



## **GFI and Ciudad Saludable's New Partnership, Peru**

In partnership with [Ciudad Saludable](#), the Global Fairness Initiative has launched a new program in Peru that will help develop the capacity of waste pickers and recyclers to more successfully advocate for their rights and livelihoods. The *Recyclers Leadership Initiative* will provide trainings focused on waste enterprise development, grassroots worker organizing, health and safety, and waste management to promote ethical and entrepreneurial leaders within the formal recycling organizations of Peru.

Founded in 2002 by Albina Ruiz, Ciudad Saludable works with waste collectors in some of the poorest urban and rural communities in Latin America, with programs in Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Mexico, Peru, and Venezuela. Ciudad Saludable's mission is to contribute to the sustainable environmental management of cities through the implementation of waste management systems that are more dependable and less expensive than those provided by municipal governments. With a comprehensive approach to waste management, Ciudad Saludable promotes a model of environmental stewardship that generates greater economic, social and environmental inclusion of waste pickers and recyclers. Through their work, Ciudad Saludable has helped to empower the waste pickers community, expanded formalization, increased the value of management systems, and advocated for the enforcement of laws that impact over 100,000 workers, ultimately improving the quality of life throughout Peru's community.

The Global Fairness Initiative is honored to count Ciudad Saludable among the remarkable network of partners that lie at the heart of our work and mission. We also are thrilled to have the opportunity to work with Albina who was the 2011 Honoree of the [Fairness Award](#) and has recently joined the Board of Directors of GFI.

## **A Warm Welcome to Danielle Llanos, our 2014 Spring Sapin Fellow**

The Global Fairness Initiative would like to welcome Danielle Llanos to the GFI team. Danielle is our Spring Sapin Fellow and will be working hands-on with GFI program management and organization development. With experience in non-profit and development work through past internships, as well as foreign language skills, Danielle will be a fundamental addition to our GFI team.

After receiving her Bachelors degree in mathematics from Georgetown University, Danielle was accepted into a Masters program for mathematics and statistics.

Danielle is hoping to use her analytical background to impact the effectiveness of GFI programs and help bring a level of technical support to GFI reporting, data analyses and program evaluations. She is looking forward to learning about GFI's past work while experiencing the development of GFI's new programs first-hand. During her fellowship with GFI, Danielle hopes to become well versed in different aspects of development, especially the roles of women and education. Her main goal is to use her experience as this semester's Sapin Fellow to move toward a career in which she can combine her educational background with an organization that focuses on creating opportunity and equality in marginalized communities around the globe.

Created in honor of Shirley Sapin in recognition of her commitment to equality and opportunity for all people, the Sapin Fellowship was established to offer students in post-secondary institutions the opportunity to work with GFI on issues of economic development and workforce equity. Thanks to the Sapin Family and a donation from the Benjamin Banneker Development Corporation, GFI is able to offer three Sapin Fellowships a year that aim to create opportunities for developing leadership capacity on issues of international importance.

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### **Tunisia Approves Landmark Constitution**

By: Mersadies Burch

Tunisia's parliament has adopted a new, progressive constitution with a promise of democracy for the nation just three years after the Arab spring movement began.

Since the ousting of 23-year ruler Zine El Abidine Ben Ali in 2011, it seems as though the globe has held its breath regarding turmoil in Tunisia. Plagued by political instability, widespread and often violent protests and economic crisis, the transition process has been no easy task for the citizens of Tunisia. Late Sunday, January 26th however, the globe could collectively exhale upon the passage by 200 votes out of 216 of a new constitution, completed after an arduous two years of drafts and deliberation.

Legislators of Tunisia's National Constituent Assembly celebrated the landmark decision on their feet with resounding applause, many moved even to tears. The document proves to be one of the last essential steps towards integrated democratization, passed just after Prime Minister Mehdi Jomaa's declaration of a temporary cabinet reshuffling until formal elections are held later this year.

This new constitution is groundbreaking not only as a reflection of the democratic collaboration and consensus that bore it, but also in its content. Intense debate in the assembly over the past three weeks around finalizing and approving individual amendments has culminated in a document that is remarkably progressive. It has not only structural significance, instituting a separation of powers, but also proves liberal in its recognition of democratic freedoms. With an entire chapter devoted to addressing civil rights, 28 articles promise protection, establishing such democratic principles as the right to due process, safety from torture and freedom of religion. Tunisia's new constitution is most notably progressive in its devotion to women's rights, declaring equality between men and women. In establishing "freedom of belief and conscience," Tunisia has set itself ahead in the Arab world and offers a model for its neighbors in reconciling its Islamic identity with modern liberal values (Al Jazeera). Though the document does not portend to immediately solve all of the challenges Tunisia faces, it will direct the young democracy towards a more progressive future, while reassuring the international community as a promise of stable transformation. Tunisia still faces a long journey ahead, yet today we rise and applaud as well in celebrating their first bold step forward.

Al Jazeera's article, *Tunisia Passes Progressive Constitution*, released on January 27, 2014, explores the reactions of several community members after the release and conclusion of Tunisia's new Constitution. To read the full article, please see [HERE](http://www.aljazeera.com/articles/2014/1/27/tunisia-passes-progressiveconstitution.html).

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