

## **Upcoming event: Women Lawyers' Skills Training, 26-31 March 2017, Kathmandu, Nepal**

Women Lawyers Joining Hands (WLJH) has partnered with legal experts from the Nepal Bar Association (NBA) and two international law firms - DLA Piper and Symes, Street & Millard to deliver six-day skills enhancement training for 60 women lawyers from various parts of Nepal, with different professional experiences, specializations and talents.

This is the second phase of the 2015 training for 30 women lawyers. The training curriculum was developed specifically to respond to the needs of the participants and covered *corporate and commercial law, professional responsibility and legal ethics, and challenges unique to women lawyers*. Read more about the 2015 training:

<http://www.newperimeter.com/blog/2015/sophie-devitt-an-incredible-energy-in-kathmandu.html>.

In 2017, trainers from Nepal, Australia, Canada and the United States will meet again to work with two groups – 30 participants of the 2015 training and additional new batch of 30 women lawyers. The first group will learn about the concrete topics they had identified as important to their further professional development: *intellectual property, arbitration, equality rights* and *advocacy skills*. The second group will focus on the subjects covered in the curriculum that was developed for the 2015 training.

This training is part of WLJH long-term initiative to support women lawyers in developing their legal practices in Nepal. WLJH mission is to ensure that women receive the same opportunities currently enjoyed by their male colleagues in the legal profession, such as access to international legal knowledge, professional networks, training and mentoring.

International and national lawyer trainers from DLA Piper, Symes Street & Millard and NBA will deliver the training entirely on pro bono basis, including by covering all travel and accommodation costs. Additional financial support is provided by the *United Nations Development Programmed in Nepal (UNDP)* and WLJH.