





Achieving a Transformative Post-2015 Development Agenda: The Contribution of the Rule of Law to Equity and Sustainability

A conference convened by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in the context of Italy's Presidency of the Council of the European Union, in collaboration with the International Development Law Organization (IDLO)



The rule of law is relevant to all three dimensions – social, economic and environmental – of sustainable development as conceived at the Rio Conference. It empowers the poor by giving them a voice in lawmaking. By ensuring the rights of communities as well as business owners and by strengthening institutions, the rule of law enhances economic sustainability. By focusing on equal opportunity and non-discrimination, it promotes social inclusion. And by strengthening participatory frameworks to protect and manage resources, the rule of law nurtures environmental stewardship and food security.

The conference will address challenges and opportunities in integrating the rule of law in the Post-2015 Development Agenda, so as to place inclusivity, equity and justice at the center of the global pursuit for sustainable development.