

FIRST NATIONAL FORUM ON RULE OF LAW IN TANZANIA

(Dar es Salaam, Tanzania) 10 December 2015 – The International Development Law Organization ([IDLO](#)) is organizing a national Rule of Law Stakeholders Forum in Tanzania, bringing together for the first time a range of national actors to discuss issues affecting the legal and justice sector in the country.

“The Rule of Law Stakeholders Forum is an opportunity to facilitate dialogue for actors from different ends of the justice spectrum in Tanzania,” said IDLO representative Enid Muthoni.

Participants will discuss national good practice in the rule of law and identify areas for improvement and collaboration, with a view to enhancing the voice of legal and justice sector professionals and ensuring concerted efforts in addressing challenges.

Discussions will cover a range of issues affecting the legal and justice sector, including institutional reform; legal and constitutional reforms; governance, democracy and human rights; environment, natural resources and extractive industries; and partnerships and financing for development.

The Attorney General of the United Republic of Tanzania, Hon. George Masaju, and former President H.E. Benjamin William Mkapa are expected to address the opening session of the Forum.

Participants will include high and working level representatives of the justice sector and the judiciary of Tanzania, other government institutions and law enforcement agencies in the country, the business sector, law schools, bar associations, and civil society organizations, as well as representatives of international organizations and development institutions.

Outcomes and findings from this week’s Forum will also inform IDLO’s Africa Initiative on the Rule of Law and the [2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#).

The Forum is being held on Thursday 10 and Friday 11 December 2015 in Dar es Salaam.

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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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