very excited to introduce two new roundtables this year – Operations Deputy General Counsel Roundtable, and Chief Counsel/Assistant General Counsel Roundtable. IFI leaders in each group who attend LJD Week will be invited to participate in separate

working sessions to discuss issues of common concern, ways to collaborate, and to meet and greet colleagues from other IFIs engaged in similar work.

The World Bank Legal Vice-Presidency will organize the three roundtables and propose topics for discussion. Partner IFIs will be contacted in June to ascertain which topics would be of most interest. Working documents and information on practices of IFIs will be developed from June to October and distributed in advance to all participants.

### **IFI Lawyers Networking**

Often finding solutions to co-financing and other common issues is as simple as having connections with colleagues across institutions. This year, we are excited to introduce a networking session to connect lawyers from all IFIs who are able to LJD Week in person. This event will be held in between IFI Day Sessions.

# Global Forum Day

*Day 4 – Thursday*

“**Global Forum Day**” is devoted to Global Forum-related activities.

The program includes:

- The **Steering Committee plenary meeting** whose agenda will comprise, among other topics, the discussion of activities reported by each Thematic Working Group. The session will be open to all partners as observers;
- **Thematic Sessions** (workshops, meetings, and presentations) proposed and organized by the partners of the Global Forum on Law, Justice and Development.

The day will be an opportunity for Thematic Working Groups (TWGs) and Communities of Practice (CoP)<sup>1</sup> to network, launch new initiatives, report on progresses or present final deliverables.

Sessions proposals may also address a wide variety of development topics—linked to the Sustainable Development Goals—where law and justice play a relevant role.

The Global Forum Secretariat is available to assist with, and coordinate partners’ proposals.

## Contact

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<sup>1</sup> For more information please visit [www.globalforumljd.org](http://www.globalforumljd.org); for quick reference check the [Progress Report](#).