

## **Providing access to legal information to accelerate sustainable development**

This side event offered a timely opportunity to discuss how free online access to legal information can become a strong and transformative enabler to accelerate advances in the implementation of the post-2015 development agenda and help create a conducive environment for the achievement of the SDGs.

Speakers from DESA, IPU, IDLO, Italy, Republic of Korea, Uruguay, as well as US House of Representatives and Cornell Law School discussed a range of policies, challenges and best practices with respect to free online access to legal information and public data and the benefits that come with it. The presentations and discussions demonstrated, through concrete country and institutional experiences, that in the context of the post-2015 agenda, making legal information freely available to all via the Internet, on a timely basis, will be particularly significant as it can help address inequalities and vulnerabilities, fight corruption, strengthen public institutions, and facilitate entrepreneurship and job creation.