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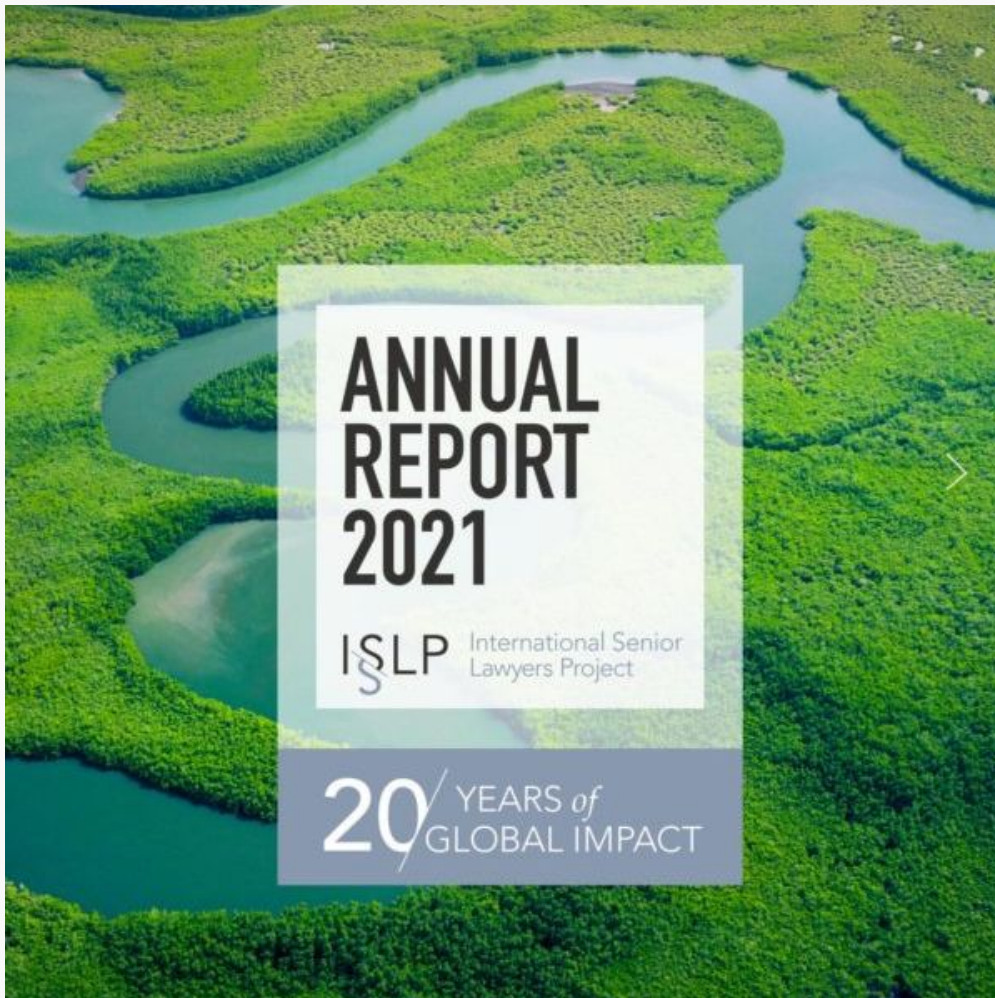
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ISLP's 2021 Annual Report: SDG Mapping and More

The ISLP team is delighted to share with you our [2021 Annual Report](#), in which for the first time we map ISLP's work to the [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs). The SDGs were adopted by all United Nations member states in 2015 as a "shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet." Through our programmatic work supporting the rule of law and just, inclusive, and accountable economic development, ISLP supports these important global commitments, as detailed in the [report](#).



ISLP Board Member Confirmed U.S. Ambassador to Panama

Enormous congratulations to Hon. Mari Carmen Aponte, who was confirmed by the United States Senate on September 29th as Ambassador to the Republic of Panama.

Ambassador Aponte previously served as Assistant Secretary for the Western Hemisphere for the US Department of State (2016-2017), and as the US Ambassador to El Salvador (2010-2016). We thank Ambassador Aponte for her years of service as an ISLP board member -- we will miss her! -- and we wish her the very best in this exciting appointment.



L-R, current and recent [ISLP Board Members](#) Tony Essaye (emeritus), Yasmine Lahlou, Hon. Mari Carmen Aponte, Russell Smith, Steve Schulman, Boris Dolgonos, Bruce Gilchrist, Tom Brunner

New Additions to our Team!

We are thrilled to welcome our new Program Officer for Civil Society Engagement, Rebecca Landy; Law Fellow Vlada Gurvich; and Communications and Operations Intern Saloni Javeri. Please see their biographies [here](#). They have already brought wonderful experience, energy, and enthusiasm to the team!

Supporting Open Government Partnership and Public-Private Partnerships in Ecuador

In collaboration with [Counterpart International - Ecuador](#) and supported by the US Agency for International Development (USAID), ISLP delivered a workshop on “The Role of Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) for the Economic Reactivation of Ecuador” on September 13th and 14th in Quito. This convening was part of a two-year project in Ecuador to support multi-stakeholder engagement in the [Open Government Partnership](#) (OGP) National Action Plan. More than 40 participants attended the two-day event led by ISLP volunteers from White & Case with other experts from Ecuador, Chile, El Salvador, Colombia, and the United States. Attendees included key representatives from the Ecuadorian government, such as the Secretariat of PPPs, the Ministries of Transport and Finance, the National Procurement Office; the private sector; international institutions such as the Inter-American Development Bank and the CAF-Development Bank of Latin America; and representatives

from USAID and the US Department of the Treasury.

Building trust between the government and the private sector is a crucial component for the success of PPPs; however, in previous years, tensions eroded trust between the government and the private sector in Ecuador. As such, the participation of key decision makers from multiple sectors provided an important platform for cross-sector dialogue, communication, and knowledge exchange.



L-R: María Fernanda Garcés of Universidad de los Hemisferios, Felipe Altamirano of the Secretariat of PPPs, Suzanne Perry, ISLP volunteer from White and Case, and Darío Herrera, Minister of Transportation.

ISLP Partners with IISD to Address Implications of the Global Minimum Tax

Last year, over 130 countries who are members of the OECD Inclusive Framework on BEPS (Base Erosion and Profit Sharing) reached a historic agreement to implement a Global Minimum Tax (GMT) rate of 15% for corporations. An effort to fight corporate tax evasion, implementation of the GMT poses unique challenges for developing countries. ISLP has partnered with the [International Institute for Sustainable Development](#) to study this issue and develop a resource that will assist governments in the implementation of this important global tax reform.

On October 11th, at the IISD's 14th Annual Forum of Developing Country Negotiators in Abuja, Nigeria, ISLP's Senior Legal Program Officer Eniye Ogbemor participated in a panel discussion on the likely effects of the GMT on investments in developing economies and possible policy responses. Stay tuned for the forthcoming IISD-ISLP joint publication: Guide for Developing Countries on How to Understand and Adapt to the Global Minimum Tax.

Correction

ISLP's communications team apologizes to our distinguished board member [James J. Sandman](#) for previous inaccuracy in reporting on his great honor of winning The American Lawyer's Lifetime Achievement Award. Congratulations from all of us, Jim!

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.



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