

## INVITATION TO THE PRESS

*Public launch of the Report of the Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor:*

**‘Making the Law Work for Everyone’,  
Monday May 25<sup>th</sup>, 13.00 hrs., Peace Palace, The Hague.**

**Madeleine K. Albright**, co-chair of the Commission and former U.S. Secretary of State and **Lloyd Axworthy**, Member of the Commission and former Canadian Foreign Minister, will deliver keynote addresses on “Making the Law Work for Everyone”.

**Fiona Campbell**, Radio Netherlands Worldwide, will moderate a discussion on the policy implications of the Report, featuring **Mr. Olav Kjørven**, Director Bureau of Development Policy of the United Nations Development Programme.

**Mr. Jozias van Aartsen** – the Mayor of The Hague - will provide welcoming remarks.

The Commission on Legal Empowerment of the Poor aims to make legal protection and economic opportunity not the privilege of the few but the right of all. Awareness of the importance of legal empowerment in the fight against poverty is growing rapidly. What can The Hague - the world’s legal capital – contribute to the emerging Legal Empowerment Agenda?

Alongside presentations by Former U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright and former Canadian Foreign Minister **Lloyd Axworthy** remarks will be delivered by prominent international experts and policy makers in this field.

The launch-event is a part of a full-day seminar during which selected experts will debate the role of Legal Empowerment in today’s world. The public event is part of this one day seminar and will commence at 13.30 hrs at the **Academy Hall** of the **Peace Palace, Carnegieplein 2, 2517 KJ, The Hague** on Monday 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **Invitation**

You are cordially invited to attend the public launch of the report ‘Making the Law work for Everyone’.

The Hague Academic Coalition hosts the meeting in partnership with:

- the Hague Institute for the Internationalisation of Law.
- United Nations Development Programme.
- Tilburg Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies of Civil Law and Conflict Resolution Systems, Tilburg University.
- the Institute for Social Studies
- the Center for International Legal Cooperation