



Strengthening the Rule of Law and Human Rights to Achieve Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies

A high-level event to examine the role of justice, security and human rights systems in achieving SDG 16+

8 and 9 July 2019

Side-event in the framework of the High Level Political Forum

Headquarters of the United Nations, New York

CONCEPTUAL NOTE

The Inter-American Court of Human Rights, the Ibero-American Judicial Summit, the Conference of Ministers of Justice of Ibero-America Countries (COMJIB), and the Ibero-American Association of Attorney Generals (AIAMP), with the support of the Global Alliance for SDG 16, the Rule of Law Unit of the Executive Office of the United Nations Secretary General, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the Ibero-American General Secretariat, the Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies and the Inter-American Association of Public Lawyers (AIDEF) organize a side-event to present the regional justice systems as key players that have a preponderant role in the promotion of peace, justice and solid institutions. Thus, a transforming vision of society is established, placing the human being as the center of attention and focusing on the economic, social and environmental sustainability of the 193 Member States that signed the Agenda.

The most relevant characteristic of SDG 16 in relation to the use of the public service that is Justice is that this SDG is a facilitator for all the rest of the development agenda. In July 2019, the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) will review, among others, SDGs 16 and 4, and its central theme is to empower people and ensure inclusion and equality. The Heads of State and Government will review the 17 SDGs in September and will "mobilize new actions to accelerate the implementation".

There is an opportunity to design a space for heads of the Justice Systems (Judicial Branches, Attorney General's Offices, Public Defenders, Ministries of Justice and International Courts) of the Ibero-American region, led by their regional institutions of dialogue and representation, to attend to the HLPF with the intention of discussing its role in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda, particularly from SDG 16. For this reason, a strategic alliance has been drawn up between all the

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actors representing the regional justice systems interested in defending and carrying out the SDG16+, reinforcing its commitment to build peaceful, just and inclusive societies.

Objectives

- Bring together a growing coalition of international justice sector organizations that implement SDG16+ and that defend peace, justice and inclusion.
- Strengthen the commitment of justice systems with full implementation of SDG16+.
- Present the strategies of innovation and lessons learned from Ibero-America and the Caribbean that explain and demonstrate in a concrete way how judicial systems can promote progress, both in SDG 16+ and in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Format and Participants

The event will be structured as an interactive event. It will consist of three segments:

- High Level opening session in partnership with UNDP's annual Rule of Law main event
- Sessions with a panel of invited experts to present successful experiences that support the implementation of the objectives for SDG16+ and new strategies towards the realization of SDG16+
- Closing session

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AGENDA

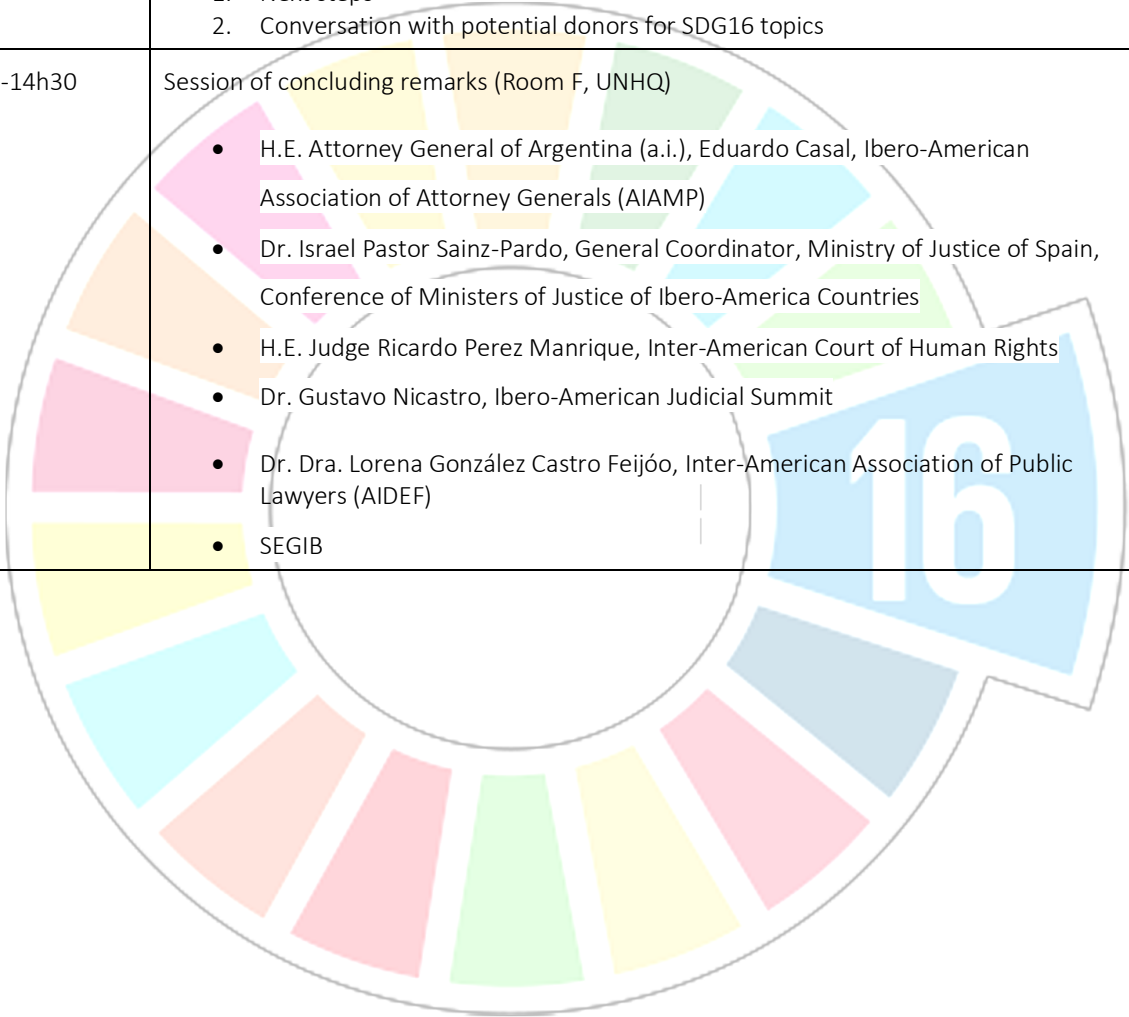
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09:00 – 13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint session with UNDP's Rule of Law event (see specific agenda)
15:00 – 16:00	<p>Panel 1: Violence and Security (16.1, 16.2, 16.4, 16.a)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Minister of Justice of Spain, Dolores Delgado H.E. Attorney General of Paraguay, Sandra Quiñones Astigarraga Counsellor Jorge Antonio Cruz Ramos, Consejo de la Judicatura Federal, México <p>Moderator: Karina Gerlach, Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies</p>
16:00 – 17:00	<p>Panel 2: Access to Justice, Rights and Participation (16.3, 16.9, 16.b; 16.7, 16.8)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Attorney General of Brazil, Raquel Dodge H.E. Minister of Justice and Law of Colombia, Margarita Cabello Blanco Dra. Nydia Arévalo Flores, General Coordinator, Inter-American Association of Public Lawyers Dr. Gustavo Nicastro, Supreme Court of Justice of Uruguay, Ibero-American Judicial Summit Permanent Secretariat <p>Moderator: Alejandro Álvarez, Rule of Law Unit of the Executive Office of the United Nations Secretary General</p>
17:00 – 18:00	<p>Panel 3: Transparency, Governance and Access to Information (16.5, 16.6, 16.10)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E. Justice Miryam Peña Candia, Supreme Court of Justice of Paraguay H.E. Attorney General of Chile, Jorge Abbott Dr. Pedro Félix Álvarez de Benito, Director of the International Relations Service of the General Council of the Judiciary of Spain, Ibero-American Judicial Summit Commissioner of the Commission of Coordination and Follow-up Bill Orme, independent expert <p>Moderator: Guilherme Canela, UNESCO</p>
DÍA 2	

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09.30 – 12.30	<p>Closed meeting.</p> <p>Venue: UNESCO’s office in NYC.</p> <p>All organizers and partners</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Next steps 2. Conversation with potential donors for SDG16 topics
13h15-14h30	<p>Session of concluding remarks (Room F, UNHQ)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • H.E. Attorney General of Argentina (a.i.), Eduardo Casal, Ibero-American Association of Attorney Generals (AIAMP) • Dr. Israel Pastor Sainz-Pardo, General Coordinator, Ministry of Justice of Spain, Conference of Ministers of Justice of Ibero-America Countries • H.E. Judge Ricardo Perez Manrique, Inter-American Court of Human Rights • Dr. Gustavo Nicastro, Ibero-American Judicial Summit • Dr. Dra. Lorena González Castro Feijóo, Inter-American Association of Public Lawyers (AIDEF) • SEGIB



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