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## HIGHLIGHTS

### Steering Committee Meeting

On February 12, 2015, the Steering Committee members discussed and approved the strategic direction of the Global Forum, including the [strategy statement](#), and the [action plan](#). Partnership management, communication action plan and languages of GFLJD activities were also part of the discussion. The next meeting of the Steering Committee is scheduled for May 15, 2015.

[Download Meeting Minutes](#)

### Vacancies for Steering Committee Representative and TWG Co-Leader

The Steering Committee invites expressions of interest from GFLJD partners for the following vacancies:

- Steering Committee representative and Co-Leader for the Empowerment and Equity for Diverse Communities TWG. Ms. Stefanie Ortoleva who has been co-leading this TWG since 2012, presented her resignation due to commitments in her role at Women Enabled International. Please submit your expression of interest to the Secretariat by April 15, 2015 ([mnicoli@worldbank.org](mailto:mnicoli@worldbank.org)).
- Co-leader of the Law and Economy TWG. Mr. Vijay Tata has resigned as Co-leader for the Law and the Economy TWG. Please submit your expressions of interest to the Secretariat by April 15, 2015. ([mnicoli@worldbank.org](mailto:mnicoli@worldbank.org)).

[View Co-Leader Roles and Responsibilities](#)

### CoP Legal Dimension of Education **\*\*NEW\*\***

In the framework of the GFLJD, the World Bank Legal Vice-Presidency, has proposed a CoP on the legal dimension of education. This is a community of practitioners interested in collecting, selecting, and tailoring information about international benchmarks, regional legal structures, case by case work on country data and leveraging partnerships with international and local legal institutions. The CoP will explore matters related to inclusive education learning from experience dealing with inclusion issues with respect to disability as a proxy for addressing the educational needs of other potentially excluded groups, such as street children, girls, indigenous groups, and minority linguistic groups.

[For Expression of Interest, please contact Aris Panou](#)

### Protecting Children from Cybercrime: Legislative Responses in Asia to Fight Child Pornography, Online Grooming, and Cyberbullying

This regional study pays special attention to: 1) analyzing legislative measures to address violence against children committed by, with, and through the use of ICTs in alignment with relevant international instruments; 2) presenting examples of good practice in a legal enabling environment for child online protection at a national level in compliance with relevant international standards; and 3) highlighting recommendations for strengthening the national legal framework to handle ICT-facilitated child abuse and exploitation amongst the 17 Asian countries analyzed.

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## mApptus, A Job Searching Platform **\*\*NEW\*\***

In today's world, there is a growing demand for thinking across columns. Moreover, it is increasingly common for professionals to wear multiple hats—a lawyer working in international development; an economist exploring policy concerns at a think tank; a banker-turned-government employee trying to enforce financial regulations. mApptus, a World Bank and Cornell supported endeavor, seeks to serve as an Exchange for Legal, Financial, Governmental, International and Policy practitioners that will (1) connect individual practitioners; (2) help those individuals promote themselves; and (3) facilitate the finding of those practitioners, both by those working in these fields as well as those looking for assistance in these fields.

[For more information contact info@mapptus.com](mailto:info@mapptus.com)

## Drivers of Corruption Second Roundtable

The ongoing Drivers of Corruption study, a knowledge initiative coordinated by the World Bank Legal Vice Presidency, held its Second Roundtable on March 24, 2015 at the margins of the OECD Integrity Forum in Paris. Among other topics, the Roundtable discussed ways to enhance responses to demand-side corruption and using integrity due diligence to enhance prevention and risk-management. The World Bank delegation included Maria Vannari (OPCS), Paul Ezzeddin (OSD), Howard Dean (INT) and Joel Turkewitz (GGP). Frank Fariello (LEG) chaired the Roundtable.

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## CALLS FOR PROPOSALS

### Law, Justice and Development Week 2015 - Submission of Session Proposals

April 3, 2015 is the deadline for submission of session proposals

The 2015 edition of the LJD Week is scheduled for November 16-19, 2015, in Washington, D.C. This year, LJD Week will explore the role of Governance and the Law in the social and economic advancement of nations, with a focus on the value of law in producing sustainable development outcomes.

LJD Week 2015 will also explore legal topics related to the Middle East and North of Africa Region (MNA Day) and to the World Bank Group and International Financial Institutions (WBG/IFI day).

You are invited to actively participate by:

- Submitting a session proposal, in line with the [Concept Note](#), by completing the Call for Proposal Form. Exploring innovative session formats, including TED-style talks, "Hard Talk" sessions, and other alternatives to traditional panel discussions is highly encouraged;
- Suggesting topics under the theme of Governance and the Law, MNA Day, and WBG/IFI Day that are of particular interest to you; and
- Volunteering to act as a facilitator for one of the sessions.

[Call for Proposals Guidelines | Form](#)

[Proposals, suggestions or questions can be sent to ljdweek@worldbank.org](mailto:ljdweek@worldbank.org)

### World Bank Legal Review

Proposals for contributions are welcome until April 3

Each year, the World Bank Legal Vice Presidency publishes the World Bank Legal Review, a publication for policy makers and their advisors, judges, attorneys and other professionals engaged in the field of international development with a particular focus on law, justice and development. With contributions from both legal scholars and practitioners, the Legal Review offers a combination of legal scholarship, lessons from experience, legal developments and research on the many ways in which the law and justice systems help promote poverty reduction, economic development and the rule of law. This year's Volume 7 is themed "Financing and Implementing the Post-2015 Development Agenda: The Role of Law and Justice Systems". The volume is also open to contributions on topical subject matters relating more generally to law, justice and development, or to the law of international organizations. This year's Editor-in-Chief is Anna Chytla (World Bank); Kevin Davis (NYU), Laurence Boisson de Chazournes (Geneva) and Yasitomo Morigiwa (Nagoya) and Frank Fariello (World Bank) are co-editors.

[Send Questions to legalreview@worldbank.org](mailto:legalreview@worldbank.org)

## WELCOME

## New Staff Joining the Global Forum Secretariat

Ms. Sophie Wernert is the new Counsel with the Global Forum Secretariat, seconded from the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs for two years. Prior to joining the Ministry, Sophie was a legal adviser at the OECD in Paris for 6 years working successively on peer reviews on the implementation of the OECD Anti-Bribery Convention, advising MENA governments on improving their investment policies, and providing legal advice on institutional matters with the Legal Directorate. Sophie also worked as an attorney for the French Institute of International Legal Experts (IFEJI).

[Sophie can be contacted at swernert@worldbank.org](mailto:swernert@worldbank.org)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Contract Farming as a Tool for Economic and Social Development

April 14, 2015, 2:30 - 4:00 pm, World Bank, Washington DC

IFAD, FAO, UNIDROIT and the World Bank Group will present a joint session at the IMF-WB Spring Meetings

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### Third annual International Conference on Legislative Drafting and Law Reform

July 1-2, World Bank, Washington DC

The conference will focus on how laws are written here in the United States and around the world at the international, national, and subnational levels. Conference speakers will include professional legislative drafters, academics, legislators, and judges, hailing from both developed and developing countries. The event is an excellent opportunity for a wide range of experts to meet and exchange knowledge and perspectives on a topic of great importance to governance: the drafting and reform of laws. The event is co-organized by the Federal Bar Association, the International Judicial Academy, the International Journal of Legislative Drafting & Law Reform, the Global Forum on Law, Justice & Development, and the World Bank Legal Vice-Presidency.

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### Global Law and Governance (GLG) Summer School

July 20-24, 2015, Legrainia, Greece

An EPLO Event

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### Session 2015 of the Academy of European Public Law

August 24 to September 13, 2015, Sounion, Athens

An EPLO Event

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### Courses at the Program International Organizations, Law and Diplomacy

Summer 2015, Washington

A PIOLD Event

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