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ENHANCING GLOBAL RULE OF LAW ASSISTANCE

20-21 APRIL, NEW YORK

AGENDA OF THE MEETING

DAY ONE: MONDAY 20 APRIL

Location: ***United Nations Secretariat, Conference Room 6***

9:00 – 9:45 *Registration*

10:00 – 10:45 **Opening session**

Keynote address:

- Ms. Asha-Rose Migiro, *United Nations Deputy Secretary-General and Chair of the Rule of Law Coordination and Resource Group*

Overview of the objectives of the meeting:

- Mr. Jamal Benomar, *Director, Rule of Law Unit, Office of the United Nations Deputy Secretary-General*
- Ms. Joelle Jenny, *Head of Conflict, Security and Justice Group, Conflict, Humanitarian and Security Department, United Kingdom Department for International Development*

10:45 – 12:00 **State of rule of law assistance**

Facilitator:

- Ambassador Amina Mohamed, *Permanent Secretary and Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of Justice, National Cohesion and Constitutional Affairs, Kenya*

Panelists and plenary discussion will explore the challenges facing a coherent multi-donor policy agenda, given the diversity of rule of law policy goals and how the inherently political aspects of this work must be managed more effectively. Attention will be paid to the evolution of funding to rule of law assistance over the years. The panel will also address how the rule of law field can draw on existing coordination and coherence efforts, including those in other fields of assistance.

Panelists:

- Ms. Joelle Jenny, *Head of Conflict, Security and Justice Group, Conflict, Humanitarian and Security Department, United Kingdom Department for International Development*
- Mr. Jim Goldston, *Executive Director, Open Society Justice Initiative*

- Mr. Rory Keane, *Policy Analyst, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development*
- Ms. Cristina Hoyos, *Policy Advisor, Conflict and Human Rights, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation*

Move to new location: *The Helmsley Hotel, 212 East 42nd Street (between 2nd & 3rd Avenue), 3rd floor, Knickerbocker Suite*

12:30 – 14:30 *Lunch*

14:30 – 16:15 **Donor coherence and coordination on rule of law in the field (part I)**

Facilitator:

- Mr. Nicholas Haysom, *Director, Political, Peacekeeping and Humanitarian Affairs, Executive Office of the Secretary-General*

A panel of national leaders and international actors in the ***Philippines*** and ***Kenya*** will explore how donor coordination has worked in these countries and whether there has been sufficient support for national ownership and respect for aid effectiveness principles. Facilitated discussions will draw lessons from both country examples illustrating challenges to and the need for improving global coordination and coherence of rule of law assistance.

Philippines panelists:

Keynote Speaker:

- Ambassador Hilario G. Davide, *Permanent Representative of the Republic of the Philippines to the United Nations and former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, Philippines*

Discussant:

- Mr. Anthony Toft, *Chief Counsel, East-Asia and Pacific, Legal Vice-Presidency, World Bank*

Kenya panelists:

Keynote Speaker:

- Ambassador Amina Mohamed, *Permanent Secretary and Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of Justice, National Cohesion and Constitutional Affairs, Kenya*

Discussants:

- Mr. Joao Honwana, *Director, Africa 1 Division, United Nations Department of Political Affairs*
- Ms. Christina Biebesheimer, *Chief Counsel, Justice Reform Practice Group Legal Vice-Presidency, World Bank*

16:15 – 16:30 *Coffee break*

16:30 – 18:15 **Donor coherence and coordination on rule of law in the field (part II)**

Facilitator:

- Mr. Dmitry Titov, *Assistant-Secretary-General, Office of Rule of Law and Security Institutions, United Nations Department of Peacekeeping Operations*

A panel of national leaders and international actors in ***Afghanistan*** will explore how donor coordination has worked in this country and whether there has been sufficient support for national ownership and respect for aid effectiveness principles. Facilitated discussions will draw lessons from country examples illustrating challenges to and the need for improving global coordination and coherence of rule of law assistance.

Afghanistan panelists:

Keynote Speaker:

- Justice Bahauddin Baha, *Former Head of the Afghan Judicial Commission, current Supreme Court Justice, Afghanistan*

Discussants:

- Ms. Jane Anttila, *First Secretary, Good Governance and Rule of Law, Permanent Mission of Finland to the United Nations*
- Ms. Dominique Remy-Granger, *Senior Expert, European Commission*
- Mr. Paul George, *Section Head for Africa and Middle East, Conflict Prevention and Peacebuilding Group, Stabilization and Reconstruction Task Force, Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade, Canada*

18:15 – 18:30 **Day 1 Wrap-up**

- Mr. Jamal Benomar, *Director, Rule of Law Unit, Office of the United Nations Deputy Secretary-General*
- Ms. Joelle Jenny, *Head of Conflict, Security and Justice Group, Conflict, Humanitarian and Security Department, United Kingdom Department for International Development*

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DAY TWO: TUESDAY 21 APRIL

Location: *The Helmsley Hotel, 212 East 42nd Street (between 2nd & 3rd Avenue), 3rd floor, Knickerbocker Suite*

9:00 – 9:15 Review of first day and outline of second day agenda

- Mr. Jamal Benomar, Director, Rule of Law Unit, Office of the United Nations Deputy Secretary-General
- Ms. Joelle Jenny, Head of Conflict, Security and Justice Group, Conflict Humanitarian and Security Department, United Kingdom Department for International Development

9:15 – 11:15 Working Groups on ways and means to increase coordination and coherence in the context of the Paris Declaration on aid effectiveness

Working Group A: ***Policy coherence***

Facilitators:

- Ms. Michele Law, *Conflict Advisor, Security and Justice Team, United Kingdom Department for International Development*
- Mr. Rory Keane, *Policy Analyst, Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development*

After an introduction by the facilitators, this Working Group will explore ways to synergize policy approaches, the need for a mechanism for donor policy coherence, and the development of guiding principles for rule of law assistance.

Working Group B: ***Modalities of engagement***

Facilitators:

- Mr. Rajeev Pillay, *General Partner, Abacus International Management*
- Mr. Tim Lemay, *Chief, Governance, Human Security and Rule of Law Section, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime*

After an introduction by the facilitators and a brief presentation by Thomas McInerney (*General Counsel and Director of Research and Policy, International Development Law Organization*) on sector-wide approaches, this Working Group will explore pooled funding, tracking of commitments, integration of rule of law into national strategies and Poverty Reduction Strategy Papers (PRSPs), results-based programming, and joint assessments.

Working Group C: ***Professionalization***

Facilitators:

- Mr. Neil Kritz, *Director, Rule of Law Program, United States Institute of Peace*
- Mr. David Marshall, *Human Rights Officer, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in New York*

After an introduction by the facilitators, this Working Group will explore the need for greater coherence in rule of law training for staff, the development of professional networks and the role of centres of excellence.

Working Group D: ***Knowledge development and research agenda***

Facilitators:

- Mr. Sam Muller, *Director, Hague Institute for the Internationalisation of Law*
- Mr. William Durch, *Senior Associate, Henry L. Stimson Centre*

After an introduction by the facilitators and a brief presentation by Monica Thornton (*Director of International Business, Vera Institute of Justice/ Altus Global Alliance*) on indicators, this Working Group will explore the state of research on the effectiveness of rule of law assistance, including the role of metrics, and the need for lessons learned studies.

11:15 – 11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30 – 12:45 **Report on conclusions: ways and means to increase coordination and coherence**

Facilitator:

- Mr. Sam Muller, *Director, Hague Institute for the Internationalisation of Law*

Each working group will report back to the plenary on its conclusions. A facilitated discussion will follow with a view to drawing out agreed key recommendations.

12:45 – 14:00 *Lunch with presentation on Informal Justice Systems*

Presentation by Ms. Mie Roesdahl (*Senior Advisor, Danish Institute for Human Rights)* on a study of Informal Justice Systems, jointly commissioned by UNDP, UNIFEM and UNICEF.

14:00 – 15:40 **Working Groups on the way forward**

Working Group I - Process for enhancing coherence and coordination of rule of law assistance

Facilitators:

- Ambassador Amina Mohamed, *Permanent Secretary and Chief Executive Officer in the Ministry of Justice, National Cohesion and Constitutional Affairs, Kenya*
- Ms. Nélida Moll, *Policy Officer, Peace Building and Stabilisation Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Netherlands*

Working Group II – Proposed deliverables for enhancing donor coherence

Facilitators:

- Ms. Christina Biebesheimer, *Chief Counsel, Justice Reform Practice Group Legal Vice-Presidency, World Bank*
- Mr. Jim Goldston, *Executive Director, Open Society Justice Initiative*

15:40 – 16:00 *Coffee break*

16:00 – 17:00 **Report on conclusions : Consideration of the way forward**

Facilitator:

- Ambassador Frank Majoor, *Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations*

Both working groups will report back to the plenary on its conclusions. A facilitated discussion will follow with a view to an agreement on next steps.

Final summary of the next steps:

- Mr. Jamal Benomar, *Director, Rule of Law Unit, Office of the United Nations Deputy Secretary-General*
- Ms. Joelle Jenny, *Head of Conflict, Security and Justice Group, Conflict Humanitarian and Security Department, United Kingdom Department for International Development*

17:00 – 17:30 **Closing remarks**

- Ambassador John Sawers, *Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the United Nations*
- Ambassador Heraldo Munoz, *Permanent Representative of Chile to the United Nations, Chairman of the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission*