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instruments of *inclusive growth, social justice, and sustainable development* in diverse geopolitical contexts. The Dialogue situates Global South experiences within broader international debates on *development justice, digital inclusion, educational equity, governance innovation, and human rights*, while emphasising context-sensitive and locally grounded solutions. Bringing together *legal scholars, policy experts, development practitioners, international organisations, technologists, and emerging researchers from across 86 nations*, the Dialogue offers a truly global and inclusive platform to bridge *theory, policy design, and grassroots realities*. Through its association with Microsoft Learn and GPE, the forum further integrates perspectives on *digital learning ecosystems, education governance, and capacity-building for development-oriented legal systems*.

Dialogue Objectives

- *To critically analyse the role of law in shaping development trajectories across the Global South*
- *To promote South–South comparative dialogue on governance, justice, and institutional reform*
- *To examine intersections between law, education, technology, and sustainable development*
- *To explore legal frameworks addressing inequality, access to justice, and inclusive growth*
- *To provide a platform for early-career scholars and Global South voices in development discourse*

Dialogue Date & Format

- **Dates:** 19th April 2026
- **Format:** Virtual Mode

Key Themes and Sub-Themes

Participants are invited to submit papers engaging with the following thematic tracks:

1. Law, Development and Economic Justice

- *Legal frameworks for inclusive economic growth*

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- *Poverty alleviation and redistributive justice*
- *Informal economies and legal recognition*
- *Development finance, public policy, and regulatory design*
- *Trade, investment, and development in the Global South*

2. Education, Technology and Development Governance

- *Legal frameworks for education access and equity*
- *Digital learning ecosystems and governance (with reference to Microsoft Learn initiatives)*
- *Role of law in achieving Sustainable Development Goal 4 (Quality Education)*
- *Public-private partnerships in education governance*
- *EdTech regulation and digital inclusion*

3. Comparative Constitutionalism and Development

- *Transformative constitutionalism in the Global South*
- *Socio-economic rights and judicial enforcement*
- *Constitutional courts and development policy*
- *Comparative constitutional experiences in South Asia, Africa, and Latin America*
- *Rights-based approaches to development governance*

4. Access to Justice and Legal Empowerment

- *Legal aid, community justice systems, and grassroots empowerment*
- *Role of law in reducing structural inequalities*
- *Gender justice, indigenous rights, and marginalised communities*
- *Technology-enabled access to justice*
- *Legal literacy and empowerment initiatives*

5. Sustainable Development, Climate Justice and Law

- *Climate change governance and legal accountability*
- *Environmental justice in developing economies*
- *Legal frameworks for sustainable resource management*

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- *Climate finance and international cooperation*
- *Rights of vulnerable communities in climate governance*

6. Digital Development and Inclusive Innovation

- *Digital public infrastructure and governance*
- *Data governance in development contexts*
- *Bridging the digital divide in the Global South*
- *Technology for social welfare delivery*
- *Ethical and inclusive digital innovation*

7. Global Governance and South–South Cooperation

- *Role of international organisations in development law*
- *South–South cooperation frameworks and policy exchange*
- *Development partnerships and knowledge-sharing models*
- *Legal responses to global inequality*
- *Reforming global governance institutions*

8. Law, Society and Social Transformation

- *Law as a tool for social change*
- *Intersection of law with caste, race, gender, and identity*
- *Labour rights and development transitions*
- *Migration, displacement, and development law*
- *Community-led governance models*

9. Policy Innovation and Institutional Capacity

- *Evidence-based policymaking in development sectors*
- *Institutional reforms in developing economies*
- *Capacity-building through education and digital platforms*
- *Multi-stakeholder governance in development*
- *Future of development law in a digital age*

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- *Measuring development beyond GDP: legal perspectives on well-being and equity*

10. Human Rights, Development Justice and Inclusive Governance

- *Human rights-based approaches to development policy and law*
- *Intersection of development, dignity, and distributive justice*
- *Rights of vulnerable and marginalised communities in development processes*
- *Indigenous knowledge systems and community-led governance models*
- *Urbanisation, displacement, and housing rights in developing economies*
- *Public health governance, access to healthcare, and legal accountability*

Format and Presentation

The Dialogue will be conducted entirely in *virtual mode*, ensuring wide participation across regions of the Global South. Selected authors will present their papers in moderated academic panels before an international audience of scholars, practitioners, and policy experts.

Recognition & Awards

Selected contributors will receive:

- *Publication in the International edited Volume titled, “Voices of the Global South: Law, Development and the Quest for Equitable Futures” with ISBN 978-81-990503-1-0.*
(To be published and distributed across 15 nations, with international editorial and institutional collaboration.)
- **International Certificate of Presentation**
- *Best Papers to be Featured in the Special Global South Development Law Review Edition, 2026*
- **Development Policy Innovation Award** for impactful and actionable research
- **Emerging Scholar Award** for students and early-career researchers
- *Opportunities for publication in policy briefs, international blogs, and partner platforms*
- *Invitations for future international collaborations, conferences, and research initiatives*

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- *Selected works will be highlighted through international academic blogs, policy briefs, and partner platforms*

Call for Papers Timeline

- **Abstract Submission Deadline: 11th April, 2026**
(Abstracts should be between 250–300 words, clearly indicating the research question, methodology and relevance to the Conclave themes.)
- **Notification of Abstract Selection: 12th April, 2026**
(Selected authors will be notified via email and invited to submit full papers.)
- **Full Paper Submission Deadline: 17th April, 2026**
(Full-length papers should be 3,000–4,000 words and follow the Conclave's *Submission Guidelines*.)
- **Presentation Confirmation by Authors: 18th April, 2026**
(Selected participants must confirm attendance and complete registration.)
- **Date of Conference: 19th April, 2026**

Abstract Submission Form: <https://forms.gle/sJQMkiyEtDa9Jcv49>

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Submission Guidelines

Categories:

- Research Article: 3,000 to 6,000 words
- Policy Paper / Legislative Analysis: 3,000 to 5,000 words
- Case Studies / Legal Commentaries: 2,000 to 4,000 words

Format and Structure:

- **Font:** Times New Roman
- **Body Text:** 12pt, Justified Alignment
- **Headings:** 14pt, Centre Alignment
- **Subheadings:** 13pt
- **Footnotes:** 10pt, Left Alignment
- **Citation Style:** Bluebook 21st Edition
- **Spacing:** 1.5
- **Language:** English only

Abstract: Each submission must include a concise abstract not exceeding **300 words** summarising the core ideas of the paper with 5 keywords.

Originality:

- Submissions must be entirely original and unpublished.
 - Plagiarism should not exceed **10%**, and **AI-generated content is not allowed**.
- Submissions violating these guidelines will be rejected.

Co-Authorship: Papers may have up to **two authors**.

Review Process:

- A **two-stage internal review** will assess submissions.
- Authors may be required to revise their papers based on feedback regarding content, structure, or formatting.

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- Present your research at a premier international dialogue dedicated to law, development, and justice across the Global South.
- Engage with leading scholars, policymakers, development practitioners, international organisations, and technology experts from 86 nations.
- Be published in an International Edited Volume titled, “Voices of the Global South: Law, Development and the Quest for Equitable Futures”, Co-curated with Microsoft Learn and the Global Partnership for Education (GPE).
- Contribute to critical Global South debates on development governance, education equity, digital inclusion, and sustainable justice frameworks.
- Gain recognition through international presentation certification, awards, and publication opportunities.
- Enhance your academic visibility, policy engagement, and global professional network.

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