



Assembly of Parties 2017

Partnership Forum

Sustaining Peace, Sustainable Development:
The Contribution of the Rule of Law



November 28 and 29, 2017
Sala Conferenze Internazionali
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
and International Cooperation of Italy
Piazzale della Farnesina, 1, Rome

AGENDA

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

9:30 a.m. –
1:00 p.m.

- 1. OPENING OF THE ASSEMBLY**
 - a. Welcome by IDLO's President
 - b. Opening address by H.E. Benedetto Della Vedova, Undersecretary of State, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation
 - c. Adoption of the Agenda
 - d. President's statement
 - 2. DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S REPORT**
 - 3. GENERAL DEBATE**
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CEREMONY TO MARK ACCESSION OF NEW MEMBER PARTIES, SWEDEN AND MALI, AND SIGNATURE BY MONTENEGRO TO THE AGREEMENT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF IDLO

4. GOVERNANCE REFORM

Documentation: AP/2017/4.1, AP/2017/4.2 and AP/2017/4.3

Presentation and discussion on governance reform
Adoption of proposed resolution No. 1/2017

According to Article X of the Agreement for the Establishment of IDLO:
"This Agreement may be amended by the Assembly by a three-fourths majority vote of all of its members, provided that notice of such amendment, together with its full text, shall have been sent to all members of the Assembly at least eight weeks in advance of the time established for a vote on the proposed amendment."

1:00 – 2:00 p.m. **BUFFET LUNCH**

2:00 – 6:00 p.m. **PARTNERSHIP FORUM**

OPENING SESSION:

Setting the scene: Sustaining Peace, Sustainable Development: Challenges and Opportunities for the Rule of Law

Keynote address:

Fabrizio Hochschild, Assistant Secretary-General for Strategic Coordination, Executive Office of the UN Secretary-General

Through SDG 16 and its emphasis on non-discrimination, fair laws and effective institutions, the 2030 Agenda has placed the rule of law at the heart of development. SDG 16 has also served to highlight the link between access to justice and the construction of peaceful, just and inclusive societies. Building on this foundation, a new Sustaining Peace agenda is emerging that points to the prevention of conflict by addressing root causes, strengthening the rule of law and promoting inclusive, sustainable growth as necessary components of a comprehensive approach to peacebuilding.

The discussion following the keynote address will focus on the contribution that the rule of law can make in the implementation of this new international strategy for the mutual advancement of conflict prevention and sustainable development; and on challenges and opportunities for the rule of law within and across the fields of peace building, humanitarian intervention and development.

SESSION 1:

Building Effective and Accountable Institutions to Sustain Peace

The SDGs recognize the importance of effective and accountable institutions for promoting peaceful, just and inclusive societies. Building strong institutions is not a simple matter of transplanting “best practices” and providing knowledge and expertise but a long-term endeavor which requires sustained investment, the prioritization of function over form and the mobilization of political will for meaningful reform.

Drawing from the experiences of countries navigating conflict and fragility, this session will examine the importance of context sensitivity, local ownership and effective change management as essential elements for the success or failure of building resilient and effective justice institutions.

Moderator: IDLO’s Director-General, Ms. Irene Khan

Partner’s perspectives:

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- Hon. John Jeffery, Deputy Minister of Justice & Constitutional Development of South Africa
 - Hon. Najet Ben Salah, Head of International Cooperation, Ministry of Justice of Tunisia
 - H.E. Dr. Ahmed Ali Dahir, Attorney General, Somalia
 - H.E. Waheed Omer, Ambassador Afghanistan to Italy
 - Ms. Mona Rishmawi, Chief of Rule of Law, Equality and Non-Discrimination Branch, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

SESSION 2:

Partnerships for Inclusive Economic Growth

Strengthening the legal framework, promoting equitable access to economic opportunity and facilitating effective dispute resolution, can be powerful vectors of sustainable, inclusive economic development.

This session will explore how the legal and judicial capacity of developing countries can be strengthened to promote such growth; what more can be done to help the Least Developed Countries attract and manage investment; and what contribution the private sector can make to advance the rule of law for sustainable development and economic opportunity.

Moderator: Luigi de Chiara, Head of the Unit for Strategies, global processes and international organizations, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Partner's perspectives:

- H.E. Sani Mohammed, Rector of African Institute of International Law, Tanzania
- Mr. Nawaf AlMahamel, Kuwait Development Fund, IDLO's President
- Mr. Xie Wei, Director of Department of Treaty and Law, Ministry of Commerce of China
- Ms. Marie -Anne Birken, EBRD General Counsel
- Dr. Túlio di Giacomo Toledo, Legal Counsel and Representative in Mauritius, Permanent Court of Arbitration
- Ms. Josefina Stubbs, ENEL Foundation and former Associate Vice president of Strategy, IFAD

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

9:30 a.m. –
10:00 a.m.

**SPECIAL ADDRESS BY H.E. XANANA GUSMAO, FORMER PRESIDENT OF
TIMOR LESTE**

Goodbye conflict, welcome development

A personal experience of what it takes to build a nation

10:00 a.m. –
11:30 a.m.

SESSION 3:

Can there be Peace and Prosperity without Gender Equality?

Women’s leadership, voice and access to justice are critical to the advancement of gender equality as well as achieving global goals ranging from good governance and economic growth to peacebuilding and fighting climate change.

This session will explore the challenges to accelerating the moves towards gender equality and women’s empowerment and how we can maximize the contribution of the rule of law to ensure fair and equitable outcomes for women and girls.

Moderator: IDLO’s Director-General, Ms. Irene Khan

Partner’s perspectives:

- H.E. Néziha Labidi, Minister of Women, Family and Children Affairs of the Republic of Tunisia
- Mr. Arkel Benitez, Secretary General of COMJIB
- Ms. Marie -Anne Birken, EBRD General Counsel
- Ms. Luisa Cabal Special Adviser on Human Rights and Gender, UNAIDS

RESUMPTION OF THE ASSEMBLY

11:30 a.m. –
1:00 p.m.

5. MANAGEMENT PLAN AND BUDGET FOR 2018

Documentation: AP/2017/3.1, AP/2017/3.2 and AP/2017/3.3

Presentation and discussion

Action on proposed resolution No. 2/2017

6. REPORT OF THE GOVERNING BODIES

Presentation of:

- Report of the Standing Committee

Documentation: AP/2017/5.1

Report of the Audit and Finance Committee

Documentation: AP/2017/5.2

Report of the Board of Advisers

Documentation: AP/2017/5.3

7. ELECTIONS

Documentation: AP/2017/6.1, AP/2017/6.2, AP/2017/6.3 and AP/2017/6.4

Election of President and Vice-president of the Assembly of Parties
Adoption of proposed resolution No. 3/2017

Election of three ad-hoc members of the Standing Committee
Adoption of proposed resolution No. 4/2017

Election of one member of the Audit and Finance Committee
Adoption of proposed resolution No. 5/2017

CLOSING OF THE ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES 2017