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## **IDLO PLEDGES CLOSE COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT**

On a visit to IDLO headquarters in Rome on Tuesday, June 10, Prosecutor Luis Moreno-Ocampo from the International Criminal Court signed a memorandum of understanding with IDLO, in which they agreed to work closely in sharing information, undertaking legal training, promoting the role of the Court and creating an international network of criminal law professionals.

During the visit, Mr. Moreno-Ocampo, and International Cooperation Adviser, Ms. Olivia Swaak-Goldman, met with the IDLO Director-General, William T. Loris and the IDLO program development team.



(picture: William T. Loris, IDLO Director-General (left) and Luis Moreno-Ocampo, International Criminal Court Prosecutor)

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