

InternetBar.org (IBO)  
Building the Justice Layer of the Internet

In the past few decades, justice systems have failed to adapt to rapid technological advancements of contemporary society. Since 2005, IBO has been creating a worldwide justice system that operates in harmony with land-based legal systems to contribute to global poverty alleviation efforts. IBO has worked tirelessly toward achieving this vision by organizing a global movement using music, documentaries, publications, concerts, legal empowerment networks, and both long term projects and use cases to become a multidisciplinary effort to create access to justice and economic opportunity for disadvantaged people (primarily women and children) in developing and transitional countries.

Our key innovation has been to bring self-empowering solutions which allow our clients to build sustainable e-commerce businesses that will reach the global marketplace.

One of our projects, PeaceTones® was started in 2008 at the Institute for Global Leadership at Tufts University, to provide musicians in conflict, post-conflict or impoverished areas with access to economic and legal resources through digital platforms. PeaceTones® mentors have trained and educated musicians, artists, and entrepreneurs from conflict zones and impoverished communities in countries around the world in their legal rights and facilitated their access to international markets through innovative internet-based activities.

By 2016, a new technology in the field of digital identity started to mature, self-sovereign identity (SSI). Integrating the emerging technologies of blockchain, AI applications and cryptocurrency, SSI displayed an ability to create a distributed network of individuals and entities working to create a Free Market opportunity for the marginalized populations of the world. IBO saw this technology as a way to build a legal framework around digital identity for the dispossessed. The legal framework which we researched and published about extensively framed digital identity as a key governance opportunity to assure access to justice by opening global opportunity with digital skills training and new markets. Our first use case is the “Invisibles” project in Bangladesh with Rohingya refugees where we traveled and established a key relationship with our local partner, JAAGO. Our second use case built upon our finding in Bangladesh that our digital identity platform would need a way for our clients to be able to self-authenticate their ‘reputation’, their skills, and to be able to obtain trusted verification of any portfolio of work or training they have. This use case is called BEE1World. It is based in Lusaka, Zambia and Austin, TX and has been in operation online since March, 2020.

Most recently, earlier this week, IBO convened the inaugural Summit to Build the Justice Layer, which brought together the leadership of the internet identity community ([www.internetidentityworkshop.org](http://www.internetidentityworkshop.org) and [Sovrin.org](http://Sovrin.org)), the human rights community (<https://www.the-trebuchet.org/> and the American Bar Association Center for Human Rights) and the legal technology/rule of law community ([www.worldjusticeproject.org](http://www.worldjusticeproject.org) and [www.worldlegalsummit.org](http://www.worldlegalsummit.org)). Our motivating mission is to catalyze our Bee1World use case to become the leading global project to implement SDG 16.9 “Identity for All”. SSI is the portal for Identity and Justice for All.

(IBO) is seeking support for the next phase of Bee1 World Initiative to bring to scale its open world marketplace based on the design and proof of concept of an open-source “Justice Layer” of the internet to make accessible to our clients global marketplaces as long as they have access to a mobile device and a secure and trusted digital identity. With global standards which we are developing with our partners, we will lay the foundation for a fair trade e-marketplace and to catalyze a youth-led movement to empower communities everywhere.

Working with our partners in Lusaka and Texas as well as with our partner Questscope, our clients will gain digital identities which provide digital skills certificates which they will be trusted and will be able to use in an e-marketplace. Using blockchain technology and AI to ethically organize the massive amount of data which will be created in order to match our clients with work opportunities, we will initially focus on working with the both Questscope in Jordan and Syria and with the Media Network for Child’s Rights and Development and their chapters in several African countries.

Because of the newness of systems of verifiable online identities, research is necessary in this phase to determine how to incorporate AI technology into the determination of the trustworthiness of the data attributes supplied by individuals regarding their skills, as well as how the matching with job opportunities takes place. Ultimately, every person on earth will have access to this opportunity with this new identity. And they will want to use it to interact with others both socially and in e-marketplaces. Building the legal frameworks which will only be accessible by someone with a verified online identity required for properly governing how the technology will be used to support fair access for all.

Bee1 World’s first such legal framework will be for fair trade music and documentary videos to support our original vision for PeaceTones®. Concerts, music and documentary videos are planned to support the Bee1 World movement as a sustainable means of bringing Justice (economic, social and legal) for All citizens of our world.