



Creating a Culture of Justice
International Development Law Organization



EMPOWERING PEOPLE



Image: Andre Vornic

Justice is vital to secure rights and dignity for all. Yet many around the world – the poor, women, children, migrants and sexual minorities – struggle to access it. Legal and non-legal empowerment strategies are critical to help people claim their rights.

IDLO has significant experience empowering legal service providers and civil society organizations and building their capacity to spread rights awareness, improve legal literacy and provide legal services. We also facilitate networks to promote collaboration among groups representing justice seekers.

Using our wide-ranging legal expertise, we help combat discrimination and reduce social exclusion. By engaging with customary and informal justice systems, we aim to sensitize them to international standards and find ways to improve their services to women, girls and other disadvantaged groups. Our strategies, programs and projects have a strong gender focus.

IDLO's programs include:

- › Access to justice
- › Rights awareness
- › Gender justice
- › Customary and informal justice

› BY LEVERAGING ITS COUNTRY-LEVEL EXPERIENCE, MULTI-STAKEHOLDER CONVENING POWER AND FLEXIBILITY, IDLO CAN MAKE A TANGIBLE CONTRIBUTION TO THE DECADE OF ACTION TO ACHIEVE THE SDGS ◀



Jan Beagle, IDLO Director-General

STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONS

Image: Business Daily Africa

A strong, independent and effective justice sector is essential to strengthen citizens' confidence in the rule of law.

IDLO is known for building legal and judicial institutions in countries recovering from conflict and moving towards democracy as well as in middle income countries. With local and international partners, we help countries in transition lay the foundations for peace and development. We enable institutions by strengthening their capacity and integrity as well as their responsiveness to the people whom they are meant to serve.

We know that different societies have different needs; legal systems and traditions vary. Our solutions are therefore non-prescriptive and mindful of context – bespoke tools to realize bold ideals.

IDLO's programs include:

- › Legal and judicial capacity building
- › Legal and constitutional reform
- › Institutional transparency and integrity
- › Economic development and sustainability
- › Commercial and economic law



Image: The Judiciary of Kenya

CHAMPIONING RULE OF LAW AS A DRIVER OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



Image: IDLO

As both a driver and outcome of sustainable development, the rule of law plays a key role in advancing access to justice, combatting inequalities and promoting social inclusion. That understanding is explicit in Sustainable Development Goal 16 of the 2030 Agenda and embedded implicitly in various other goals and targets through references to equality, inclusion, rights, legal frameworks and accountable institutions.

Whether in fragile contexts, emerging democracies or middle-income countries, IDLO supports the 2030 Agenda through its programs, research and policy advocacy. Building institutions for peace and justice, strengthening accountability, empowering women and girls, fighting corruption, protecting biodiversity and promoting inclusive economic growth are some of the ways in which IDLO's programs and other activities further the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals.

By engaging in policy dialogue with governments, donors and policy thinkers at global and national levels, IDLO highlights the significance of the rule of law for the achievement of Agenda 2030. Its advocacy is backed by robust research drawing on the lessons learned from its programmatic experience.



ABOUT IDLO



IDLO is the only international intergovernmental organization exclusively devoted to promoting the rule of law and sustainable development. We have experience working in more than 90 countries around the world with various legal systems. Established in 1988, IDLO has had United Nations Observer Status since 2001.

Our Vision

- › A world in which every person lives with dignity and under the rule of law

Our Mission

- › To enable governments, empower people and strengthen institutions to realize justice, peace and sustainable development

IDLO Values

- › **People focused.** We strive to empower people to claim their rights and build their trust in the rule of law
- › **Gender sensitive.** We ensure that all our programs are gender-informed.
- › **Context specific.** We take into account political dynamics and needs of justice seekers
- › **Local ownership.** We align our assistance with local priorities, seek local ownership and work closely with local partners.
- › **Legal pluralism.** We engage with formal legal systems as well as informal justice.
- › **Transparency and accountability.** We work to enhance transparency and accountability to our partners, beneficiaries and governing bodies.
- › **Human rights.** We are committed to achieve our goals through a human rights-based approach.

IDLO's strengths include:

- › Implementing programs directly as well as through local partners
- › Designing tailor-made solutions to meet local demands and needs
- › Responding flexibly and speedily to diverse situations
- › Working sensitively with diverse actors in fragile and post-conflict environments
- › Convening multi-stakeholder groups to identify problems and find solutions

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