GOALI Initiative

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A Presentation for FCIL-SIS
Liesbeth Kanis of Brill Nijhoff was working in Tanzania from 2010 to 2012 when she came up with the idea of GOALI.

In an email, she told me the following: “I felt a strong drive to make a contribution in a more sustainable way especially after I had seen first-hand the challenges academics, NGO’s and policy-makers face in a development context, and also the impact of poverty and social injustice, or rather a lack of access to justice.”

5 billion people around the world do not have access to Justice. This number was suggested at the World Justice Forum in the Netherlands, April 29 – May 2, 2019.
it’s really a challenge to get some of the materials we need to develop our jurisprudence to make our law clear. Having access to online materials would be of help to the whole nation.

- Starford Sharite, High Court Registrar, Lesotho
GLOBAL ONLINE ACCESS TO LEGAL INFORMATION

What is it?
GOALI’s Mission Supports the U.N. SDG 16 and its Following Targets

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 16
Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

- **16.3** Promote the rule of law at the national and international levels and ensure equal access to justice for all
- **16.7** Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels
- **16.10** Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms, in accordance with national legislation and international agreements
Eligible Countries, Areas or Territories

Group A: free access

Group B: Low-cost Access
Group A: free access

Afghanistan
Angola
Bangladesh
Belize
Benin
Bhutan
Burkina Faso
Burundi
Cambodia
Cameroon
Cabo Verde
Central African Republic
Chad
Comoros
Congo
Côte d’Ivoire
Democratic People’s Republic of Korea
Democratic Republic of the Congo
Djibouti
Equatorial Guinea
Eritrea
Eswatini
Ethiopia
Gambia
Ghana
Guinea

Group B: low-cost access

Albania
Algeria
Antigua and Barbuda
Armenia
Azerbaijan
Belarus
Bolivia (Plurinational State of)
Bosnia and Herzegovina
Botswana
Cook Islands
Dominica
Egypt
El Salvador
Fiji
Gabon
Georgia
Grenada
Guatemala
Guyana
Honduras
Iraq
Jamaica
Jordan
Kosovo (in accordance with Security Council resolution 1244 (1999))
Libya
Maldives

Group B: Institutions pay US$ 1,500 per year

1 New/Reinstated in 2019
Global Online Access to Legal Information

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What is available through GOALI?

Contents of legal materials include

- peer-reviewed journals,
- e-books,
- reports,
- databases, etc.

Subject areas are, e.g., private and international law, human rights law, labor law, environmental law, criminal law, law of the sea, treaty law, as well as social sciences.

GOALI provides

- 2,597 journals, 12,135 and 12,135 e-books.
- 2,471 of the 2,597 journals have current access.
- Sage, OUP, Wiley have the highest numbers of the resources in the total count.
A Few Example of Journals in GOALI

- Land Use Policy (Elsevier) v. 12 (1995) - current issue
- Landscape and Urban Planning **continues** Landscape Planning (Elsevier) v. 13 (1986) - current issue
- Language Policy (Springer Nature) v. 1 (2002) - current issue
- Language Variation and Change (Cambridge University Press) v. 11 (1999) - current issue
- Latin American Perspectives (SAGE Publishing (Journals)) v. 1 (1974) - current issue
- Latin American Policy (John Wiley & Sons (Journals)) v. 1 (2010) - current issue
- Law & Ethics of Human Rights (De Gruyter) v. 1 (2007) - current issue
- Law & Literature (Taylor & Francis) v. 1 (1989) - current issue
- Law & Policy (John Wiley & Sons (Journals)) v. 19 (1997) - current issue
- Law & Practice of International Courts and Tribunals (Brill) v. 1 (2002) - current issue
- Law & Social Inquiry (John Wiley & Sons (Journals)) v. 22 (1997) - current issue
- Law and Critique (Springer Nature) v. 8 (1997) - current issue

- Full access to this content for everyone.
- You must log in to have full access to this content through GOALI.
Who are the Providers of Contents?
GOALI’s Impact
GOALI program manager Richelle Van Snellenberg:

“Every month around 1,000 users log in to GOALI and I am very happy to hear that they use legal information to inform their legal research and studies, but also use resources from other disciplines such as environmental studies, management or psychology.”
Caroline Kobusingye wrote to GOALI:

“My university has got a law school, however subscription fees to law databases are very high. Therefore, GOALI helps to fill this gap.”
In a recent training I helped a law school student find articles on UN policy on human rights. The documents they were able to retrieve from GOALI were very good – the student was so excited.

- Onan Mulumba, Librarian and trainer, Makerere University, Uganda
"I believe GOALI will be very useful, not only for students but also for lawyers working on labour rights and gender issues."

- Ana Mercedes Reyes Landaverde, lawyer and Coordinator of the Gender Unit at the El Salvador Supreme Court
How Can You Help?

- If you are a librarian and know publishers with legal resources, let them know about GOALI and ask them if they can contribute their resources to GOALI contents,
- Use our promotional materials to spread the word on GOALI,
- If your library has its own legal resources or resources that are related to the subject area, discuss within your organization about contributing to GOALI contents,
- Please reach out to institutions in the eligible countries to make them aware of the GOALI initiative and its legal resources contents, *and*
- Join GOALI or other Research4Life subcommittees and offer support of training, promotion, technology or fund-raising.
Thank you!

Yuksel Serindag, Lillian Goldman Law Library, Yale Law School

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