LESSONS FROM THE FIELD:
INNOVATION IN RULE OF LAW PROGRAMMING

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A JUSTRAC Symposium

The Rule of Law Collaborative at the University of South Carolina
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Summary

In recent years, as resources for rule of law programming have shifted elsewhere, innovative rule of law programs have become indispensable. This symposium will focus on three particular aspects of innovation: developing holistic approaches, adapting to unexpected developments, and building sustainable programs. It will also look at ways to incorporate various actors to allow for more realistic approaches to rule of law, considering ways in which citizens resolve their day-to-day problems. To ensure that the symposium itself matches the programs it seeks to highlight, the symposium will adopt interactive components for all parts of the day-long session, allowing participants to actively engage with symposium speakers.

Program

8:45 – 9:15   **Registration and Light Breakfast**

9:15 – 9:30   **Welcoming Remarks and Symposium Objectives**

Will Pomeranz
Deputy Director, Kennan Institute

Joel Samuels
Director, Rule of Law Collaborative, University of South Carolina

9:30 – 10:00 **Opening Keynote Session: The Challenges of Innovation in Rule of Law Programming**

Alexander A. Arvizu
Deputy Assistant Secretary, INL, U.S. Department of State

Deputy Assistant Secretary (DAS) Arvizu will give an overview of innovation in INL's rule of law programming.

Following DAS Arvizu's remarks, session moderators Steve Austermiller, Radha Friedman, and Andrew Solomon will engage in a discussion about key themes of the symposium. The moderators will highlight cross-cutting issues, raise important questions of the day, and introduce the audience to the interactive technology component of the symposium.

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10:00 – 11:30 **Session 2: Holistic Approaches**

Andrew Solomon, Moderator (Indonesia)
Senior Rule of Law Advisor, USAID

Benjamin Roth (El Salvador)
Assistant Professor, College of Social Work, University of South Carolina

Chris Jochnick (Rwanda, Kenya)
President & CEO, Landesa

Jin Ho Verdonschot (Kenya)
Director, HiiL Rechtwijzer Technology & Justice Technology Architect, HiiL Innovating Justice

This session will examine comprehensive and inclusive approaches to rule of law programming, looking beyond more traditional focuses on formal, state institutions. Drawing from their experiences, speakers will discuss lessons learned from rule of law programming that incorporate a variety of stakeholders, treat rule of law as a complex system, and include informal justice systems in its approach.

11:30 – 11:45 **Break**

11:45 – 1:15 **Session 3: Adaptation**

Radha Friedman, **Moderator (Nepal)**
Director of Programs, World Justice Project

David Alpher (Iraq)
Washington Associate, Saferworld

Heike Gramckow (Mongolia)
Lead Counsel, The World Bank

Karen Hall (Afghanistan)
Assistant Professor, Ohio Northern University

This session will explore ways in which rule of law practitioners have adjusted or redesigned programming when faced with unforeseen challenges during implementation. Understanding rule of law as a system of change, speakers will consider a variety of real-world challenges that they have faced in the field, such as changes in a host country's political environment, changes in donor policy priorities, changes in available resources and even natural disasters.

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1:15 – 2:15   **Lunch and Distinguished Remarks**

Neil Levine
Director, Center of Excellence on Democracy, Human Rights and Governance, USAID

Over lunch, Neil Levine, Director of the Center of Excellence on Democracy, Human Rights and Governance at USAID will reflect on USAID's approach to innovation in rule of law programming. He will also discuss the challenges to innovation faced by U.S. Government agencies as well as opportunities for engagement with the public and private sector on these issues.

2:15 – 3:45   **Session 4: Sustainability**

Steve Austermiller, Moderator (Georgia)
Program Officer, Rule of Law Collaborative

Hamid Khan (Afghanistan)
Deputy Director, Rule of Law Collaborative

Lelia Mooney (Latin America)
Director, International Network to Promote the Rule of Law, United States Institute of Peace

Reinford Mwangonde (Malawi)
Founder, Citizens for Justice (Malawi)

This session will focus on strategies for extending the life of a program beyond its initial horizon. Speakers will discuss examples of rule of law programs that achieved longevity as a result of innovative design and flexibility, as well as obstacles to sustainability. In particular, speakers will draw on lessons from the discussion in the previous two sessions to address ways in which holistic approaches and adaptability can contribute to sustainability.

3:45 – 4:15   **Closing Session**

Joel Samuels will lead an interactive session with the audience to connect the topics discussed throughout the day and identify key themes that have emerged from the symposium.

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