



Ethical Business Practices in Times of Pandemic: Exploring Gold Standards of Engagement

24 September 2020 - 14.00-15.30 (GMT+7)

Advocates for International Development (A4ID) is hosting a panel session on 'Ethical Business Practices in Times of Pandemic: Exploring Gold Standards of Engagement' at the inaugural Asia Pro Bono Virtual Conference and Access to Justice Exchange (APBVC & A2J Exchange).

Unemployment is set to rise due to the economic slowdown internationally. Many big businesses are closing operations, which means a huge part of the South Asian population engaged in manufacturing will suffer. In these times, we need to reflect on what the best business practices are. As pro bono lawyers, what obligations do we pin on our clients, as well as the buyers? What are the possible reforms in practice and law, nationally and internationally, that need to be considered? In this panel session, A4ID will share its strategies to promote responsible business practices and actively engage lawyers to drive change and achieve gold standards.

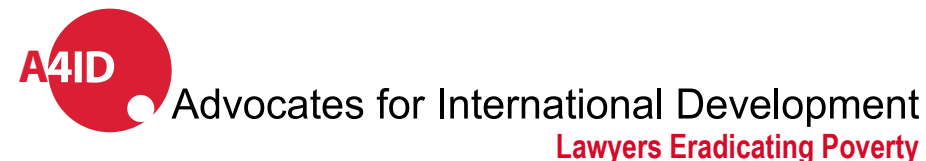
Panellists:

- Vishavjeet Chaudhary, Project Lead – South Asia, A4ID (Moderator)
- [Preece Rohan](#), Business and Human Rights Manager, Traidcraft India
- [Jayshree Satpute](#), Co-Founder, Nazdeek
- [Joe Tan](#), Pro Bono Legal Services Manager, A4ID
- [Patrick Karanja](#), Project Lead – Africa, A4ID
- Lawyer specialised in business and human rights, international law firm (TBC)

Registration

To attend any of the sessions taking place during the APBVC & A2J Exchange you must register by 16 September 2020 at: www.probonoconference.org.

Once you have registered for the conference, please contact roleuk@a4id.org to secure your place for this session.



About A4ID

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A4ID's Rule of Law Expertise (ROLE UK) Programme, works to strengthen the rule of law in developing countries by supporting partnerships to provide high-quality pro bono legal and judicial expertise. Through this Programme A4ID has facilitated a number of impactful activities across Asia, including supporting a partnership between iProbono and the Law and Policy Forum for Social Justice to promote economic, social and cultural rights in Nepal.



Human Rights, SDGs and COVID-19: A Truly Testing Tryst



25 September 2020 - 16.00-17.30 (GMT+7)

Advocates for International Development (A4ID) is hosting a panel session on 'Human Rights, SDGs and COVID-19: A Truly Testing Tryst' at the inaugural Asia Pro Bono Virtual Conference and Access to Justice Exchange (APBVC & A2J Exchange).

Human rights law recognises that there are limits to freedom in the face of emergencies. How do we strike a balance? Some have argued that restriction of movement during the pandemic and punishments associated with breaching such restrictions are prima facie violations of human rights. This panel session will examine the threats that the COVID-19 crisis presents to human rights, access to justice and progress towards the UN Sustainable Development Goals. Panellists will discuss how the legal community can work together to build a sustainable future, where individual freedom, accessible healthcare and human dignity is ensured.

Panellists:

- [Yasmin Battiwala](#), Chief Executive, A4ID (Moderator)
- [Adrienne Joy](#), ROLE UK Programme Technical Expert, A4ID
- [Maja Daruwala](#), Senior Adviser, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative
- [Barun Ghimire](#), Legal Analyst iProbono / Program Manager Law and Policy Forum for Social Justice
- [Naomi Cantor](#), Learning & Development Officer, A4ID

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Development Tools for Strategic Pro Bono Workshop

26 September 2020 - Part 1: 14.00 – 15.30 (GMT+7) | Part 2: 16.00 – 17.30 (GMT+7)

Advocates for International Development (A4ID) is delivering a two-part workshop on 'Development Tools for Strategic Pro Bono' at the inaugural Asia Pro Bono Virtual Conference and Access to Justice Exchange (APBVC & A2J Exchange).

This interactive virtual workshop will use practical case studies to introduce participants to tools for the planning, delivery and monitoring of legal pro bono assistance in a development context. These tools, widely used in the development sector, include political-economy analysis, the COM-B model of behaviour change analysis, and developing a theory of change. Together the tools ensure legal and judicial specialists are able to analyse the factors contributing to visible justice problems and articulate the logic and rationale behind their selected activities.

The virtual workshop is designed to give an insight to how legal and judicial specialists can practically use their expertise to contribute to the sustainable development agenda. This workshop will be limited to 30 participants.

Trainers:

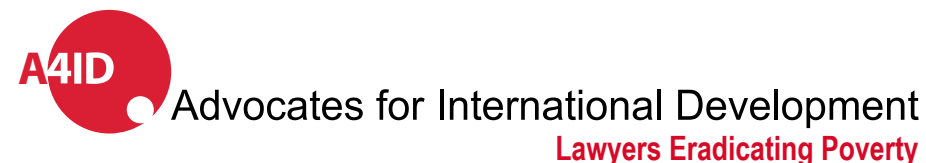
- [Adrienne Joy](#), ROLE UK Programme Technical Expert, A4ID
- [Abshir Weli](#), ROLE UK Programme Coordinator, A4ID
- [Hannah Bowley](#), ROLE UK Programme Technical Specialist, A4ID
- [Joely Thomas](#), Monitoring & Evaluation Officer, A4ID

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Once you have registered for the conference, to secure your place for the workshop:

- Please email roleuk@a4id.org by 20 September 2020 with your name, organisation and brief summary (100 words) of why you would like to join the workshop.
- Places on the workshop will be assigned on a first response basis and your place will be confirmed by email on 22 September 2020.



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