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Sala Conferenze Internazionali
Ministry of Foreign Affairs
and International Cooperation of Italy
Piazzale della Farnesina, 1, Rome

AGENDA

Tuesday, November 20, 2018

ASSEMBLY OF PARTIES

- 9:00 – 9:30 **Welcome and registration**
- 9:30 – 11:00
1. Opening remarks by H.E. Enzo Moavero Milanesi, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy
 2. President's statement
 3. Director-General's Report
 4. General Debate
- 11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee break**
- 11:30 – 13:00
5. 2019 Management Plan and Budget
 6. Reports of the subsidiary bodies
 7. Proposed process for the selection of the Director-General of the International Development Law Organization
 8. Elections
- 13:00 – 15:00 **Closing of the Assembly**
- Lunch
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PARTNERSHIP FORUM

THE RULE OF LAW IN TURBULENT TIMES

15:00 – 16:15 **Opening Session: Setting the Scene**

International norms on human rights and the rule of law are under extraordinary pressure from entrenched conflicts, rising authoritarianism, climate change, humanitarian crises and growing inequalities. Speakers' contributions will address both challenges and opportunities to unlock the transformative potential of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to help build peaceful, just and inclusive societies.

The session will explore ways to build momentum for advancing the rule of law and access to justice in light of the first quadrennial assessment of progress in implementing the Sustainable Development Goals in September 2019, the United Nations High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) in 2019 and the work of the Taskforce on Justice.

- 1. Opening remarks**
Irene Khan
Director-General, IDLO
- 2. Special address**
H.E. Inga Rhonda King
President of ECOSOC and the HLPF 2019, Permanent Representative of St. Vincent and the Grenadines to the UN
- 3. Keynote addresses**
Kate Gilmore
UN Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights

Jean Marie Guéhenno
Former President and CEO International Crisis Group and UN Under-Secretary-General for Peace Keeping Operations

Discussion moderated by Irene Khan, Director-General, IDLO

16:15 – 16:45 **Coffee break**

16:45 – 18:30 **Session 1: Building Trust and Confidence in Institutions**

The session will examine different approaches to strengthen the capacity, integrity and accountability of institutions through interventions to promote judicial independence, combat corruption and make governance more open,

transparent and efficient. It will also address the importance of building public trust in institutions by increasing their responsiveness and cooperation with those they serve, including through direct engagement with justice seekers, working with civil society and bridging the gap between formal and informal justice systems.

1. **Keynote address**

Diego García-Sayán

UN Special Rapporteur on the Independence of Judges and Lawyers

2. **Partners' perspectives**

H.E. Kahinda Otafiire

Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs of the Republic of Uganda

Hon. Abdulai Hamid Charm

Chief Justice of Sierra Leone

Yuliya Svitlychna

Governor of Kharkiv Region of Ukraine

Glenda Ayala

Head of the National Preventative Mechanism to prevent Torture (NPM/CONAPREV) of Honduras

Discussion moderated by Irene Khan, Director-General, IDLO

18:30

End

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PARTNERSHIP FORUM [continued]

9:00 – 9:30

Welcome

9:30 – 11:00

Forging Partnerships to Advance Sustainable Development through the Rule of Law

Keynote address

Enrico Giovannini

Spokesperson of the Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development

Session 2: The Rule of Law in a Changing Global Economy

This session will look into ways countries at different levels of development can promote sustainable, inclusive economic growth by strengthening their legal and

institutional capacity, including alternate dispute resolution mechanisms, and by empowering entrepreneurs. It will explore ways to promote an inclusive vision of development by promoting innovative partnerships and capitalizing on emerging trends and technologies to achieve and sustain development.

1. Partners' perspectives

H.E. Mario Arvelo

Chair of the UN Committee on World Food Security, Permanent Representative of the Dominican Republic to the UN Agencies in Rome

Marie-Anne Birken

General Counsel, EBRD

Nawaf Al Mahamel

Senior Legal Advisor, Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development

Hanno Scheuch

Senior Counsel, OPEC Fund for International Development

James Zhan

Director Investment Division, UNCTAD

Discussion moderated by Paolo Garonna, Professor of Political Economy at the LUISS Guido Carli University, Rome

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30 – 13:00 **Session 3: Closing the Justice Gap for Women and Girls**

The session will highlight ways of closing the justice gap for women and girls with a view to accelerating gender equality for women in political, economic and social spheres. It will look at strengthening the gender-responsiveness and representation of women in institutions, legal empowerment, strategic advocacy and civil society engagement. The discussion will pay particular attention to the needs of the women left furthest behind and ways in which the law can help them fully realize their rights and aspirations.

1. Special address

Jan Beagle

UN Under-Secretary-General for Management

2. Keynote address

H.E. Athaliah Molokomme

Member of the Task Force on Justice, Permanent Representative of Botswana to the UN in Geneva

3. Partners' perspectives

Hon. Ihssan Barakat

Judge, Supreme Court and General Director of the Judicial Institute of Jordan

H.E. Mohammad Farid Hamidi

Attorney General of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan

Erdenebat Ganbat

Deputy Prosecutor General of Mongolia

Anna Jakenberg Brinck

Deputy Director, Department for International Law, Human Rights and Treaty Law, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Sweden

Kagwiria Mbogori

Chairperson of the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights

Discussion moderated by Jan Beagle, UN Under-Secretary-General for Management

13:00 – 13:30 **Closing session**

1. Inspirational moment:

Civil society view

Gerald Abila

Attorney and Founder, BareFootLaw, Uganda

2. Closing remarks

H.E. Inga Rhonda King

President of ECOSOC and the HLPF 2019, Permanent Representative of St. Vincent and the Grenadines to the UN

Irene Khan

Director-General, IDLO

13:30

End