“Law and Development” in Latin America and the Caribbean: World Bank Resources

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Agenda

- Institutional Context
- “Latin America and the Caribbean” (LAC) at the World Bank
- “Law and Development” at the World Bank
- Major Types of World Bank Resources
Institutional Context (1)

- 189 member countries
- Offices in 130 locations
- Mission
  - End extreme poverty by decreasing the percentage of people living on less than $1.90 a day to no more than 3%
  - Promote shared prosperity by fostering the income growth of the bottom 40% for every country
Institutional Context (2)

- **Roles**
  - Lending
  - Projects
  - Research/knowledge (where publishing falls)
- Work in many **sectors and topics**
- Focus on **developing countries**
- **Sustainable Development Goals**
  - 16. Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions

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Institutional Context (3)

- The World Bank Group
  - The World Bank
    - International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (BRD)
    - International Development Association (IDA)
  - International Finance Corporation (IFC)
  - Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)
  - International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)
LAC at the World Bank (1)
LAC at the World Bank (2)

- Antigua and Barbuda
- Argentina
- Belize
- Bolivia
- Brazil
- Caribbean
- Chile
- Colombia
- Costa Rica
- Dominican Republic
- Ecuador
- El Salvador
- Grenada
- Guatemala
- Guyana
- Haiti
- Honduras
- Jamaica
- Mexico
- Nicaragua
LAC at the World Bank (3)

- Panama
- Paraguay
- Peru
- St. Kitts and Nevis
- St. Vincent and the Grenadines
- St. Lucia
- Suriname
- Trinidad and Tobago
- Uruguay
- Venezuela

- Organization of Eastern Caribbean States
“Law and Development” Topics (1)

- Administrative and Regulatory Law
- Arbitration
- Banking Law
- Child Labor Law
- Contract Law
- Corporate Law
- Corruption and Anticorruption Law
- Environmental and Natural Resources Law
- Financial Law
- Health Law
- Human Rights
- Indigenous Peoples Law
- Infrastructure and Law
- Insurance Law
- International Law
- International Organizations
“Law and Development” Topics (2)

- Involuntary Resettlement Law
- Judicial System Reform
- Justice for the Poor
- Labor and Employment Law
- Law and Gender
- Law and Justice Institutions
- Law Enforcement Systems
- Legal Aspects of Project Finance
- Legal Products
- Legal Reform
- Private Sector Development Law
- Real and Intellectual Property Law
- Settlement of Investment Disputes
- Tax Law
- Trade Law
- Treaties
Major Types of World Bank Resources

- Focused Publications (also included in Repositories)
- Repositories
- World Bank Open Data
- Other Specialized Resources
  - Projects & Operations
  - World Bank Group Archives
  - Access to Information
  - Global Forum on Law, Justice, and Development
  - Doing Business Law Library
Focused Publications

- Women, Business and the Law (series)
  - 2019: A Decade of Reform
  - 2018
- Doing Business (series and subreports)
  - Subreports focused on LAC
  - Full series
- Latin American Development Forum (series)
- World Development Report 2017: Governance and the Law
Repositories

- **Documents & Reports** (330K+ documents, from 1946 to present; broadest set of public documents)
  - Ex: Browse by topic and filter by country (or region)
- **Open Knowledge Repository** (Official “open access” database of documents from approximately 2000 to present; focused on premium development knowledge)
  - Ex: Search law OR legal and filter by country or region
- **World Bank eLibrary** (tool-enriched subscription database)
  - Ex: Browse by region and filter by topic
World Bank Open Data

- World Bank Open Data
  - Free and open access to global development data
    - Microdata
    - Geospatial
    - Time Series
    - Other
Other Specialized Resources (1)

- **Projects & Operations**
  - **Browse**
    - By country
    - By sector (e.g., Law and Justice)
Other Specialized Resources (2)

- World Bank Group Archives
- Access to Information

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Administrative Manual Statement 1011: Management of Records

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Other Specialized Resources (3)

- **Global Forum on Law, Justice, and Development**
  - Partners include organizations and institutes from many LAC countries
  - Upcoming event
    - **Law, Justice, and Development 2019 Week: Rights, Technology, and Development**
    - November 4-7, 2019
    - In Washington, DC, at the World Bank Group
Other Specialized Resources (4)

- **Doing Business Law Library**
  - Online collection of business laws and regulations
  - Links to official government sources wherever possible
Questions?

Thank you!

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