



## Guidelines for Guest Bloggers

### **About**

The Namati blog highlights the perspectives and ongoing work of leading practitioners and scholars in the field of legal empowerment. Legal empowerment explores ways of putting law and government into people's hands – an ambition underpinning efforts to advance justice throughout the world, whether under the banner of human rights, international development, access to justice, governance and accountability, or citizen's participation.

### **Guest Submissions**

We welcome submissions from guest writers that address key issues related to legal empowerment. Submissions should make a meaningful contribution to the global dialogue around practical justice solutions.

Here are a few examples of past guest posts:

#### **'Educational Strategies for Legal Empowerment'**

*Monisha Bajaj, professor at Columbia University, discusses how human rights education can contribute to legal empowerment and social justice, as revealed by a year-long study into the work of a legal advocacy organization. (June 28, 2012)*

#### **'Grassroots Strategic Litigation + Community-Based Networks: A Progressive Vision for Increasing Accountability'**

*Sukti Dhital, Executive Director of the NGO Nadzeek, describes how on-the-ground legal support to grassroots organizations engaged in social and economic rights advocacy in South Asia can enhance access to health and food. (October 25, 2012)*

#### **'Evaluating Legal Empowerment: An Initial Guide'**

*Stephen Golub, international development scholar, suggests practical ways to measure the effectiveness of legal empowerment, and offers his perspective on the challenges involved. (June 25, 2012)*

#### **'Reflections on impact: UN Special Procedure on extreme poverty and human rights'**

*Magdalena Sepúlveda Carmona, UN Special Rapporteur on extreme poverty and human rights, discusses how she collaborates with people living in poverty to achieve real improvements to government social protection programs. (March 10, 2013)*



### **Process of Submitting a Guest Post**

Contact our Media Associate, Bremen Donovan - [bremendonovan \[at\] Namati \[dot\] org](mailto:bremendonovan@namati.org)- with your submission idea or draft post.

Submissions should include:

- A **short author bio** including title, affiliation, past experience and/or areas of expertise, relevant research.
- If you haven't already joined the [Global Legal Empowerment Network](#), please do so and be sure to fill out your profile with image and bio. We will use the same image for the bio in your blog posting.
- **Attachments and links** to relevant past research, publications, and media articles. Please also include any links you would like to have embedded in the body of the post.
- If you have one, a **high resolution JPEG image** to amplify the content of your posting. Please ensure that images are credited and that Namati has the right to use them if properly attributed. Learn about [Creative Commons licensing](#) here.

### **Content and Style**

All posts should be unique and original. We welcome reflections on existing research or writing; full-length studies, reports, or books can easily be attached to the primary blog text. Blog entries should ideally be no more than 1000 words.

### **Editorial Policy**

Namati reserves the right to edit for style and factual accuracy.

### **Intellectual Property and Republishing Policy**

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We also welcome ideas for cross-posts, such as this [August 2012 post](#) from Leanne McKay, originally published by the International Network to Promote the Rule of Law (INPROL) [on their website](#). Such posts will appear with an editor's note crediting the original publication venue.