

We would like to invite you to a briefing with Ambassador Thomas Pickering and Ambassador William Brownfield on Thursday, April 11th from 2:30 to 3:30 in room 385 Russell Senate Office Building.

This briefing will focus on initiatives for judicial sector reform in Afghanistan, South Sudan, Kyrgyzstan and other fragile nations where the U.S. has important security and governance concerns. The International Development Law Organization (IDLO), an inter-governmental organization that collaborates with U.S. government agencies, is leading these initiatives. The U.S. government currently serves as president of the IDLO, represented by U.S. Ambassador David Lane. Briefing participants:

- Ambassador Thomas Pickering served more than four decades as a U.S. diplomat. He last served as under secretary of state for political affairs, the third highest post in the State Department. Pickering also served as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations, the Russian Federation, India, Israel, and Jordan, and holds the personal rank of Career Ambassador. He serves on the IDLO International Advisory Council.
- Ambassador William Brownfield serves as Assistant Secretary of State for International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL). He previously served as U.S. Ambassador to Colombia, Venezuela, and Chile. Other overseas postings included Counselor for Humanitarian Affairs in Geneva; assignments in Argentina and El Salvador; and Political Adviser to the Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Southern Command in Panama 1989-1990.
- Ms. Irene Khan is the IDLO's Director-General since January 2012. A thought leader on human rights, gender and social justice issues, Khan was Secretary General of Amnesty International from 2001-2009. Khan previously worked for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees for 21 years. She is a member of the UNAIDS High Level Commission on HIV Prevention. In 2006, Khan received the Sydney Peace Prize for her work to end violence against women and girls.

IDLO is carrying out highly effective programming that is making a difference in the lives of women and men in Afghanistan, South Sudan, and other countries of high interest. IDLO is, for example, implementing a cooperative agreement with the State Department's INL Bureau to strengthen judicial institutions, access to justice, and gender equality in Afghanistan. IDLO partners closely with US government agencies and aligns well with U.S foreign policy objectives; IDLO is leading initiatives that are designed to enhance access to justice, address gender and other inequalities, support sustainable development and economic opportunity, and promote greater security and peace. IDLO's mission is to create a culture of justice that enables every person to live with dignity and under the rule of law.

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