

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,
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PROGRAM

9:00 - 9:30am	<u>Registration</u> Coffee will be served
9:30 - 9:45am	<u>Inauguration</u> Messages from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ John W. Ashe, President of the 68th session of the General Assembly of the United Nations [written message] ▪ Jan Eliasson, Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations [written message] ▪ José Graziano da Silva, Director-General, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) [video message]
9:45 - 11:30am	<u>Opening Session</u> Address by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Hon. Lapo Pistelli, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Italy ▪ Irene Khan, Director-General, International Development Law Organization (IDLO) Special Guests <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ertharin Cousin, Executive Director, World Food Programme (WFP) ▪ Amb. Michel Mordasini, Vice-President, International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) ▪ H.E. Gerda Verburg, Chair, UN Committee on World Food Security Keynote: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Flavia Pansieri, United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights ▪ Dr. Willy Mutunga, Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court, Kenya Setting the Context: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Roberto Ridolfi, Director for Sustainable Growth and Development, DG Development and Cooperation, European Commission (tbc) ▪ Nikhil Seth, Director, Division for Sustainable Development, United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA)
11:30 - 12:00am	<u>Coffee Break</u>
12:00 - 1:30pm	<u>Session 1</u> Shifting the Development Paradigm: The Contribution of the Rule of Law The rule of law is relevant to all three dimensions of sustainable development: economic, social and environmental. By providing predictability and certainty through a stable, transparent legal regime, it creates an environment conducive to investment and enterprise. By ensuring equal opportunity and equitable access to basic services, it promotes social development and inclusive societies. By strengthening the legal framework to protect the environment, it advances the sustainable dimension of development. With rising inequality across the world, issues of rights and justice are as relevant in the developed world as they are in developing countries.

	<p>The panelists will give short presentations setting out the key issues around integrating human rights and the rule of law in the post-2015 sustainable development agenda, followed by interventions from lead discussants and an interactive dialogue with the audience.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Edric Selous, Director, Rule of Law Unit, Executive Office of the Secretary-General at the United Nations ▪ Dr. Jonathan Lucas, Director, United Nations Interregional Crime and Justice Research Institute (UNICRI) ▪ Ignacio Saiz, Executive Director, Center for Economic and Social Rights ▪ Dr. Faustina Pereira, Director, Human Rights and Legal Aid Services, BRAC <p>Lead discussant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prof. Mauro Politi, University of Trento and former Judge, International Criminal Court <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Judit Arenas, Director of External Relations, IDLO
1:30 – 2:30pm	<p><u>Lunch</u></p> <p>Buffet luncheon for all participants hosted by the Permanent Representative of Italy to the UN Agencies in Rome in the Sheikh Zayed Center Lounge (Ground Floor)</p>
2:30 – 4:00pm	<p><u>Session 2</u> Achieving Food and Nutrition Security: Ensuring Sustainability through the Rule of Law</p> <p>Food and nutrition security and poverty reduction cannot be achieved unless issues of access to land, security of tenure and sustainable use of natural resources are addressed properly through laws and policies that promote equality, predictability, transparency, legality and fair treatment. Secure land tenure is directly correlated with greater food security, through increased investment in agriculture and improvements in the ability to produce and access food for families. Hunger and malnutrition are heightened in times of conflict and crisis when human rights are ignored and there is no recourse to justice. Access to land and environmental sustainability are critical for women, indigenous communities and other marginalized groups, and ultimately for poverty eradication and sustainable development.</p> <p>The panelists will give short presentations exploring the connection between the rule of law, food security and nutrition, with emphasis on land tenure, environmental protection and the right to food, followed by interventions from lead discussants and an interactive dialogue with the audience.</p> <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Jomo Kwame Sundaram, Assistant Director-General for Economic and Social Development, FAO ▪ Ann Tutwiler, Director General, Bioversity International ▪ Gary Howe, Director of Strategic Planning Division, IFAD ▪ Prof. Cristiana Carletti, University Roma Tre and Member, Board of Advisors, IDLO <p>Lead discussant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Amb. Virgilio Reyes, Ambassador of the Philippines to Italy <p>Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Cosimo Lacirignola, Secretary General, International Centre for Advanced Mediterranean Agronomic Studies (CIHEAM)
4:00 – 4:30pm	<p><u>Coffee Break</u></p>
4:30 – 5:00pm	<p><u>Concluding Session: Looking Ahead</u></p> <p>Closing remarks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Irene Khan, Director-General, IDLO ▪ Giampaolo Cantini, Director General, D.G. for Development Cooperation, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs