



INVITATION TO

**UN SDGS, AI, AND THE FUTURE OF
LEGAL PROFESSIONS: FOSTERING
EQUALITY AND ACCESS TO LAW**

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**UNITED NATIONS OFFICE AT
GENEVA: PALAIS DES NATIONS**

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priority access**



"More than ever before in human history, we share a common destiny. We can master it only if we face it together. And that, my friends, is why we have the United Nations."

- Kofi Annan, former Secretary-General of the United Nations.

"Without accessibility across the diverse tapestry of national and cultural boundaries, the law remains an unfulfilled promise. SCLA was born out of the vision to breathe life into this promise, fostering accessibility in the realm of international legal life. Our mission is to create bridges, not barriers, facilitating seamless international access to the advice and assistance vital for global commerce."

- Philip Hackett K.C., SCLA International Director of International Cooperation

INTRODUCING TO THE GLOBAL FORUM ON AI AND THE LEGAL INDUSTRY

Promoting Inclusively on a Global Scale for Meeting the
United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals 6, 16, and 17



A forum for promoting the use of artificial intelligence in the legal field to make legal services more equitably and accessible to the public around the world

The emergence of artificial intelligence (AI) is challenging traditional forms of practicing law. It provides an opportunity to revisit and address global inequalities in the provision of and access to legal services. To this end, SCLA is planning to launch an international forum with the goal of making the access to legal services more equitable for the global public. It will do this by promoting the use of artificial intelligence in the legal field, setting global standards, and improving and disseminating best practices.

We are bringing together the best minds and resources from around the world to find and innovate fair, effective, and sustainable solutions that unite AI and the legal industry. This will modernize and effectivize the supply of legal services. It means eradicating the barriers to accessing legal services through a global standardisation to ensure that everyone has access to fair legal services during the transformation of the legal profession enabled by AI. In doing this, we continue to implement and realise the work needed to fulfil the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals while protecting the public interest and encouraging innovation.

This significant undertaking requires experts in the fields of law and technology from around the globe to join forces and deploy the power of artificial intelligence to spread fair and just legal services to every corner of the world.





Inviting you to create the future together

On 26 June 2023, the eyes of the world will turn to the United Nations' Palais des Nations in Geneva, as we host the grand Geneva Global Forum on Artificial Intelligence. To this world-defining platform, we will invite experts in law and AI to discuss, in depth, how to promote the application of AI in the legal industry, set global standards for the application of AI in legal practice, promote international cooperation between lawyers, and ensure that the opportunities presented by technological advances benefits the global public in a more equitable way.

You are cordially invited to attend as a delegate and participate in this global event to share your wisdom and join in the project of creating the future together. Please reply to this invitation to guarantee your seat by visiting our website at un.scla.world, where you will find the form for registering your attendance.



Theme 1: Leading the way to global equality in access to the law with AI: Bridging lawyers and clients

In 2015, the United Nations set 17 goals for global sustainable development, to comprehensively address the three areas of development: the social, the economic, and the environmental. These goals are to be met by 2030, as the world shifts to a sustainable development path.

Achieving these goals will require the concerted efforts of people around the world. Currently, around the world, nearly 90% of people who live below the poverty line do not receive any meaningful help when faced with important civil legal issues. The reasons for this are many and intricate and they make legal services some of the most expensive and hard-to-access services in the world. Today, advances in science and technology offer new solutions: AI allows clients to seek assistance in a self-help manner and allows lawyers to reach a wider range of clients.

Theme 2: Using AI to catalyze legal innovation: Reshaping practices, driving efficiency and shaping a new future for legal services

AI has the potential to fundamentally reshape how the law is practised. It is changing the legal industry in several important ways.

In contract analysis, language-processing software can compensate for when the skills to interpret a contract are lacking. It also greatly improves the efficiency of managing a large number of contracts.

For litigations, AI-built machine learning models can predict the outcome of pending cases, speed up the strategy planning of court processes and settlement negotiations. They can also provide assistance in reducing the number of cases going to trial. Meanwhile, AI-driven data evaluation will prove to be a useful tool in the field of litigation financing.

Regarding legal research, a number of innovative companies have used advances in natural-language-processing technology to develop new platforms that go beyond keyword matching and can understand the relevant legal provisions and the differences between cases. This AI legal research technology is already widely recognised on the legal-industry market.



**Theme 3: AI as a
Double-edged
Sword: Risks to the
SDGs posed by the
use of AI**



Sustainable Development Goals

Some researchers have suggested that although AI could help achieve 134 of the UN' s 169 sustainable development sub-goals it could also hinder the achievement of 59 of them. For example, using AI can increase productivity. But it can also lead to a reduction in jobs, which could trigger mass unemployment, particularly among highly educated and white-collar professionals, thus disrupting labor markets and increasing social inequality. Changes are likely to be more pronounced in industries prone to automation, including the legal profession. In addition, those legal professionals in developed countries and developed regions, with access to greater skills and resources, may stand to benefit more from automation, which may exacerbate inequality at the global level, both nationally and internationally.

Global AI & Legal Charter

Theme 4:
Developing a
global AI legal
charter: building
a fair and
inclusive legal
service system of
the future



The core objective of this global forum is to frame the Global AI Law Charter for building a fair and inclusive legal services system of the future. SCLA will take this opportunity to advocate for international legal cooperation at the UN level. This will aim to advance the global legal profession through AI and ensure that it benefits everyone. We look forward to bringing wisdom and resources from around the world to discover and invent solutions for the application of AI in legal practice to eliminate inequalities in legal services.



From 1920 to 1936 Geneva housed the League of Nations at Palais Wilson

Forum Venue: United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG), Palais Des Nations

The United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) is located in the historic Palais des Nations, the second largest UN centre after the UN Headquarters in New York. The facility is an outstanding testament to twentieth-century architecture and is located in the beautiful Ariane Park in Geneva, Switzerland. Built between 1929 and 1938, to serve as the headquarters of the League of Nations, the Palais des Nations has been the home of the United Nations Office in Geneva since 1946, when the headquarters agreement was signed between the UN Secretary-General and the Swiss state.

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