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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO :** **THE DIRECTORS**  
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**FROM :** **THE UNDERSECRETARY**  
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**SUBJECT :** **INVITATION: WORLD JUSTICE CHALLENGE 2021**

**DATE :** **JAN 19 2021**

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May we refer the email dated 12 January 2021, from the World Justice Project – Engagement regarding the invitation for the Webinar “**World Justice Challenge 2021: Advancing the Rule of Law in a Time of Crisis**” which will be held on January 26, 2021 (Tuesday, 10:00AM EST).

Should you wish to register, kindly visit the link:  
[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/5216103815189/WN\\_TldYbKhdScSXPV\\_MsMbMLRg](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/5216103815189/WN_TldYbKhdScSXPV_MsMbMLRg).

For your information, please.

  
ATTY. JONAS R. LEONES

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**Webinar Invitation: Fundamental Rights & COVID-19**

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**World Justice Project - Engagement** <engagement@worldjusticeproject.org>  
To: Jonas <oueiea.denr@gmail.com>


Tue, Jan 12, 2021 at 9:57 PM

Dear colleague,

We are reaching out to invite you to our fourth and final World Justice Challenge 2021: *Advancing the Rule of Law in a Time of Crisis* webinar event next week. We hope you can join us on **Tuesday, January 26 at 10:00am EST** for a discussion focused on the COVID-19 pandemic, its effects on fundamental rights and non-discrimination, and recommendations to build back better. Details and registration information are below.

Best regards,



WJP Engagement team



**Fundamental Rights and Non-Discrimination in the COVID-19 Pandemic: Recommendations for Action**  
*World Justice Challenge Webinar Event*

—  
Tuesday, January 26  
10:00 AM EST

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**Fundamental Rights and Non-Discrimination in the COVID-19 Pandemic: Recommendations for Action**

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The COVID-19 pandemic is **intensifying restrictions on a wide range of fundamental rights**, which form a key pillar of the rule of law. This comes at a time when, according to the World Justice Project Rule of Law Index, more countries have regressed on their 'fundamental rights score' than any other rule of law factor over both the last year and the last five years. In addition to the dramatic effects of quarantines and lockdowns on freedom of movement and travel, the pandemic is affecting human rights in four areas of particular concern: equal treatment and non-discrimination, freedom of expression and assembly, right to privacy, and due process and the rights of detainees.

Co-sponsored by World Justice Challenge thematic partners **CIVICUS and International Service for Human Rights (ISHR)**, this discussion will focus on fundamental rights issues that have been raised and exacerbated by the pandemic. Panelists will also discuss recommendations for action needed to address underlying challenges, support an effective recovery process, and build back toward more just, rule-of-law-based societies.

The World Justice Challenge 2021: *Advancing the Rule of Law in a Time of Crisis* is a global competition to identify, recognize, and promote good accountable governance practices and high-impact projects and policies that protect and advance the rule of law in this time of unprecedented crisis.

## **Speakers:**

### **Maja Daruwala**

Senior Advisor, Tata Trusts and Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative

### **Mandeep Tiwana**

Chief Programmes Officer, CIVICUS

### **Tess McEvoy**

New York Co-Director and Legal Counsel, International Service for Human Rights (*invited*)

### **Ted Piccone**

Chief Engagement Officer, World Justice Project (*moderator*)

## **Fundamental Rights and Non- Discrimination Resources**

View Fundamental Rights and Non-Discrimination Resources on the World Justice Challenge 2021 website.

*WJP thanks all of its Challenge sponsors and partners.*

*Please note we are alerting you to this event because we thought it would be of particular interest to you and your work. Let us know if you would rather not receive personal invitations to other such WJP events or initiatives in the future by simply replying to this email. You can also sign up for our general interest email list [here](#).*