



Creating a Culture of Justice
International Development Law Organization

On the occasion of IDLO's Assembly of Parties **ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND THE RULE OF LAW AS DRIVERS OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES**

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Sala Conferenze Internazionali

Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy Piazzale Della Farnesina, 1, Rome

To mark the occasion of the 2016 annual meeting of the Assembly of Parties that will adopt IDLO's Strategic Plan 2017-2020, the Organization is hosting a multi-stakeholder forum to discuss the rule of law and access to justice.

Against a challenging international environment, IDLO's Strategy 2020 is inspired by the vision of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and its goals of advancing access to justice, combatting inequalities and promoting social inclusion. The Forum will discuss how the rule of law and access to justice can drive sustainable development and contribute to building peaceful and just societies.

PROGRAMME Tuesday, November 29, 2016

14.00-14.30 **SETTING THE SCENE:
WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES THE RULE OF LAW MAKE FOR SUSTAINABLE
DEVELOPMENT?**

Opening remarks:

- Nawaf Al-Mahamel, President, IDLO Assembly of Parties

Interactive dialogue between:

- Willy Mutunga, Former Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court of Kenya
- Irene Khan, Director-General, IDLO

14.30-16.00 **DISCUSSION PANEL 1: PROMOTING OPPORTUNITIES, ADDRESSING
REALITIES**

Fair laws and effective institutions

- Building judicial capacity and independence
- Strengthening integrity, fighting corruption
- Promoting economic growth through the rule of law

Partner's perspectives:

- H.E. Mohammad Farid Hamidi, Attorney General of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan
- Jelena Madir, Director, Chief Counsel, Financial Law Unit, Legal Transition Team, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- Min. Plen Alfredo Durante Mangoni, Coordinator for International activities on Anti-Corruption, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy

IDLO perspectives from the field:

- Somalia
- South Sudan
- Ukraine

Creating a culture of justice requires both state institutions that are well-functioning, honest, accountable, and citizens who are aware of their rights and empowered to claim them. Effective institutions are key to providing justice, upholding rights and facilitating development.

This session will explore the crucial role that fair laws and policies and effective, accessible and accountable institutions play in order to deliver justice, uphold rights and promote economic development and sustainability, including a special focus on transparency and anti-corruption.

16.00–16.30 **TEA & COFFEE BREAK**

16.30–18.00 **DISCUSSION PANEL 2: PROMOTING OPPORTUNITIES, ADDRESSING REALITIES**

Empowering people to access justice

- Protecting and claiming human rights
- Combatting gender-based violence
- Building legal awareness and providing legal aid

Partner's perspectives:

- H.E. Dr. Alicia Beatriz Pucheta de Correa, President of the Supreme Court of Justice of Paraguay
- H.E. U Tun Tun Oo, Attorney General of Myanmar
- Dunstan Mlambo, Judge President of the High Court of South Africa

IDLO perspectives from the field:

- Afghanistan
- Honduras
- Liberia

Discriminatory laws and policies are aggravating inequality and exclusion. Women and girls, the elderly, indigenous peoples, refugees and migrants are among those adversely affected.

This session will explore how to empower women, poor and marginalized groups to fight discrimination and access justice, with a special focus on the necessity to engage with civil society and informal justice systems in order to enhance legal empowerment and promote rule of law.

18.00 – 18.15 **CLOSE OF THE FORUM**