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## 2020: A Year of Mission-Driven Resilience

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*On this #GivingTuesday, we are especially thankful for our volunteers and supporters. Today we write to update you on recent activities and ask you to consider [a tax-deductible donation](#) to support the International Senior Lawyers Project (ISLP).*

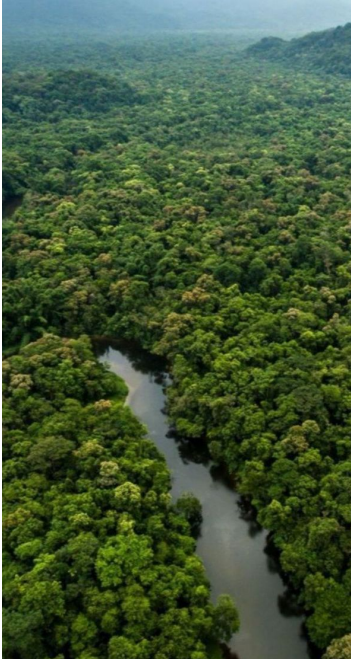
*This year has been extraordinary in all senses and the year ahead promises a new reckoning with economic and development challenges, particularly in the Global South. ISLP's pro bono legal support is more critical than ever to the reform-minded governments, civil society organizations, and social enterprises that we support in charting a course for sustainable and inclusive economic development and recovery.*

*Throughout 2020, ISLP staff and volunteers have anticipated, adapted, and responded to the law and development challenges confronted by our clients, often introducing new programming and tools to meet the moment. We are proud to report that, despite the travel restrictions and funding constraints posed by the pandemic, ISLP remains undeterred in mobilizing senior-level pro bono legal support on consequential development matters across the globe. Your role in supporting this work is essential -- and timely.*

*Your gift will directly support ISLP's mission of advancing just, accountable, and inclusive global economic development. **Well over 90% of ISLP's revenue goes to support our programs, ensuring exceptionally high donor impact.** Below is a snapshot of ISLP's recent work -- made possible by supporters such as you. Thank you.*

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Thus far in 2020, ISLP work has included:



## Strengthening Government Capacity

Despite the global economic crisis, ISLP has been expanding our support to governments in the Global South to better equip them to develop, maintain, and enforce sustainable development initiatives in line with international best practices. Through our ongoing partnership with the Connex Initiative, ISLP has continued to support the Government of Afghanistan in its efforts to secure renewable energy projects, and also is embarking on a high-profile project in an East-Central Asian country to renegotiate a large mining concession. ISLP continues to provide legal support - including legislative reform and model law drafting, negotiating complex contracts with foreign investors, treaty advice, capacity building, and more - to governments in East Africa, Southern Africa, West Africa, Oceania, and Central and South America. [Help ISLP continue to expand its pro bono legal support to governments.](#)

## Empowering Civil Society

ISLP provides legal support to civil society organizations (CSOs) in both Latin America and sub-Saharan Africa. Our strategic legal advice and capacity building supports local communities so that they may craft effective advocacy strategies to defend their rights, particularly in areas impacted by large-scale development projects. In the next few days, ISLP will host a virtual international convening of our civil society clients from six countries in Africa and South America so that they may exchange knowledge and insights, with the added benefit of international legal insights from ISLP and our pro bono volunteers. [Help us provide critical legal support to CSOs.](#)

## Supporting Social Entrepreneurs

In 2020, ISLP launched a pilot program with seed funding from Dignitas International USA to support social enterprises in Malawi that are innovating access to renewable energy and public health solutions. We hope to scale this program throughout Southern and Eastern Africa. Additionally, ISLP has been supporting social enterprises and investment initiatives developing climate solutions across the Global South. In the first nine months of the year, we provided direct legal support on over 20 matters that range from governance advice to project financing negotiations, in addition to developing tailored webinars directly responsive to social entrepreneurs' challenges in the midst of COVID-related economic crises. [Donate to bolster ISLP's support to](#)

[social enterprises working towards solutions to the climate crisis and public health issues.](#)



## Defending Freedom of Expression

Guided by the principle that accountability and transparency are fundamental to fostering sustainable and inclusive economic development, ISLP's Media Law Working Group has been tirelessly defending freedom of expression in some of the world's most challenging environments. Earlier this year we were thrilled to report that a Moroccan journalist, who had been arrested, imprisoned, and tortured - simply for doing his job - was released after a global outcry that included ISLP's own Dick Winfield detailing the case before the European Parliament and filing an *amicus curiae* brief with the Moroccan Court of Cassation hearing his appeal. Additionally, ISLP is pleased to be partnering with the Media Institute of Southern Africa's Zimbabwe and Mozambique chapters who are in their own battles to protect the rights of access to information and freedom of expression that their respective governments are restricting under cover of the pandemic lockdown. [Donate to protect the right to freedom of expression around the globe.](#)

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## Ways to Get Involved



## About ISLP

*The International Senior Lawyers Project (ISLP) is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit and non-governmental organization founded in 2000. Our mission is to provide pro bono legal assistance to governments, civil society organizations, and social enterprises in the Global South on matters that advance just, accountable, and inclusive economic development.*

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