

## Side Event

### **Leveraging the rule of law to support LDCs in achieving the 2030 Agenda and the Doha Programme of Action: The contribution of the Investment Support Programme for LDCs**

#### Overview

The 2030 Agenda recognizes the role of effective, accountable, and inclusive institutions in advancing the economic, social and environmental dimensions of sustainable development. The principles of equity, equality, and non-discrimination underlying the rule of law embodied in SDG16 are essential to maintain development gains over time.

The Doha Programme of Action (PoA), which is grounded in the three main pillars of sustainable development as outlined in the 2030 Agenda and the principles underlying the rule of law, provides a framework for renewed and strengthened commitments between the Least Developed Countries and their development partners, including the private sector, civil society, and governments at all levels.

The presence of effective, fair, and mutually reinforcing legal frameworks, supported by predictable enforcement mechanisms, and guided by the principles underlying the rule of law, is a key condition to sustain development gains across all Doha PoA priority areas.

Against this background, IDLO's side event will focus on the Investment Support Programme for Least Developed Countries (ISP/LDCs), a rule-of-law-based mean of implementation of the Doha PoA. Responding to the appeal enshrined in the Doha PoA (para. 260), the side event will explore different avenues through which ISP/LDCs may be strengthened to maximize the contribution that it can make to achieve the Doha PoA's targets.

The side event will discuss and explore the following:

- The significance of the rule of law in achieving the objectives of the 2030 Agenda and the Doha PoA
- The contribution of ISP/LDCs in the implementation of the Doha PoA
- The coordination of ISP/LDCs with other mutually reinforcing programmes and institutions
- The role of the international community and donor partners in supporting LDCs