

WORLD JUSTICE FORUM 2022: THE ROLE OF LAWYERS AND LAW SOCIETIES IN PROMOTING GENDER JUSTICE

**THURSDAY, JUNE
2, 2022**

4.30 AM - 6:00 AM (ET)

10.30 AM - 12.00 PM (CEST)

Virtual Event

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The Law Societies' Compact and Forum for SDG 16 cordially invites you to join us at the World Justice Forum 2022 for our session on the role of lawyers and law societies in promoting gender justice.

Our session will focus on the role of legal professionals in promoting gender justice, the effect that gender discrimination has on achieving access to justice, and the tools and global networks available to them. The Forum will offer language interpretation in English, French, and Spanish.

Our renowned list of panelists includes:

- Stephanie Boyce – President of the Law Society of England and Wales
- Julie Couturier – President of the Paris Bar Association
- Francisca Pretorius – Adviser and Head of the Commonwealth Office of Civil and Criminal Justice Reform
- Dr. J. Jarpa Dawuni – Executive Director of Institute for African Women in Law
- Ian McDougall – Executive Vice President & General Counsel of LexisNexis

Moderator: Paul Prettitore – Senior Specialist at the World Bank



See more details about the session in our pamphlet (attached)

You can register now at: <https://bit.ly/3BmLQQ3>



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WHY A SESSION ON THE ROLE OF LAWYERS AND LAW SOCIETIES IN PROMOTING GENDER JUSTICE?

The Compact & Forum chose to focus on gender justice and how gender discrimination is a serious barrier to access justice for all because hard-fought advances in women's rights were lost as a result of the pandemic. For example, a record number of women dropped out of the workforce to focus on childcare and family care in the absence of meaningful social safety nets; more women reported fewer earnings; domestic violence against women and girls intensified; and survivors of domestic and intimate partner violence were unable to access redress and courts.

Lawyers have an important part to play in eliminating systemic discrimination and exclusion, and protecting fundamental rights and equality of opportunity. As a key stakeholder in justice systems and a key implementer, they are well positioned to effect change. Through this session and its panel, legal professionals will have a greater understanding of their role in promoting gender justice, the effect that gender discrimination has on achieving access to justice, and the tools and global networks available to them.

HOW DOES THE COMPACT & FORUM CONTRIBUTE TO PROMOTING GENDER JUSTICE?

The Compact & Forum initiative seeks to bring together law societies around the world to fight for access to justice for all, promote the Rule of Law, and build institutions that are inclusive and representative.

Two important aims are to amplify the role of lawyers in promoting SDG 16 and empower lawyers to promote access to justice and rule of law for women. We will further accomplish this by launching a working group that was approved by the Forum's board to tackle Sustainable Development Goals 5 and 16 (the call for gender equality and the promotion of peaceful, just, and inclusive societies respectively).

WHAT IS THE WOMEN IN INTERNATIONAL LAW WORKING GROUP?

The "Women in International Law" working group is coordinated by the **Law Society of England and Wales**. The main purpose of the working group is to encourage law societies and bar associations to actively support efforts in achieving gender equality in the legal profession and promoting greater participation and leadership of women in the profession.

If your organization wants to be a part of this working group, as member or partner, this session will be the first opportunity to get an insight on the subject matter and the working group itself.

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