



On the occasion of the working visit of the Chief Justices from Africa to The Hague (7 July – 11 July 2019), the African Foundation for International Law (AFIL), the Hague Project Peace and Justice, the African Institute for International Law and the International Development Law Organization are honoured to invite you to an interactive dialogue on the topic:

***Searching for the Cutting Edge:  
Identifying Pathways to Achieving Access to Justice at the  
National, Regional and International Level***

Wednesday 10 July 2019  
IDLO, The Hague Branch Office  
Hofweg 9E  
14:00 to 17:00

**Background and Objective**

People and their communities seek justice, regardless of legal definitions, types of proceedings and divisions in customary, informal, and formal approaches. At the same time, national, regional and international justice mechanisms increasingly interconnect.

Starting from a people centered standpoint, and bringing together Chief Justices from selected African countries, practitioners, policy-makers, and academics, this dialogue aims to draw out cutting edge insights as to how to advance access to justice globally. The dialogue will draw from country, regional as well as international experiences as articulated by participants, particularly the Chief Justices.

This dialogue is organized on the occasion of the Chief Justices visit to The Hague, the global hub for thinking and sharing experiences in justice delivery. Here, national, regional and international approaches can be discussed in a safe environment, and the wealth of actors present in the peace and justice community can facilitate rich, cross-sector discussion and new insights. This event will be held under the Chatham Rule, and will lead to a report to be used in future efforts to realize access to justice for all, including within the framework of SDG 16.

## Agenda

- 14:00**      **Welcome from representative from AFIL**
- 14:05**      **The dialogue's moderator, Professor Helen Duffy, of Leiden University, provides an overview of the framework of the discussion:**
- *current challenges to achieving access to justice*
  - *possible next steps toward solutions and*
  - *recommendations for how to implement the solutions*
- Followed by an interview of a visiting Chief Justice on these issues**
- 14:20**      **Presentation 2: Emmanuele Marchand of Civitas Maxima on Possible Pathways to Solutions**
- 14:30**      **Break-out group dialogue**
- Participants reflect on the possible pathways towards solutions increasing access to justice from the experience of justice seekers.*
- 15:00**      **Coffee break**
- 15:30**      **Presentation 3: Romualdo Mavedzenge of IDLO on what steps we can take now to implement possible solutions**
- 15:40**      **Break-out group dialogue**
- With the possible pathways to solutions at hand, what should be the next move and who should make it? What would be the recommendation or call to action?*
- 16:10**      **Plenary discussion**
- Overview of group dialogues and identifying silver threads in the dilemmas and pathways to solutions in moving forward. Focus on what ideas are coming out of this unique gathering in The Hague – what is the value that only this group can provide.*
- 16:50**      **Closing**
- 17:00**      **Refreshments**

We would be honoured to welcome you at this special event and look forward to receiving confirmation of your attendance at [secretariat@afil-fadi.org](mailto:secretariat@afil-fadi.org)