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Winner Innovating Justice Award 2011: Facilitadores Judiciales

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During the 2011 Law of the Future Conference on June 23, jury president mr Hassane Cisse - Deputy General Counsel, Knowledge and Research of World Bank group, announced the winner of the Innovating Justice Award 2011.

The winner was determined according to the following criteria:

- ▣ Rank by number of votes
- ▣ Rank by points given by each jury member for the answers to all 16 questions of the Innovation Model
- ▣ Rank from each member of the jury

The jury highlighted that *Judicial Facilitators* have been broadly implemented in four countries: Nicaragua, Guatemala, Panama and Paraguay, which makes it truly unique. Judicial Facilitators bring justice to people who would otherwise be excluded from the system due to practical barriers. Reaching more than 3 million underprivileged people is a great accomplishment but it could only be the beginning. A system involving the population in the justice system, bridges the gap that so often exists between the formal legal system and true justice for those who need it most. The voluntary contribution of the Facilitators contributes to the much needed democratic governability.

Hassane Cisse: 'This kind of service could be implemented in many more countries all over the world, reaching out to millions of people. But somebody had to have the courage to start with the idea and develop it. We know that it took blood sweat and tears to get to the point where you are now. That is the true work of innovators. It is often difficult to see ahead what the result of planting a seed can be. In the case of the Judicial Facilitators we see proven success but potentially an even more successful future.'

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