ROME FORUM ON THE RULE OF LAW 2026

A Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Future Powered by the Rule of Law

24 - 25 November 2026

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy (Piazzale della Farnesina 1)

CONCEPT NOTE

Peace and sustainable development do not happen by chance; they are powered by the rule of law. People-centred justice systems prevent conflict. Accountable institutions stop corruption and attract investment. Equal rights empower women and girls. Fair laws help societies tackle climate change. New frameworks are needed to make Artificial Intelligence work for people. The rule of law is a value worth defending, and it is also the foundation that makes other investments work.

The first edition of the Rome Forum on the Rule of Law, will put results at the centre. Held alongside the 2026 meeting of IDLO's Assembly of Parties, the Forum will bring together partners, national leaders and the communities behind IDLO's work to show the transformative changes that practical rule of law solutions have made possible.

DAY 1. Rule of Law Solutions for a World in Crisis

Tuesday, 24 November | 2:00 to 4:00 PM CET | In person by invitation and streamed online.

Following keynote remarks by Justice Albie Sachs, a high-level panel will explore how practical rule of law solutions are helping to address today's most pressing global challenges, from conflict and corruption to gender inequalities, climate change and the rise of digital technologies. National leaders, justice actors and partners will share concrete results, showing what changes when justice institutions work for people. The discussion will focus on what has made these results possible and what it will take to sustain and scale them.

DAY 2. Partners Roundtable: From Evidence to Action

Wednesday, 25 November | 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM CET | By invitation

Building on the evidence presented on Day 1, this senior roundtable will bring together new and long-standing partners to share their priorities and experience. IDLO will present short partnership concepts focused on key topics including inclusive economic growth, gender equality, land, food and natural-resource governance, and the responsible digitalization of justice services. The goal is to agree on the actions needed to turn the evidence into practical solutions and explore opportunities for collaboration.