# Communication of Engagement (COE)

# Chief Executive statement on continued support for the UN Global Compact

To our stakeholders:

I am pleased to confirm that Advocates for International Development reaffirms its support to the United Nations Global Compact and its Ten Principles in the areas of Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption.

This is our Communication on Engagement with the United Nations Global Compact. We welcome feedback on its contents. In this Communication of Engagement, we describe the actions that our organization has taken to support the UN Global Compact and its Principles as suggested for an organization like ours. We also commit to sharing this information with our stakeholders using our primary channels of communication.

Faithfully yours,

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Chief Executive

A4ID is an international non-profit with a vision that the law can and should be used for the eradication of global poverty using the law and lawyers in that fight We ensure that legal pro bono support is available to those involved in the fight against poverty and we provide those organisations with skills and knowledge to use the law as an effective development tool. This is achieved by bridging international law firms with projects around the world by matching legal skills with development needs. This role within the legal and development communities has provided a unique vantage point between both sectors to promote a sustainable development agenda. In its work, A4ID has observed how lack of access to justice and proper legal advice have significantly impacted those working to tackle poverty in all its forms. Legal institutions and governments, at times, even act as an impediment to development among the most deprived communities. This mandate informed A4ID's decision to join the United Nations Global Compact in 2016, as the vision and mission of UN Global Compact to mobilise stakeholders, to create a world of advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and its broader impact on society and promoting responsible business coupled with the ten guiding principles revolving around human rights, labour, environment and anti-corruption shape A4ID's broader activities and business/work culture.

Over the past 17 years, A4ID has been at the forefront of promoting and advocating for the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and latterly the SDGs through our Pro Bono legal services that act as a brokerage between developmental partners and law firm and corporate partners. Our ROLE UK Programme (Rule of Law Expertise) has been addressing issues of human rights, focusing on the rule of law, and biodiversity worldwide, especially in the Global South. We do this by adhering to the universal sustainability principles and steps taken within our organisation's policies, work culture and broader remit. For example, our Bribery Act policy promotes a good governance structure that supports ethical business practices as part of the global initiative of achieving a transparent global economy in line with **Principle 10** of **Anti-Corruption**. Likewise, the Volunteer Policy seeks not only to enhance human capital development in a sustainable way but addresses potential grey areas of exploitation associated with volunteering by providing daily general travel or lunch allowances for volunteers to ensure adherence to **Principles 4 and 5** of the UN Global Compact

Similarly, our flexible hybrid work culture following the COVID-19 pandemic has enabled us to collectively reduce our travel and adopt reasonable and responsible practices supporting the **Environment Principles 7, 8 and 9** in pushing toward the net-zero resilient economy of the United Kingdom. These policies and our mandate show our continued commitment to the United Nations Global Compact principles. While we acknowledge our continued support for the ten guiding Principles of the Global Compact, we believe that achieving the SDGs and promoting a social, sustainable and responsible business climate worldwide cannot be achieved without urgent action. And importantly that the legal profession can play an significant role in their achievement. This presents opportunities for A4ID to continue in its mission of using the law and educating lawyers on how to eradicate poverty and achieve all SDGs and targets before the 2030 deadline.

# A Description of Practical Actions in Support of the UN Global Compact:

In the past two years (2021-2022), A4ID embarked on numerous practical actions through its various programmes, including Policy, Research and Learning (previously known as Learning & Knowledge), the ROLE UK Programme and the Pro Bono broker services in support of the Global Compact. All activities within these different programmes have been carried out in line with the Global Compact Principles of promoting **Human Rights, Sustainable Environment and Fair Labour**. Some of the salient activities during the reporting period are outlined below.

## 1. Learning

## 1.1 Workshops, Events and Trainings

A4ID delivers several training programmes each year, from multi-session courses to standalone workshops, aiming to inform the legal community about the SDG Agenda. Through these trainings, A4ID touches on the broader societal goals of the SDGs and promotes the mission of the **Ten Principles** of the Global Compact including Human Rights, Labour and the Environment to our wider network. In addition, A4ID hosts an Annual Conference on Pro Bono for the Rule of Law bringing together experts in the legal sector and development fields, as well as assisting in facilitating various events.

#### 1.2 Law and Development Training Programme

Our Law and Development Training Programme aimed at legal professionals focuses on the nexus between law and development. To broaden the scope of the programme and address the ever-increasing needs of the legal sector, in 2020, the Law and Development Training Programme was expanded to cover all 17 of the SDGs, in alignment with A4ID's SDG Legal Initiative — a network coordinated by A4ID which seeks to reach every legal actor globally and impress upon them their role in achieving the SDGs. The topics addressed during the Law and Development Training Programme touch on all the UN Global Compact 10 principles centred on the issues of Human Rights, Environment, Labour and Anti-Corruption.

### 1.3 Business and Human Rights

For the past 13 years, A4ID has actively been involved in promoting responsible business practises and human rights in the East Africa. To this end workshops and training sessions have taken place in Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Burundi, and South Sudan, amongst others. We have been working in partnership with the East Africa Law Society as well as the Law Societies and Bar Associations in each of the countries in East Africa to deliver this agenda. Over the years, the focus has

increased to knowledge sharing around Business and Human Rights in East Africa, a key component of the Global Compact as it touches on human rights and labour (**Principles, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6**). Additionally, we have been working together with businesses in promoting the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights.

#### 1.4 Monitoring of A4ID broader activities

In the past two years, A4ID has improved its monitoring and evaluation of the broader impact of its projects and programmes in order to foster accountability and transparency which are in-line with **Principle 2** of the UN Global Compact. To this end, A4ID has reorganised its structure by creating the Policy, Research and Learning Team responsible for all monitoring and evaluation of its projects, research and policy work.

#### 2. Networks

A4ID's commitment to realising the SDGs has resulted in the need to develop and leverage our wide network of legal and development partnerships to address salient societal crises like poverty, illegal wildlife trade, and human rights abuse which are addressed in **Principles 1 and 2** of human rights, and environment, (Climate Justice)(**Principles 7, 8, 9**) and anti-corruption (**Principle 10**) in the UN Global Compact. Such partnerships promote collaborative and innovative approaches to the sustainable development agenda. Over the last couple of years, A4ID has partnered with various organisations to form networks focused on all or specific aspects of the SDGs, all of which relate to specific principles of the UN Global Compact.

### 2.1 SDG Legal Initiative

A4ID established the SDG Legal Initiative in 2019, with the aim of creating awareness, motivation, action and alignment across the global legal sector in relation to the sustainable development agenda. The initiative is spear-headed by a Steering Committee of 13 legal firms located in the United Kingdom and the USA, established in 2021. In its mission, the SDG Legal Initiative encourages responsible and sustainable business practice by partners, in line with the UN Global Compact.

#### 2.2 Debt Incarceration Project

Some laws enable creditors to incarcerate debtors in countries in both the Global North and the Global South. In pursuit of debt justice, since 2020 A4ID has worked with the Global Alliance of Legal Aid (GALA) to conduct a research project into this phenomenon of debt incarceration, brokering the services of leading law firms to assist with the project. The global COVID-19 pandemic and the resultant economic crisis arising from the Ukraine war have pushed people into financial hardship with many unpaid debts. Through the GALA project, A4ID is supporting advocacy to repeal debt incarceration laws in Burundi, Kenya, Tanzania, India, Indonesia and Uganda. Thus, addressing this gross abuse of human rights across these countries thereby addressing **Principles 1, and 2** of the UN Global Compact.

#### 2.3 Law Students

The impact of A4ID is not limited to just law, policy and improving mechanisms that will enhance the timely attainment of the SDGs, but our impact is evident in our partnership with our

immediate environment and stakeholders, where we are building future SDGs ambassadors that will spearhead and champion the SDGs agenda and promote the spirit of the UN Global Compact in their future practice as lawyers.

## 2.4 KaZa Legal Expert Network Project

In 2021, with funding from the Foreign & Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO), A4ID established the KaZA Legal Expert Network Programme. This Programme aims to tackle illegal wildlife trade, and conserve and manage the Kavango Zambezi ecosystem in a sustainable way that is beneficial to the local community. We seek to do this by building a network of legal experts across the Southern African countries of South Africa, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Zambia, and Namibia that falls within the KaZa project region (supporting **Principles 7 and 8**). The network will bring together prosecutors and magistrates as well as other legal professionals, to provide peer to peer training by developing strategies to tackle illegal wildlife trade and protect biodiversity. We are at the very start of this Programme and our role will be one primarily of coordination in the initial stages.

#### 2.5 In-Country Presence

As part of its strategy to develop networks that will see lawyers and development partners supported globally in achieving the SDGs. A4ID has established and registered two offices in Nairobi, Kenya, and Delhi, India. In addition, A4ID has signed MOU with the East Africa Law Society and the Rwandan Bar Association as strategic partners in advocating the SDGs through pro bono. Undoubtedly, our presence in these countries will further expound our activities in the regions (Africa and Asia) by increasing collaboration for improved laws, policies and systems in these regions. We also have a presence in Rwanda focussing in providing pro bono legal assistance to organisations working with the poorest and most vulnerable people in Kigali. Thereby supporting the UN Global Compact themes of Human Rights, Labour and Environment as reflected in **Principles 1-9**.

## 3. Programme work

### 3.1 The ROLE UK Programme

The ROLE UK Programme, a FCDO funded programme of A4ID, provides technical support for international rule of law assistance. In doing so, the ROLE UK Programme has a strict due diligence process. This is to ensure that our partner organisations are those with integrity and are run consistently with the principles of the UN Global Compact. Below are some examples of key practical actions undertaken by the ROLE UK Programme that aligns with the UN Global Compact.

#### Death Penalty Abolishment Project

The ROLE UK Programme has worked with the NGO Reprieve across East Africa, Pakistan and Indonesia on a thematic project on curbing or abolishing the death penalty supporting the UN Global Compact theme of human rights as reflected in **Principles 1 and 2**.

### 3.2 Legal Pro Bono Rwanda

A4ID in partnership with Clifford Chance, through their Cornerstone Initiative launched the Legal Pro Bono Rwanda project in 2021. The Programme aims to increase access to justice for vulnerable

communities in Kigali and create a culture of pro bono within the local legal stakeholders to cater to the local demand for pro bono legal support (supporting **Principles 1,2, 7, 8 and 9**). In its first year, A4ID partnered with Legal Aid Forum Rwanda as a principal implementer and has established relationships with various legal stakeholders.

#### 3.3 Pro Bono Brokerage

The Pro Bono brokerage service has continued to support both legal and development actors in addressing the SDGs globally. The demand for our brokerage service has increased globally as we provide and support projects across Africa, Asia, and South America. These projects contributed towards all 17 SDGs and focused on varied issues, including promoting quality education (SDG 4) by Establishing the World's First Free of Cost International School for Refugee Children in Kenya, and promoting good health and well-being (SDG 3) by Facilitating the Ratification of a Pan-African Medical Regulatory Body, amongst others (supporting Principles 1,2, 7, 8 and 9). We have now worked in over 130 countries.

## 4. A4ID Culture

Internally at A4ID, we are a diverse cohort (gender, race and nationality) of employees and have policies and procedures that align with the ten principles. To ensure practical application of the Global Compact principles, A4ID policies are designed based on industry best standards and through a collaborative approach with all staff, aiming to review the policies yearly. The last review, amendment and update of these internal policies occurred in December 2022, with staff consultation occurring in February 2022.

We foster a work culture built on mutual respect, collegialities, professionalism, integrity, passion, and collaboration as embedded in our values, which align with the UN Global Compact principles. As A4ID expands its offices to Nairobi, Kenya (A4ID Africa) and to New Delhi, India (A4ID Foundation), we are aware that with this expansion, a robust policy framework within which we operate becomes even more imperative to ensure consistent adherence to the ten principles across different offices, cultures and nations. As such, our policies and work culture provide a framework to ensure adherence to the UN Global Compact principles, even where the local laws may fall short — in that instance, our policy takes precedence in guiding employee behaviour, roles and responsibilities.

# A Measurement of Outcomes or Expected Outcomes

In the past two years, A4ID's impacts on its overall objectives of using the law and lawyers in advancing and promoting the SDGs have been felt globally. While some of these impacts are visible (tangible) through formulating and implementing laws, policies and systems to tackle the SDGs and its agenda, others are not (intangible) but are processes or systematic. Despite this, A4ID's impact in this area is evident through its thought leadership and advocacy. Below are some of the impacts of A4ID activities through its different programmes of Policy, Research and Learning, ROLE UK, and Pro Bono.

## 1. Learning

# 1.1 Workshops, Events and Trainings Outcomes

In the past two years, A4ID has been actively involved in knowledge production and distribution through the organisation of workshops, roundtables, production of outputs, and policy recommendations. For example, A4ID commented on the draft UN GC 26 on Children's Ecological Rights (supporting **Principles 7 and 8**).

Despite the global COVID-19 pandemic A4ID hosted virtual trainings and workshops for the legal and development sector and did so successfully. These workshops and trainings have directly supported the UN Global Compact Principles. For example, some topics addressed in these workshops include Risk Management in Rule of Law Projects (supporting **Principles 2, 6 and 10**) and Equality Mainstreaming (supporting **Principles 1, 2, 3 and 6**) and Responsible Business.

Another important aspect of A4ID's mission is to communicate the sustainable development agenda and to amplify the voices of development actors in their efforts to achieve the SDGs. During the period of review, A4ID held its inaugural annual conference in 2021, inviting legal actors and development actors to learn and ultimately collaborate on the sustainable development agenda. Our inaugural Pro Bono for the Rule of Law Conference was held virtually focusing 'towards a more just post pandemic world', elevating the voices of those working towards sustainable development through both legal pro bono and in development organisations, with expert panel discussions on topics such as a climate litigation, international partnerships, strategic pro bono, the universal right to health in COVID-19 and the future of SDG 16. The conference therefore directly supported the Global Compact **Principles 1, 7, 8, 9 and 10**.

The conference was held over 2 days with six panels, two workshops and three break-time activities. There were attendees from over 30 countries and 125 unique organisations. Feedback from the conference was positive overall, including 'I was very interested in the last session, as an advocate I have understood well the nexus between pro bono legal technical assistance and international development' and 'the event was fabulous as it brought some very progressive initiatives despite the COVID-19 that ensured the rule of law work is sustained'.

This year our Pro Bono for the Rule of Law Conference was held on 20 March 2023. Focusing on 'Harnessing the Power of Partnerships' (SDG 17), panels addressed biodiversity and the law, the transformative power of South-South partnerships, the power of partnerships in advancing Rule of Law in East Africa, public-private partnerships in South Asia to achieve SDGs and closed with the launch of A4ID's latest Legal Guide – SDG Chapter 17. Attendees from over 40 countries participated in the Conference. The Conference therefore supported the promotion Global Compact **Principles 1, 2, 8, 9 and 10**.

Over the period of review, A4ID has actively participated in the Asia Pro Bono Conference and Access to Justice Exchange. In 2021, A4ID hosted two panels and ran one workshop for participants, while in 2022, A4ID hosted three panels and participated in regional round tables to improve access to justice (supporting Principles 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9). A4ID has also regularly participated in the National Pro Bono Week Conference in the UK, delivering our flagship presentation on 'Celebration of International Pro Bono' in both 2020 and 2021 and, in 2021 accompanied by the launch of 'Legal Pro Bono in the Achievement of SDG16' knowledge paper (supporting Principles 1,2, 7, 8, and 9). In the period of review, A4ID also delivered the 'Rule of Law in Times of Health Crises: Protecting Rights and Saving Lives' event in partnership with University of Edinburgh and Bingham Centre for Rule of Law (supporting Principles 1 and 2).

Through our participation and involvement in these events, A4ID hopes to influence and advocate for change in line with the SDGs and the UN Global Compact principles, particularly those that relate to human rights and labour.

#### 1.2 Law and Development Training Programme Outcomes

During the review period, A4ID's Law and Development Training Programme has provided capacity building and exposed earlier career lawyers and development partners to innovative and responsible practices for the SDGs to over 70 legal professionals. During the 2020 virtual format (due to COVID-19), we had about 30 to 40 participants per session. The virtual delivery of the programme has enabled us to invite renowned speakers from across the world to share their knowledge with early career legal professionals on their role in addressing the SDGs. It has also enabled us to reduce our carbon footprint collectively.

In 2021, again held virtually, we pivoted our offering to cater for the virtual format and began using an interactive learning website to deliver the content to increase participation, especially given we were catering to a smaller group than in years passed (about 30 participants). The structure of the programme is such that in exploring the SDGs, it promotes UN Global Compact **Principles 1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8 and 10** to a wide audience of usually early-years lawyers and development professionals.

Feedback received from participating lawyers has been positive. For instance, in 2021, one participant stated, 'I think understanding "how law promotes sustainable and inclusive growth" will help me to identify my role as a lawyer and to be aware of which action I need to take to promote and respect Human Rights'. Similarly, in 2022, participants indicated that they generally strongly agreed that after the sessions, they 'understood how the SDGs relate to my work'.

## 1.3 Business and Human Rights Outcome – eLearn Module

In partnership with East African Law Society, A4ID has held Responsible Business workshops covering various thematic areas to over 611 lawyers in the East African community. For instance, in 2021, A4ID and its partners delivered training on how the legal community can support the Kenyan National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights addressing three principles of human rights, labour and environment as reflected in the UN Global Compact ten principles.

Further, A4ID, through its office in Kenya, is currently developing the Responsible Business eLearn modules in partnerships with the Danish Institute of Human Rights, that seek to facilitate human

capital development by enhancing human rights and business and environmental cooperate responsibilities in the region. The modules will provide lawyers with the requisite skills, knowledge and practices of the United Nations Guiding Principles and frameworks on responsible business practice and human rights due diligence. Therefore, meeting 7 cardinal principles of the UN Global Compact which are **Principles 1,2,3,4,5,6** and **10 of the UN Global Compact**. This capacity-building course will empower commercial lawyers, in-house counsel and business leaders on responsible business practices in view of changing policy requirements within the East Africa community. At present, the module is targeted at lawyers in Kenya and will be extended to other East African countries upon successful completion of the pilot phase. Upon successful rollout, it is estimated that over 2500 lawyers from the East African community of Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, and Sudan will benefit from the business and human rights modules.

## 1.4 Knowledge Papers and Guides Produced

In the past two years, A4ID has been actively involved in knowledge production and distribution through the production of nine significant knowledge papers and guides that explore various aspects of the rule of law and pro bono in achieving the SDGs. A selection of these papers that speak directly to our commitment to the UN Global Compact and education around these principles, including:

- Improving the Rule of Law: A Guide to Risk Management, (supporting Principles 2, 6 and 10)
- <u>Peer-to-Peer in Action: A Case study of iProbono and LAPSOJ,</u> (supporting **Principles relating**to Anti-Corruption)
- Equality Mainstreaming in Rule of Law Strengthening: A Guide, (supporting **Principles 1, 2, 3** and 6)
- <u>Defining the Rule of Law: Improved Laws, Policies, Systems, and Practices, (supporting Principles 1 and 2 relating to Human Rights and Principle 10 of Anti-Corruption)</u>
- <u>Legal Pro Bono in the Achievement of SDG 16</u>, (supporting **Principle 10**)
- Value of Partnerships in Abolishing Death Penalty in Malawi (supporting Principles relating to Human Rights)

These guides become a reference point to advocates, students, academics and think tanks interested in the SDGs and responsible business. This is evident in the significant amount of traffic to our ROLE UK website, that is, 57219 and 69057, respectively, for 2021 and 2022.

#### 2. Networks

## 2.1 SDG Legal Initiative Outcome – Legal Guide to the SDGs

To facilitate the sharing of knowledge of the SDGs actions and provide opportunities for legal and developmental actors to take practical actions, A4ID launched its Legal Guide, developed in collaboration with lawyers, development partners and academics. The Guide aims to comprise of 17 chapters, each aligning with a different SDG, although, as it stands, A4ID has published 7 of those chapters. The Guide page on A4ID's webpage has had 10,000 visits in the review period (2021 – 2022). The Guide is a unique resource that provides a foundational analysis of the role that law can and should play in achieving the SDGs. Thus, each chapter within the Guide provides an overview of the relevant regional, national and international frameworks on ways the law could be applied to promote the implementation of the SDGs <a href="https://www.a4id.org/a-legal-guide-to-the-sustainable-">https://www.a4id.org/a-legal-guide-to-the-sustainable-</a>

<u>development-goals/</u>. Publication of the Guide chapters highlights A4ID's commitment to supporting all **10 Principles relating to Human Rights, Labour, Environment and Anti-Corruption** not just internally as an organisation but in our educative role to the wider legal community.

# 2.2 Debt Incarceration Project Outcome – extended reach and reports published

In 2022, the scope of the GALA Debt Incarceration project was extended to 35 countries and summary reports of four East African countries, (Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, and Burundi) were launched on World Consumer Day. Many of our global Legal Partners have welcomed this project as an opportunity to expand their pro bono practice to their regional offices, and our regional Legal Partners see this is an opportunity to be contribute to large global projects. The research work being done by the GALA network works to support **Human Rights (Principles 1 and 2)** and, in some jurisdictions, **Labour Rights (Principle 4)** where incarnation for debt comprises of forced labour.

#### 2.3 Law Students Outcome – Two research projects

In the past years, A4ID in partnership with City University law students have worked on two projects that seek to promote human rights in Nigeria and India. One of the research projects focused on **Principles 1 and 2** interrogating the conditions of female and transgender incarcerated people in various jurisdictions to help A4ID identify areas of future research and resourcing.

The other project focuses on ways A4ID could celebrate legal and development partners contributing immensely to the realisation of the UN SDGs through an awards ceremony. This second project highlights A4ID's commitment to not only adhering to and promoting the spirit of the UN Global Compact Principles but recognising those actors within our networks who are actively pursuing the sustainable development agenda and, in turn, creating a culture in their networks which upholds the UN Global Compact.

## 3. Programme Work

#### 3.1 The ROLE UK Programme Outcome

During the reporting period of 2021 to 2022, the ROLE UK Programme has facilitated partnerships in over 20 countries that cut across Africa, Asia and South America. The impact of the ROLE UK programme's projects is tangible and evident in changes in laws, policy and practical institutional mechanisms. The ROLE UK Programme work with Reprieve is an example of the work that A4ID is doing to support **Principles 1 and 2**, of the Human Rights theme and in actively seeking opportunities as an organisation to stop or mitigate human rights abuses implicit in arbitrary death row sentences. The impacts of the ground-breaking work between A4ID and Reprieve is outlined below:

- Malawi all 33 prisoners on Death Row resentenced; expect that the death penalty will soon be abolished
- Kenya resentencing guidelines project underway
- o Sierra Leone abolishment of the death penalty in 2021
- Tanzania roundtable of judiciary and prosecutors to discuss the pathway to abolition;
  expected that resentencing guidelines are soon to be drafted
- Pakistan Reprieve campaigned to amend the Narcotics Act to remove the death penalty as a sentencing option for drug related offences. Through efforts of Reprieve in conjunction with the European Union mission to Pakistan, the programme ultimately led

- to an amendment of the Narcotics Act, restricting the use of the death penalty as a sentence but not entirely removing it.
- Indonesia the Reprieve programme focused on highlighting the discriminatory way the death penalty was applied, disproportionately affecting people of colour, particularly Nigerian nationals. In addition, the Reprieve programme provided case work for two Nigerian prisoners on death row, liaising with the Nigerian Embassy and Indonesian authorities to be able to meet with the imprisoned persons and secure them adequate legal representation. Case work on this remains ongoing.

# 3.2 Legal Pro Bono Rwanda Project outcome – Legal help hotline

In its first full year of operation, the partnership between Legal Aid Forum Rwanda and A4ID has revived a free legal support hotline, which has been accessed over 3 million times. The legal help hotline assists individuals with various concerns, including those legal issues raised in all 10 Principles of the UN Global Compact in relation to Human Rights, Labour Rights, Environmental Protection and Anti-Corruption.

## 3.3 Pro Bono Brokerage Service Outcome – Increase in Development Partners & Projects

Through our pro bono brokerage service, we continue to meet the demand for quality legal services in the development sector. We currently have over 950 development partners, which has been increasing yearly, with their needs serviced by over 50 legal partners. In 2020 – 2021, despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, we successfully allocated 387 brokerage requests to A4ID legal partners and took on 84 new development partners. In 2021 – 2022, we allocated 537 brokerage requests to A4ID legal partners over 150 organisations globally covering 100+ jurisdictions. Projects that come into our pro bono brokerage service are very varied, touching on all of the SDGs and in turn, all of the UN Global Compact Principles as development organisations try to ensure compliance with best practice.

We have also coordinated Legal Health Checks for several development organisations to ensure they have a robust legal framework within their organisation. Legal Health Checks involve us commissioning a law firm to measure the policies and procedures of development agencies against frameworks that are consistent with the UN Global Compact Principles, thus ensuring that organisations that A4ID work with have the utmost integrity.