

## **Open Society Initiative Institute**

Continuing on his Mission, Dr Sita had the opportunity to attend a meeting with the Open Society Initiative Institute in New York.

In the meeting, he was accompanied by Prof. Ready Rice and Mr. Samuel Nkouli from the Transnational Law Institute of the Washington and Lee University, Lexington.

During the meeting, the Director had a fruitful interaction with the relevant authorities with useful exchange of views on a number of activities carried out by the three parties to the meeting: Prof Rice and Mr. Nkouli of the Transnational Law Institute of Washington Lee University; Madeleine Crohn, Senior Project Manager, and Martin Schonteich, Senior Legal Officer, both from the National Criminal Justice Reform of the Open Society Initiative Institute and Dr. Masamba Sita, Director/Head of Mission, UNAFRI.

Notably, some convergence of ideas came out from the Open Society Initiative Institute's project on a Global Campaign for Pretrial Justice as this was of importance and similar concern as shared by the Transnational Law Institute of Washington and Lee University and UNAFRI.

Each party represented during the meeting agreed to develop practical means of implementing the inter alia, the Open Society Initiative Institute Project, and monitoring and evaluation of international instruments at the 'grassroot levels'.