

Jordan Becomes 21st Member State of IDLO

ROME – 5 OCTOBER 2009 -- The government of Jordan has finalized its process of accession and become the 21st member state of the International Development Law Organization.

At a ceremony in Rome at the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Minister Plenipotentiary Paolo Guido Spinelli, Head of the International Legal Affairs and Treaties Department, welcomed Jordan on behalf of Italy as the host country of IDLO. "We are pleased to see the continuing expansion of IDLO, and anticipate that this will produce great benefits for both IDLO and the Kingdom of Jordan," he said.

IDLO has been active on a variety of projects in Jordan, including a recent microfinance workshop for legal professionals in Amman in June and an upcoming workshop on intellectual property in November. The Jordanian Cultural Association for Development Law (JADEL), an independent IDLO alumni association, was established in 2005. JADEL pursues activities related to the development and reform of laws that promote the rule of law and good governance in Jordan, as well as furthering awareness, access to information and participation within the country.

"We are privileged to join IDLO, and look forward to making a significant contribution to the wellbeing and progress of the organization," said H.R.H. Princess Wijdan Fawaz Al Hashemi, Ambassador of Jordan to Italy.

"Jordan is joining IDLO at an exciting time in the evolution of our organization," said William T. Loris, Director General of IDLO. "Advancing the rule of law to create greater opportunities has become a priority for many countries, and our strategy of working with people and groups from all levels of society has been shown to be particularly effective. We are pleased that Jordan has become our 21st member, and look forward to its active participation in IDLO's development."

IDLO is an intergovernmental organization that promotes legal, regulatory and institutional reform to advance economic and social development in transitional and developing countries. Founded in 1983 and one of the leaders in rule of law assistance, IDLO uses its access to governments and interest groups of differing ideologies, as well as its expertise and vast stakeholder network, to create opportunity for those most in need.
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