

International Conference on Sustainable Development Goals and Role of Business

Venue: Indian Law Institute, New Delhi

Date: Saturday, 8 July 2017

In September 2015, the UN General Assembly adopted a resolution entitled “*Transforming Our World: The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development*”. The 2030 Agenda – which seeks to build on the Millennium Development Goals – is a new plan of action for people, planet and prosperity, with 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In addition to states, business enterprises are expected to play a critical role in achieving SDGs. SDG 17, for example, specifically mentions the need to revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.

Against this backdrop, the Indian Law Institute (ILI) in collaboration with the Human Rights and Business Academy (HURBA) will organise an international conference in New Delhi on Saturday, 8 July 2017 to review critically the role of business in achieving SDGs. For instance, how should companies contribute in ending poverty and hunger, achieving gender equality, reducing economic inequality, and combating climate change?

The conference will provide an opportunity to scholars, judges, practitioners, policy makers, civil society organisations and business executives to share their insights on issues such as the following:

- Compatibility of SDGs with the rights-based development approach
- The business case for SDGs
- Relevance of corporate respect for human rights, under the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, to implement SDGs
- Indian constitutional framework and SDGs
- Role of NITI Aayog
- 2% CSR spending and SDGs
- Achieving specific SDGs
- Public-private partnerships

If you are interested to present a paper at the conference, please email a title and an abstract (max 250 words) of your proposed paper by 3rd July, 2017 to the conference coordinators: Shreenibas Chandra Prusty, Registrar, Indian Law Institute, New Delhi (registrar@ili.ac.in); and Surya Deva, Associate Professor, School of Law, City University of Hong Kong (suryad@cityu.edu.hk).