“Rule of law approaches to enhance good governance for Food Systems transformation”

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IDLO is the only global intergovernmental organization exclusively devoted to promoting the rule of law to advance peace and sustainable development.

IDLO works to enable governments and empower people to reform laws and strengthen institutions to promote peace, justice, sustainable development and economic opportunity.
The Rule of Law

For the UN system, the **rule of law** is a **principle of governance** in which all persons, institutions and entities – public and private, including the State itself – are **accountable** to laws that are **publicly promulgated, equally enforced and independently adjudicated**, and which are **consistent with international human rights norms and standards**.

It requires measures to ensure adherence to the principles of supremacy of the law, equality before the law, **accountability** to the law and fairness in the application of the law.

Rule of law also encompasses separation of powers, **participation** in decision-making, legal certainty, avoidance of arbitrariness, and procedural and legal **transparency**.
IDLO’s approach

Integrated and cohesive legal frameworks

Effective institutions

Empowered communities

- Alignment with human rights standards and CFS voluntary guidelines and policy recommendations
- Accountability
- Transparency
- Compliance and enforcement
- Access to justice
- Participation and inclusion

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IDLO’s approach

- **Innovation**
  - Conduct legal gap analysis
  - Provide policy and legal recommendations
  - Develop protocols and regulations, including oversight and redress mechanisms

- **Integration**
  - Develop institutional capacity
  - Incorporate technology into case management
  - Support registration of land and access to natural resources

- **Inclusion**
  - Focus on legal empowerment
  - Ensure open databases
  - Promote multi-stakeholder consultation
  - Utilize Alternative Dispute Resolutions (ADR) and Customary Informal Justice (CIJ)
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IDLO’s experiences

Legal gap analysis & recommendations
Safeguarding the right to adequate food in times of emergency. Two pilot country studies: Honduras and Uganda. Dec 2020-Nov 2022

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Institutional Capacity Development
Training courses on Responsible Investments in Agriculture (RAI Principles) for multiple stakeholders from Central America (2018)

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Capacity development and legal empowerment
Enhancing Land Security in Rwanda by Strengthening Public Confidence in Registration of Land Transactions – Inception phase 2022


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