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Lessons from the Field: Innovation in Rule of Law Programming

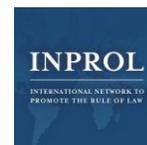
A Justice Sector Training, Research and Coordination Symposium
Convened by the Rule of Law Collaborative at the University of South Carolina
in coordination with the U.S. Institute of Peace

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United States Institute of Peace
2301 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC

This symposium is the second installment in an annual series of JUSTRAC symposia that examine the need and context for innovation in international rule of law programming. Building on the success of last year's innovation symposium, this symposium will focus on innovative approaches to the following challenges in rule of law programming: building political will, overcoming obstacles in the course of program implementation, and incorporating innovative technology into programs. In addition, there will be a discussion on the role and perspectives of international rule of law donors, both domestic and international.

Expert panels will explore each of these topics from multiple perspectives. Moderators and panelists will engage in the popular discussion-style format used in the previous symposium and will draw on each presenter's experience to illustrate the broader themes of the panels. The symposium will utilize interactive technology throughout the day, allowing the audience to actively engage with symposium speakers.



Program

8:15 – 9:00 **Registration and Coffee/Tea**

9:00 – 9:30 **Welcoming Remarks**

Nancy Lindborg

President, United States Institute of Peace

Lelia Mooney

Director, International Network to Promote the Rule of Law

Joel Samuels

Director, Rule of Law Collaborative, University of South Carolina

9:30 – 11:00 **Session II: Building Political Will to Create Demand for Justice Reform**

Rule of law reform is fundamentally a political process, and successful implementation of rule of law projects requires political leadership and commitment. As such, a lack of political will is often a major obstacle to rule of law programming. This session will explore innovative approaches, including those used by donor organizations, to influence positive change and overcome the lack of political will. Panelists will draw on their field experiences in Africa, Latin America and elsewhere to illustrate innovative on-the-ground strategies they have found to be most effective in building political will, and they will share the lessons they have learned.

Andrew Solomon, Moderator (Latin America)

Senior Rule of Law Advisor, USAID

Joseph Lowther (Serbia, Jordan, BiH)

President, Cardno Emerging Markets USA

Helen Olafsdottir (Haiti, MENA)

Rule of Law, Justice and Security Unit, UNDP

Marieke Wierda (Libya, Yemen)

Policy Coordinator - Rule of Law Cluster, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Netherlands

11:00 – 11:15 **Break**

11:15 – 12:30 **Session III: How Organizations Use Creative Interventions to Overcome Obstacles**

In the fast-paced, dynamic field of rule of law reform, donors and implementers must creatively manage their programming, especially when confronted with obstacles such as impediments to coordination, lack of resources, limited absorptive capacity, and difficulties defining and measuring success. Drawing on the experience of the speakers, this session will explore how donors and implementers have employed innovative approaches to overcoming these challenges in Latin America, South Asia, MENA, Eastern Europe and Sub-Saharan Africa.

Lelia Mooney, Moderator (Latin America)

Director, International Network to Promote the Rule of Law

Greg Gisvold (Europe/Eurasia)

Director, Governance and Rule of Law, Democracy International

Violaine Autheman (South Asia/MENA)

Senior Program Manager, National Center for State Courts

Rob Boone (Sub-Saharan Africa)

Advisor for Justice, Inclusion and Development, World Bank

12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch with Keynote Speaker**

Sheldon Himelfarb

President and CEO, PeaceTech Lab

14:00 – 15:45 **Session IV: Innovations in Technology in Rule of Law Reform**

As funding levels for rule of law programs decrease, technology is increasingly seen as a key driver for innovation, growth and sustainable development. This session will review ways in which technology has been leveraged to provide innovative solutions in rule of law programming. The panelists will also discuss how the private and public sectors have collaborated in various ways to bring technology into the development world. Panelists will discuss cutting-edge methods such as text messaging, smartphone apps, and e-governance solutions. They will candidly provide their assessments of the possibilities and limitations of technology in rule of law programming.

Steven Austermiller, Moderator (e-governance, TV & radio)

Rule of Law Collaborative, University of South Carolina

Kyra Buchko (Legal Defenders app)

Senior Technical Director, New Rule LLC

Teresa Jennings (RELX SDG Resource Centre)

Head of Rule of Law Development, LexisNexis

Linda Bishai (SMS Applications)

Director, Research, Evaluation, and Learning, ABA/ROLI

15:45 – 16:00 **Closing Remarks**

Hamid Khan

Deputy Director, Rule of Law Collaborative, University of South Carolina