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## IMPLEMENTER DIALOGUE

### Security and Rule of Law Programming in the Sahel: exploring synergies and opportunities for coordination

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The Sahel region faces complex security and development challenges, underpinned by widespread institutional fragility. Leading causes encompass impunity, corruption and significant gaps in access to justice. These factors, coupled with States' scarce ability to provide access to basic services and maintain order, originate a vicious circle of increasing insecurity, inter-community tensions and eroding trust towards State institutions. This picture contributes to the creation of fertile ground for the proliferation of violent extremism, insurgent and organized crime groups. It appears clear that to address instability in the region, efforts aimed at strengthening institutions specialized in the fight against terrorism and transnational organized crime need to be complemented by measures focused on addressing the systemic failures of the criminal justice chain.

With support from the Government of the Netherlands, in 2019 IDLO has launched a multi-sector program across three countries in the Sahel region to strengthen the criminal justice chain and support wide-reaching efforts towards peacebuilding, scaling up a model implemented in Mali since 2015. While there is a common understanding that a plethora of initiatives are being designed and implemented in the Sahel region, the overall picture often appears fragmented and different actors lack an accurate overview of where and how these various initiatives intersect.

By convening a range of implementing organizations active in the field of Security and the Rule of Law in the Sahel region, and in collaboration with the KPSRL, this *Implementer Dialogue* is an opportunity to stimulate targeted debate and exchange among relevant actors, with a view to:

- 1) Jointly map-out relevant and intersecting efforts;
- 2) Identifying synergies and boosting connections;
- 3) Exploring pathways for better coordination in the field.

#### Registration:

Please register to participate in this dialogue by contacting Francesca Rappocciolo ([frappocciolo@idlo.int](mailto:frappocciolo@idlo.int)).

### **About IDLO's Implementer Dialogues Series:**

*The nature of rule of law programming is changing in response to a series of external and internal drivers. Today, concerted efforts to strengthen the rule of law are more necessary than ever in a rapidly changing world characterized by growing insecurity and instability, recurring and protracted conflict and violence, increasing inequality, exclusion and discrimination, where international human rights and humanitarian norms have come under attack.*

*In order to develop high-impact and high-quality programming, IDLO engages with multiple implementing partners working to improve access to justice and enhance performance of justice sector institutions in its geographic areas of focus. This engagement at different levels has proven to foster positive exchanges on lessons generated from programs and it has created opportunities for joint initiatives and partnerships. Since 2014 IDLO has collaborated with The Hague Rule of Law community to bring together implementing organizations, research institutes and representatives of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, to hold exchanges in a flexible and informal format.*

*These "Implementer Dialogues" bring together practitioners and policymakers to share and discuss good practices in specific geographic areas or themes of relevance to the rule of law, with a focus on problem-driven iterative adaptation-based approaches to programming. This dialogue series seeks to align with other international initiatives, events and debates in relation to the rule of law and SDG 16.*

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