

## CEGESTI participates in international event IDLO to promote the rule of law by companies

As part of the Forum of the United Nations on Business and Human Rights, which took place in Geneva from 1st to 3th December, 2014, CEGESTI was invited by International Development Law Organization to participate in its event to impulse the rule of law through companies, along with delegates from around the world.

IDLO is the only intergovernmental organization with a unique mandate to promote the rule of law. Governments, multilateral organizations, private foundations and private sector support their work. The organization is headquartered in Rome. It also has headquarters in The Hague and representation at the United Nations in New York and Geneva, where it helps to shape the debate on human rights and development.

The rule of law is a legal concept facilitator of justice and development. The rule of law, justice and development are interdependent and mutually reinforcing concepts.

To IDLO, the rule of law is a culture and daily practice. It is inseparable from equality, access to justice and education, access to health and protecting the most vulnerable. It is crucial for the viability of communities and nations, and to the environment.

Within its role in the United Nations and other forums, IDLO helps formulate a new development paradigm, in determining what constitutes justice and how to achieve it.

Usually the rule of law has been driven at State level, however, in alignment with the clarity provided by the Guiding Principles of the United Nations on human rights and business, IDLO has decided to convene in Geneva representatives of States, businesses and the civil society, in order to remember the pillars of protection, respect and remediation and the role that each of these actors has in them.

Inside the event has been highlighted the important role of business and civil society in order to respect human rights through access to justice, peace, democracy, the rights of women and children, social development, sustainability and the adequate environment for economic opportunity.

According to IDLO all stakeholders can contribute positively to human rights, to eliminate trafficking in persons, to respect the rights of indigenous peoples, rights of children and sexual identities, as well as to eradicate discrimination and establish gender equality environments.

During the event it has been concluded that only through the participation of all actors legal reforms that lead to good governance, the generation of judicial capacity, respect for intellectual property, the right to health, fair trade and sustainable relationship with the environment can be achieved.



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