

INSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL REFORMS

Increasing legitimacy and public confidence in institutions

Public trust and confidence in justice sector institutions is essential to ensuring that disputes are resolved peacefully. Lacking integrity, consistency and effectiveness, justice institutions put investment and commercial transactions at risk, and retard development and broader social progress. At the International Development Law Organization (IDLO), we make a difference by partnering with national institutions and providing technical assistance, capacity building and policy advice.

**Afghanistan • Kenya • Kyrgyzstan • Mali
Myanmar • Somalia • South Sudan • Tunisia • Ukraine**



AFGHANISTAN

IDLO trained over **2,000 officials** criminal justice sector professionals through its Justice Training Transition Program (JTTP) in 2015, enhancing their knowledge of and compliance with the law to increase levels of equity and effectiveness in the country. The Director-General's meeting with President Ghani in March facilitated ongoing efforts at transitioning the training capacity to the Afghan government.

KENYA

IDLO worked with the Judiciary Working Committee on Election Preparation to enhance the judiciary's responsiveness to the 2017 **elections**. Elsewhere, IDLO strengthened local government capacity to enact county legislation relating to **devolution**, bringing the Constitution to life.



SOMALIA

IDLO developed an intensive program to train judges, prosecutors and defense attorneys on how to **handle serious crimes**, including terrorism. Given its scale and scope, this ambitious training program is considered the first of its kind for the country.

UKRAINE

IDLO launched a program to reform the Public Prosecutor's Office in a bid to enhance **good governance** and **efficiency**. Complementing this, IDLO is empowering civil society organizations with grants to ensure effective monitoring of reforms.

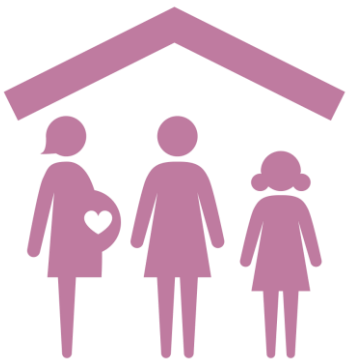


ACCESS TO JUSTICE

Empowering individuals and communities

IDLO's activities stem from the fundamental need to bridge the gap between procedural and substantive justice. Beyond access to courts, justice implies access to other basics of human development. We see access to justice as an essential prerequisite for the protection and promotion of all other civil, cultural, economic, political and social rights.

Afghanistan • Argentina • Benin • Bolivia • Brazil • Burundi • Chile • Costa Rica • Egypt • El Salvador • Honduras • Indonesia • Kenya • Mongolia • Myanmar • Paraguay • Peru • Somalia



AFGHANISTAN

IDLO strengthened efforts to prosecute gender-based crimes and ensure protection and support to survivors of violence through the Afghan Shelter Network. As of 2015, there are **27 shelters** in Afghanistan operating across **20 provinces**.

HONDURAS

In 2015, IDLO launched a program to combat urban violence in San Pedro Sula. IDLO will provide legal aid and support services to **victims of violence** and detainees. We will also support the development of juvenile justice policies and laws.



MYANMAR

IDLO is opening four Rule of Law Centers in Myanmar. These centers are designed to raise awareness of rights and provide training to legal aid professionals. Daw Aung San Suu Kyi demonstrated her support to the Centers, delivering a strong address at a graduation ceremony this year.



PARAGUAY

Paraguay's first '**House of Justice**' was opened in the northeastern part of Concepción: the first step in a national effort to provide free legal services and accessible dispute resolution to vulnerable communities. It was opened following the successful first year of operation of the Casa de Direitos in Rio de Janeiro.



“It takes time, integrity and ceaseless commitment to build a democracy where citizens have effective access to the courts.”

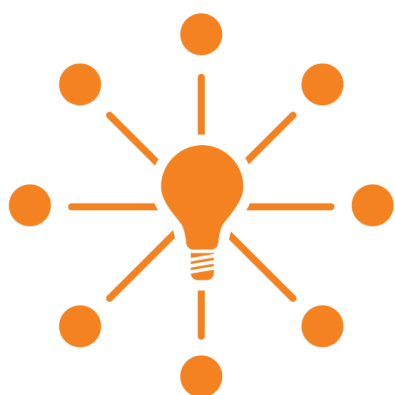
Geert J. M. Corstens, *President of the Netherlands Supreme Court*

LEGAL SOLUTIONS FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY

Promoting fair and sustainable development outcomes

Sustainable development is a vision forged to correct the imbalances and injustices created by extreme poverty, growing inequalities and environmental degradation. The rule of law provides legal certainty for economic development and offers a sound basis for the equitable use of natural resources and protection of the environment.

**Global: Biodiversity • Jordan • Kuwait • Kyrgyzstan
Mongolia • Montenegro • Somalia • Tajikistan • Tunisia**



GLOBAL: BIODIVERSITY

In 2015, IDLO launched two projects to support countries at the national level to implement the Nagoya Protocol, helping indigenous peoples and local communities to **share the benefits of innovations** using their traditional knowledge and genetic resources.

KYRGYZSTAN

IDLO facilitated the development of efficient and transparent case management systems, **enhancing business confidence**. IDLO also helped launch the country's first official mandatory program of continuing legal education for judges.



MONGOLIA

With support from the European Bank for Development and Reconstruction, IDLO is working with the Mongolian General Agency of Court Decisions to build the capacity of its bailiffs. IDLO trained over **200 bailiffs** from all Mongolian regions on effective ways to execute court decisions this year.



TUNISIA

IDLO is supporting the government's fight against economic and financial crimes, enhancing the capacity of more than **200 Tunisian justice professionals**.



"Transparency and openness are now built into our judicial strategy. Any citizen can visit the web and follow up their case."

Dastanbai Aidjigitov, *Chui District Court, Kyrgyzstan*

POLICY AND THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

Generating and sharing knowledge

IDLO is increasingly being seen as a credible and visible champion of the rule of law, combining research and analysis grounded in field experience with its convening power and communication skills. IDLO made an important contribution to building consensus on access to justice and the rule of law in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.



2030 AGENDA

The Director-General addressed the UN Summit on Sustainable Development. IDLO hosted a private sector discussion on the implementation of Goal 16, and developed a photo exhibition to illustrate the scope of the 2030 Agenda and the application of the rule of law.



HUMAN RIGHTS

IDLO contributed to the work of the Human Rights Council including on child rights, climate justice, freedom of religion and belief, and accountability mechanisms and the SDGs.



PRIVATE SECTOR

IDLO engaged leaders of the private sector at the World Economic Forum and at the UN Global Compact.



FOOD

IDLO launched a report on the right to food at the Milan EXPO. The Director-General also addressed the Committee on Food Security and engaged with Rome-based food agencies.



GENDER

IDLO participated in the Committee on the Status of Women and co-launched the World Bank's Women, Business and the Law Report.



CHILDREN'S RIGHTS

IDLO collaborated with UNICEF and produced reports on child rights. IDLO also participated in discussions at the World Bank on access to justice for children in the Middle East.



THE HAGUE

IDLO organized a host of events including on Women, Law and Justice, Kenya's Judicial Vetting Board, consultations on NCDs, and expert briefings on Myanmar and the MENA region.