Law, Justice and Poverty Reduction

Law and justice services, as components of good governance, are linked with positive development outcomes generally, and support progress towards implementation of the World Bank’s twin goals of eradicating extreme poverty and promoting inclusive growth. Law impacts poverty by providing frameworks for promoting economic growth and job creation, controlling productive assets and exercising of basic rights. It also governs institutions and the services they provide. Justice sector services provide tools for the poor to challenge legal and policy frameworks that obstruct economic, social and political participation. They also provide mechanisms to hold governments accountable for weak delivery of services and other forms of exclusion.

This session will provide an opportunity for discussion along the following points:

- How law and justice services promote or obstruct progress towards poverty reduction and the Bank’s twin goals
- Advancing the agenda within the World Bank – promoting good policies through operations, research and knowledge-sharing

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