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# WELL-BEING

**JUDICIAL WELL-BEING AND ITS IMPLICATIONS  
FOR ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND JUDICIAL  
INTEGRITY: EXPERIENCES AND NEW CHALLENGES  
ARISING FROM THE GLOBAL PANDEMIC**

**21 MAY 2021 | 13:10 - 14:00 CEST**



# About the Event

This session will explore the topic of judicial well-being and will shed light on the negative implications that the lack of judicial well-being might have for the delivery of justice and access to justice, including in light of the ongoing global pandemic.

In accordance with the universally recognized Bangalore Principles of Judicial Conduct, judges are expected to abide by the values of independence, impartiality, integrity, propriety, equality, competence and diligence. In order to carry out judicial duties effectively and in line with these fundamental values, it is important that judges possess and maintain physical and mental well-being.

Holding a judicial position can be extremely stressful, demanding and isolating. Realizing that any wrong decision might have serious consequences in relation to individuals' rights and the rule of law, judges carry a great amount of responsibility. Moreover, judges are faced with heavy workloads, tight schedules, outside pressures and often unfounded criticism.

All of this can take its toll on the physical and mental well-being of judges, which is not only harmful to judges, but can have a detrimental effect on public trust and access to justice. Moreover, judicial well-being impacts the performance and the quality of judicial decision-making.

The global pandemic has only made the topic more pressing as it has caused additional emotional and physical burdens on judges and has created new challenges to the functioning of the judiciary.

Drawing on the experiences of various judiciaries from across the world, the session will discuss strategies that judiciaries could implement to provide the necessary support to judges to handle the difficulties that accompany their work and life as judges. Overall, the session will advocate for increased attention to the topic of judges' resilience and well-being as one of the areas closely linked to judicial integrity and access to justice.

## ACCESS EVENT