

## Post 2015 Justice agenda

**Dear President, Madam DG, Distinguished Guests and ladies and gentlemen,**

Peace, stability, human rights and effective governance based on the rule of law are important conduits for sustainable development. We are living in a world that is increasingly divided. Some regions enjoy sustained levels of peace, security and prosperity while others fall into seemingly endless cycles of conflict and violence. This is by no means inevitable and must be addressed.

High levels of armed violence and insecurity have a destructive impact on a country's development, affecting economic growth and often resulting in long standing grievances among communities that can last for generations. Sexual violence, crime, exploitation and torture are also prevalent where there is conflict or no rule of law, and countries must take measures to protect those who are most at risk.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) aim to significantly reduce all forms of violence, and work with governments and communities to find lasting solutions to conflict and insecurity. Strengthening the rule of law and promoting human rights is key to this process, as is reducing the flow of illicit arms and strengthening the participation of developing countries in the institutions of global governance.

Promoting peace and justice is one of 17 Global Goals that make up the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable development. An integrated approach is crucial for progress across the multiple goals.

**Distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,**

The Goal 16 which is dedicated to the promotion of peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, the provision of access to justice for all, and building effective, accountable institutions at all levels. For fragile states this is really crucial in ensuring that peace prevails.

The rule of law is of fundamental importance to development outcomes: the rule of law expresses and enables a society's conception of social and economic justice, and more specifically attitudes to extreme poverty and

deprivation. It frames wealth, resource and power distribution. Consequently, the elements of the rule of law related to identity, legal recognition, enabling participation and agency, and the allocation and enforcement of claims and rights – including economic and social claims and rights – have been linked to equitable growth, equitable delivery of public services, and the possibility of more effective redistribution.

Access to justice and legal empowerment initiatives have proven to be valuable ways to do this. Legal empowerment blends community empowerment and mobilization with legal capacity building and advocacy to build the voice and political impact of the poor and marginalized. Access to legal information and to institutions of the rule of law (loosely defined) may enable the poor to take advantage of economic opportunities and resist exploitation, particularly by making local institutions accessible- the case of Somalia customary justice is readily available but as you know there are certain practices that are not Human Rights complaint or sensitive so we are currently addressing those with assistance from IDLO.

### **Ladies and gentlemen,**

From my perspective, coming from Somalia, the new post 2015 development framework must to achieve four things in order to meaningfully help prevent violent conflict and insecurity in fragile states:

1. it should motivate donor and recipient governments, development agencies and civil society to prevent conflict, build peace and to be more conflict-sensitive;
2. it should reflect the best available evidence of how to build peace successfully;
3. it should take into account the needs and perspectives of people in countries affected by high levels of violence and insecurity;
4. it should include a universally agreed set of core indicators to measure progress in meeting the global targets set out in the framework.

To do this the post-2015 development framework will need to combine universal, global commitments that governments can be held accountable for, with a clear message, and the flexibility to be taken forward in locally appropriate, context-sensitive ways.

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Lastly I commend the work of IDLO  
in Rule of Law globally and in particular  
my Country.  
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Thank you