

- Thank you for the organization of this event and the partnership forum
- The Netherlands looks forward to the election of new members to the Standing Committee of IDLO and appreciates the positive effects this is likely going to have on further geographical diversification of this Committee.
- Regarding the field work, we would encourage further geographical diversification especially in the MENA region.
- We welcome the fact that the Sahel region has also become a region of intensified efforts for IDLO. As the Netherlands, we are discussing with IDLO to embark on a substantial programme looking at the Force Conjointe-G5-Sahel and the links with the regular justice institutions. We already have a good collaboration with the office in The Hague and on projects in Mali, Kenya, and Somalia.
- The Netherlands is supportive of the focus on gender mainstreaming, in addition to gender specific programs. We specifically welcome evidence based discussions on the Justice Gap for Women during the Partnership Forum. Gender justice is an important topic of the work of the Task Force on Justice which the Netherlands is co-chairing.
- For this reason, we are supportive of IDLO expanding its work on informal justice systems considering the numbers of people, and especially women, that resort to informal justice in many fragile and post-conflict states.
- The Task Force SDG16+ message takes a position of high priority on the NL agenda. As a co-chair of the Task Force on Justice, our Minister of Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade recognizes the importance of promoting the SDG Agenda to achieve access to justice for all.
 - Thus, we are delighted to engage further with IDLO to promote the SDG 16+ Agenda and concretize it through national commitments and we hope that IDLO will remain an important partner for the Netherlands as one of the most specialized organizations on promoting the rule of law.
- We commend IDLO on its strategy which allows for output-based budgeting and we encourage efforts for working towards a more visionary approach that relies on thorough country analyses as this will allow programs to be more cost effective.
- For this we are happy to further engage with IDLO in discussing opportunities to shift away from a purely project-based approach to multi-year soft-earmarked (program) funding in line with strategic priorities of IDLO and the NL government. We therefore welcome the initiative of IDLO to undertake Thematic programmes. Thinking along thematic lines is useful, but the programmes do require additional attention to results. We also encourage the Organization to ensure that the reporting and monitoring systems are being set up to support those frameworks.

- We congratulate IDLO on the new employee rules and a revised employment model and hope it will enable IDLO to strengthen its human resource base also in the field of thematic expertise.
- Thank you for the dedicated work to promote the rule of law in the world.