

Updates from ISLP

ISLP Newsletter, September 2022 Edition



Share



Tweet



Forward

The ISLP team is pleased to share with you this brief summary of our recent activities, including:

- a webinar on freedom of expression and digital rights in Uganda
- support for the public health sector in Guyana
- team travel to meet with key partners in sub-Saharan Africa
- ISLP team and board news

For a deeper dive into our work, please visit the [ISLP website](#).

Protecting Digital Rights in Uganda

On July 28th, ISLP delivered a workshop for Ugandan lawyers on Defending Digital Rights and Freedoms. The virtual session was hosted in partnership with the [Collaboration on International ICT Policy for East and Southern Africa \(CIPESA\)](#), the [Centre for Law and Democracy \(CLD\)](#), and the [Uganda Law Society \(ULS\)](#). Moderated by ISLP's Regional Legal Advisor for Africa [Bridget Mafusire](#), the speakers from ISLP, CIPESA, CLD, the [Freedom of Expression Hub](#), and *Wilkinson Barker Knauer* addressed topics including human rights issues affecting women journalists in Uganda, using international freedom of expression norms in domestic courts, applying international law to defend freedom of expression, and shaping the legal framework for cybersecurity to effectively defend human rights. In a testament to the critical importance of the subject matter, the webinar was attended by over 80 participants. We are grateful to [UNESCO's Global Media Defence Fund](#) for supporting ISLP's work on freedom of expression.

ISLP assists Guyana in the drafting of a new Suicide Prevention Act

ISLP recently collaborated with the [Pan-American Health Organization \(PAHO\)](#) to contribute to advancing public health in Guyana and other countries in Latin America and the Caribbean. With policy guidance from the PAHO, ISLP volunteers from *Hogan Lovells*

drafted a new suicide prevention act for the Guyanese Ministry of Legal Affairs. This model is under consideration in other countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Connecting with Partners in Zimbabwe and Zambia



ISLP team members held in-person meetings in Zambia and Zimbabwe for the first time since the relaxation of travel restrictions. Bridget Mafusire, ISLP's Regional Legal Advisor for Africa, and Sara Lulo, Executive Director, met with key partners, clients, and stakeholders including government, civil society organizations, bar associations, funders, and other partners.

Photo caption: Bridget Mafusire (L) and Sara Lulo (R) with Hope Chanda, Director of the Zambia Law Development Commission

ISLP Team and Board News

ISLP Senior Legal Program Officer [Eniye Ogbebor](#) recently participated in the CONNEX Support Unit's preparation sessions for its High Level Forum, scheduled to take place in mid-September. Ogbebor presented a [paper](#) on the role of Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in infrastructure development. [CONNEX](#) provides governments with short-term, multidisciplinary negotiation support in mining and infrastructure, and is a valued ISLP partner on a number of recent and current projects in Africa, Latin America, and Asia.

Congratulations to ISLP board member [James Sandman](#), lecturer at the University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School and President Emeritus of the Legal Services Corporation, on his recent nomination as a finalist in the [American Lawyer's Annual Industry Awards](#). Among his many other volunteer roles, Sandman, who re-joined our board last year, is Chair of the American Bar Association's Task Force on Legal Issues Arising from the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic.

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 support to governments, civil society organizations, and social enterprises in the Global South on matters that advance the rule of law and just, accountable, and inclusive economic development.



Facebook LinkedIn Website

Copyright © ISLP 2022, All rights reserved.

For general questions about ISLP, send an email to: info@islp.org

For questions about donating, contact Melissa Eustace: meustace@islp.org

Want to change how you receive these emails?
You can update your preferences or unsubscribe from this list.