

IDLO DIRECTOR-GENERAL TO VISIT MYANMAR

INTERVIEW AVAILABILITY

Yangon, October 17, 2016 - The Director-General of the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) will visit Myanmar from October 17 to 20, 2016 to meet representatives of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the judiciary, the legislative, diplomatic community and civil society.

IDLO has been active in Myanmar since 2012 helping to build the capacity of justice sector professionals, in particular in the Union Attorney General's Office and the Supreme Court.

Since 2015, IDLO, working together with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), has established Rule of Law Centers around the country to train legal professionals and community leaders on key areas and values of the law. The Centers also promote public legal awareness in the community on key local justice issues, including land, women's rights and gender based violence. Ms. Khan will visit the Rule of Law Center in Mandalay and meet with local civil society on Tuesday, October 18 and participate in the training in the Yangon Center on Thursday, October 20.

Ms. Khan will travel to Nay Pyi Taw on Wednesday, October 19 to meet the Hon. Htun Htun Oo, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Union; Thura U Shwe Mann, Chair of the Commission for the Assessment of Legal Affairs and Special Issues; Attorney General H.E. U Tun Tun Oo, and other representatives of the Union Government.

On Thursday 20, 2016 Ms. Khan will speak on the topic of "The importance of Rule of Law for Sustainable Development" during the commemoration of the United Nation's 71st anniversary at Yangon University.

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Background for editors

The International Development Law Organization (IDLO) is the only intergovernmental organization exclusively devoted to promoting the rule of law. IDLO works to enable governments and empower people to reform laws and strengthen institutions to promote peace, justice, sustainable development and economic opportunity. Its programs, research and policy advocacy cover the spectrum of rule of law from peace and institution building to social development and economic recovery in countries emerging from conflict and striving towards democracy.

IDLO sees the rule of law as the cornerstone of peace, security, justice and development, as well as an integral part of sustainable development - underpinning social and economic progress and environmental protection with strong institutions and good governance, formal legal frameworks and legal empowerment of people, equal opportunity and equitable access to basic services, and due process and fair outcomes for all.

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