**GLOBAL LEGAL EMPOWERMENT NETWORK:** **CALL FOR NEW PARTNERSHIPS**

*Applications accepted on a rolling basis until* ***11:59pm EST on May 11th, 2016***

Namati’s *Global Legal Empowerment Network* is pleased to announce that we are seeking new partnerships with organizations using the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to advance legal empowerment and justice for all.

Over the last three years, more than 300 organizations in the [Global Legal Empowerment Network](http://namati.org/network/) campaigned for five justice areas to be included in the SDGs: access to legal services; access to information; participation in the delivery of basic services; legal identity; and rights to land and property. Thanks to these efforts, justice-related principles have been [successfully incorporated](https://namati.org/news/justice-in-the-global-development-goals-we-won/) into the new 2030 Agenda with Goal 16 committing to ‘access to justice for all’. To capitalize on this moment, Namati is looking to collaborate with civil society organizations who wish to use the SDGs to advocate for justice reforms at the national level.

Last year, Namati partnered with civil society in Kenya, Jordan and the Philippines to host [SDG Justice Meetings](https://namati.org/news/justice2015goal16impact/). These advocacy meetings brought together reformers in government and civil society to create national action plans for justice reforms linked to the [implementation of Goal 16](https://namati.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/06/Justice-2015-Briefing.pdf). In the Philippines, a justice section was added to their Development Plan. In Kenya, the group was able to push through the country's first Legal Aid law.

This year, we are looking to collaborate with new partners who are interested in working to advance justice through national reforms. This could be accomplished by collaborating to use the SDGs to advocate for new legislation which recognizes the role of paralegals in delivering justice to all, for example, or establishing a National Access to Justice Steering Committee with members from civil society and government. All project ideas are welcome.

**The SDGs:**

The SDGs were adopted by world leaders in September 2015, as part of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. Made up of [17 universally-applied goals](https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdgs), the SDGs help guide countries as they work to eradicate poverty, fight injustice and inequalities, and tackle climate change. Although the goals are nonbinding, governments are expected to take ownership by establishing national frameworks for achieving each goal.

When governments tackle injustice, they often focus on top down approaches that ignore those doing groundbreaking legal empowerment work. In doing so, they risk missing out on effective and sustainable solutions. We want to ensure that justice and legal empowerment are priorities in these frameworks.

**Eligible Countries:**

Namati is looking for organization partners in the following countries: Tanzania, Mozambique, Nigeria, South Africa, Uganda, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Indonesia, and Argentina.

**Partner Qualifications:**

We are looking for organization partners from eligible countries who:

* Are mission-driven and have long-term, committed management and staff;
* Have a proven track-record of effective advocacy in the countries in which they work;
* Are passionate about advancing access to justice and SDG 16 at the national, regional and international levels;
* Currently have, or would like to have, programs in place that are focused on improving equal access to justice or legal empowerment at the national level;
* Are well-trusted and have strong collaborative relationships with other civil society organizations and government champions in the countries in which they work;
* Will deliver this project in partnership with other civil society organizations; and
* Demonstrate strong policy or legal analysis skills and are keen on finding creative and effective ways to successfully advance SDG 16.

**Namati’s Partnership Model:**

We take our partnerships with other organizations very seriously and expect the same of our partners. We engage in our partnerships as true equals; each organization may play a different role, drawing on its unique experience and expertise, but all partners have an equal stake and voice. Our partners’ experiences directly impact our evolving understanding of how we can best advocate and support governments as they establish national frameworks for achieving Goal 16. Through jointly-produced publications, we will share our learning with Namati’s global network of grassroots legal advocates.

**What to Expect:**

In the course of our partnership, Namati will provide intensive technical assistance and a limited financial contribution (a maximum of $10,000 USD) to assist costs related (but not limited) to convening a national justice meeting and producing advocacy materials. Our partners will also be expected to contribute meaningfully to the partnership. Partner contribution can occur through the commitment of staff, finances, logistics planning, fundraising, and any other relevant resources to ensure the success of the joint project.

Namati will work with its partners to collaboratively develop project ideas, confront challenges, innovate solutions, and devise practical strategies to ensure that Goal 16 targets related to equal access to justice are successfully achieved at the national level. To this end, we will provide training and tools, co-create advocacy materials, and foster opportunities to network and learn from other Namati partners.

Joint analysis of the project and its outcomes will be used to advocate for further reforms and promote learning in regional and global spaces.

**Partnership Selection Process:**

This opportunity is only open to current and prospective members of Namati’s Global Legal Empowerment Network. Joining the Network is easy, free and open to all. If you are not a current member of our Network, please sign up online at [namati.org/join.](https://namati.org/network/)

**Partner Selection Timeline**

* **April 13, 2016**: Call for new partnerships distributed
* **May 11, 2016**: New partnership applications due
* **May 11 - May 20, 2016**: Application review, interviews with applicants
* **May 23, 2016**: Successful applicants notified
* **July 2016 - Dec 2016**: Project Implementation

**Application Instructions**

Please complete and submit the following application together with the requested additional documents to opepeters@namati.org no later than 11:59pm Eastern Standard Time (EST) on May 11, 2016. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis, however, so applicants are encouraged to apply as soon as possible.

**New Partnership Application**

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| **1. Organization Information**  |
| Name: |  |
| Date organization founded: |  |
| Is your organization registered with Namati’s Global Legal Empowerment Network? | □ Yes □ No - If not, please sign up now to complete the application www.namati.org/join |
| Please paste the link to your organization’s network profile in the adjoining box. |  |
| Address (city/province/country): |  |
| Region:(Tick all that are applicable) | □ Argentina □ Nigeria□ Bangladesh □ South Africa□ Indonesia □ Tanzania□ Mozambique □ Uganda□ Myanmar |
| Telephone Number: |  |
| Fax Number (optional): |  |
| Website (optional): |  |
| Twitter (optional): |  |
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| **2. Head of Organization’s Contact Information**  |
| Name: |  |
| Position: |  |
| Telephone Number: |  |
| Email: |  |
| Skype Name (optional): |  |

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| **3. Contact Person for Global Legal Empowerment Network Partnership (if different than above)** |
| Name: |  |
| Position: |  |
| Telephone Number: |  |
| Email: |  |
| Skype Name (optional): |  |
| Title/Role with Organization: |  |
| Are you individually registered with Namati’s Global Legal Empowerment Network? | □ Yes □ No If not, please sign up now to complete the application at [www.namati.org/join](http://www.namati.org/join) |
| Please paste the link to your individual network profile in the adjoining box. |  |

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| **4. Organization Background** |
| Copy and paste your organization’s mission statement or describe your primary goals. |  |
| What are your primary sources of funding? (optional) |  |
| Who works on your team? | □ [Grassroots legal advocates](https://namati.org/ourwork/paralegals/) (aka community-based paralegals)□ Lawyers□ Researchers/academics□ Specialists□ Students□ Other\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| Describe how you collaborate with [grassroots legal advocates](https://namati.org/ourwork/paralegals/). (Maximum 250 words) |  |
| Describe how you collaborate with other civil society organizations in your advocacy. (Maximum 250 words) |  |
| Do you collaborate with government departments, officials or decision makers? If so, whom? (Maximum 250 words) |  |
| Please describe a past success in your organization’s advocacy work and the activities used to achieve this goal.(Maximum 250 words) |  |

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| **5. Activities Related to SDG 16 and Access to Justice**  |
| What SDG 16 target(s) does your organization focus on? (Tick all that apply) | □ Promoting the rule of law and ensuring equal access to justice□ Legal empowerment□ Reducing corruption and bribery□ Developing effective, accountable, and transparent institutions at all levels□ Providing legal identity for all□ Protecting citizenship rights□ Ensuring public access to information□ Other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
| How long has your organization been working to address this target(s)? |  |
| What activities has your organization undertaken to help address the issue(s) this target(s) addresses? |  |
| Did your organization advocate for the inclusion of justice-related principles in the Sustainable Development Agenda? If so, how? |  |

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| **6. Project Partnership**  |
| Please provide a short summary of the existing or potential project you would like to achieve during our partnership. (Maximum 250 words) |  |
| Project Description: If you have an existing project idea please attach a description outlining potential activities and results (maximum 2 pages). If you would rather co-develop a project with Namati’s support we are open to this option. Please contact opepeters@namati.org for more information and we will advise you on how best to fill in the rest of the application.  |
| What is your timeline for achieving this project? |  |
| What is the proposed budget for this project? If you would like Namati to contribute financially to your project, please indicate the amount (maximum of $10,000). |  |
| How can Namati contribute to your project (i.e. technical support, training, etc.)?  |  |
| What financial and non-financial resources will your organization commit to this partnership?  |  |
| Please provide information on organizations you plan to partner with on this project, including, for each partner: (1) the organization’s name; and (2) the aspects of the project that the organization will undertake |  |

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| **Attachments** |
| Please attach to the email any literature showing your organization’s work that you think will help us to evaluate your application. For example your **2015 annual report, training manuals, research, or key publications.** |