High-Level Anniversary Event

‘Marking Ten Years of the Global Focal Point for the Rule of Law: perspectives on joint rule of law assistance’
18 November 2022, 10:00 – 11:30am EST, CR 4

CONCEPT NOTE

Background

In 2022, the Global Focal Point for the Rule of Law (GFP) marks its 10-year anniversary. This is an important milestone that merits visibility and outreach. The GFP was established in September 2012 by decision 2012/13 of the United Nations Secretary-General to enhance the predictability, coherence, accountability, and effectiveness of the United Nations’ delivery in the rule of law at country and international levels, and to ensure that this delivery is fully grounded in international standards. Decision 2012/13 states that the senior United Nations official in country should be responsible and accountable for guiding and overseeing United Nations' rule of law strategies, for resolving political obstacles and for coordinating country support. In addition, Decision 2012/13 states that, at Headquarters, DPO and UNDP should assume the responsibility for the GFP.

At the heart of the GFP arrangement is the notion that the United Nations is better able to deliver rule of law assistance when working together. In this context, joint rule of law programming underpinned by human rights, gender responsiveness and people-centred approaches to justice and security is a crucial instrument for United Nations field presences to pool resources and expertise from across its entities and strengthen support to national authorities.

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The High-Level Anniversary Event will offer an opportunity to bring together Member States and GFP Partners to; a) celebrate examples of effective collaborations across rule of law entities; and b) showcase how the flexible nature of the Global Focal Point for the Rule of Law arrangement has allowed to use such platform to address a variety of challenges.

Format

The High-Level Anniversary Event will be co-hosted by the Permanent Missions of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Sierra Leone, and it will include remarks by the UNDP Administrator and the Under Secretary-General for Peace Operations, in their capacity as co-chairs of the Global Focal Point for the Rule of Law. The event will be open to all Member States, and there will be an opportunity for Member States to deliver brief remarks (limited to 2 minutes).

The Event will be in-person.

A light reception will follow outside CR 4.

Date

18 November 2022, at 10:00 - 11:30am EST

Venue

Conference Room 4, United Nations Secretariat
The Permanent Representatives of the Missions of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and Sierra Leone to the United Nations have the pleasure to invite you to an in-person high-level event on ‘Marking Ten Years of the Global Focal Point for the Rule of Law: perspectives on joint rule of law assistance’

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AGENDA/ PROGRAMME

Co-moderated by
Ms. Asako Okai, Assistant Secretary General and Director of Crisis Bureau, UNDP  
Mr. Alexander Zouev, Assistant Secretary-General for Rule of Law and Security Institutions, DPO

10:00-10:10 Opening Remarks

H.E. Ms. Yoka M.G. Brandt, Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to the United Nations

H.E. Mr. Alhaji Fanday Turay, Permanent Representative of Sierra Leone to the United Nations

10:10-10:20 UN Working Together for the Rule of Law

Mr. Achim Steiner, Administrator, UNDP

Mr. Jean-Pierre Lacroix, Under-Secretary General for Peace Operations, DPO

10:20-10:50 GFP Impact in the Field

DRC: H.E. Ms. Rose Mutombo Kiese, Minister of Justice and Keeper of the Seals of Democratic Republic of the Congo

Somalia: Ms. Anita Kiki Gbeho, DSRSG and OIC UNSOM

CAR: Mr. Frank Dalton, Chief of Justice and Corrections Section and OIC DSRSG (Restoration of State Authority Pillar), MINUSCA

Mali: Mr. Maleye Diop, Resident Representative, UNDP Mali

10:50-11:00 Partnerships to Advance the Rule of Law

Ms. Ilze Brands Kehris, Assistant Secretary-General for Human Rights, OHCHR

Mr. Eihab Omaish, Director of Rule of Law Unit, EOSG

11:00-11:30 Interactive segment with Member States

Concluding remarks by Mr. Achim Steiner & Mr. Jean-Pierre Lacroix

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