

# Justice Action Coalition

## Leaders committed to taking action for justice for all

### Providing Equal Access to Justice for All

Around the world, calls can be heard for social justice, gender justice, racial justice, and against inequality, corruption, and all forms of violence. People want their government and institutions to work for them, to overcome structural injustices and deliver solutions that affect their lives and opportunities.



Our current justice systems only deliver justice for the few and need to be transformed so that they can deliver equal access to justice for all, as promised by SDG16. By putting people at the center of justice and resolving and preventing justice problems, justice actors can make essential contributions to the economic recovery and societal reset.

Justice systems have a role to balance out power asymmetries, address rising inequalities and respond to demands for justice and fairness. When they embrace people-centered justice, they can restore trust by actively shaping a fair society.

### Putting People at the Center of Justice

The past few years have seen a remarkable international mobilization to accelerate implementation of the SDGs and targets that call for justice for all by 2030. The Task Force on Justice, chaired by ministers from Argentina, the Netherlands, and Sierra Leone, and by the Elders, was at the heart of this movement. Its flagship report, *Justice for All*, proposes an agenda for action that:



Places justice at the heart of sustainable development – as a lever for reaching the furthest behind, creating conditions for shared prosperity, and promoting peace and inclusion.



Puts people at the center of justice systems – and starts with an understanding of what works to meet their justice needs.



Moves from justice for the few to justice for all – with a call for a transformation of ambition and a sustained effort to provide justice to billions more people.

2018-2019

2020-2021

2021-2022

2023

### Task Force on Justice

- Justice for All report
- The Hague Declaration
- Buenos Aires Declaration
- g7+ Joint Action Plan

### Justice in a Pandemic

- Justice in a Pandemic briefings
- National and Regional meetings
- Global Dialogue of Justice Leaders
- Joint Letter to UN SG

### Justice Action Coalition

- Action at national and regional level
- Better data on the justice gap
- Evidence on innovations that work
- Campaigns for those furthest behind

### SDG Summit

*Demonstrate measurable progress towards ensuring equal access to justice for all on the road to 2030*

## Justice Action Coalition

The Justice Action Coalition is a multi-stakeholder, high-ambition coalition of countries and organizations, championing equal access to justice for all.

The guiding ambition of the Justice Action Coalition is to close the global justice gap and the goal is to achieve measurable progress in justice outcomes for people and communities by the second SDG Summit in 2023.

The Justice Action Coalition comprises the following member states: Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, France, Germany, Indonesia, Kosovo, Liberia, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Niger, Portugal, São Tomé and Príncipe, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Sweden, Switzerland and the United States of America.

The Justice Action Coalition has launched the 2023 Justice Appeal, calling for bold action to transform justice systems. It urges countries to pivot to people-centered justice by:

1. *Gathering data on the justice people want and need and how they experience their justice journey.*
2. *Co-creating strategies to become much better at resolving and preventing people's most common justice problems, ensuring gender equality of all responses.*
3. *Setting shared goals for a range of justice actors and starting implementation of strategies to achieve these goals.*
4. *Investing at scale to transform justice as it is delivered to and experienced by people, reducing the number of unresolved justice problems, and creating fair outcomes.*

# Joint Deliverables of the Justice Action Coalition

## 2023 Justice Data Graphical Report

*WJP*

*The graphical report will draw on global and local data points to present the status of access to justice around the world.*

## Access to Justice SDG 16.3.3 Report

*OECD and Pathfinders*

*The SDG 16.3.3 Report will present data on the official SDG indicator to measure progress towards target 16.3 of providing equal access to justice for all.*

## Regional Progress Report for Ibero-America

*Ibero-American Alliance for Access to Justice*

*The Ibero American Progress Report will bring together data and evidence, as available, to present a snapshot on the state of access to justice in the region.*

## Menu of Gamechangers

*HiiL*

*The Menu of Game-changers will include evidence and analysis on game-changing innovations that work to increase access to justice.*

## Customary and Informal Justice

*Working Group on Customary and Informal Justice*

*The report will compile evidence on how customary and informal justice contributes to the achievement of access to justice for all.*

## Working Group on Transitional Justice

*ICTJ (lead) and others*

*The report will present evidence on innovative practices to close the justice gap in countries affected by conflict and mass human rights violations and demonstrate the value of transitional justice to SDG 16+.*

## Financing Justice for Women

*UN Women, IDLO (leads) and others*

*The study will focus on gender responsive justice financing, and the extent to which national budgets reflect women's justice needs.*

## Young Justice Leaders

*Pathfinders*

*Young Justice Leaders will focus on the SDG Summit in 2023, as a space to engage and contribute to international dialogue and research on justice for all.*

## Justice for Children

*University of Strathclyde, Terre des hommes (leads) and others*

*A series of Justice for Children Briefings will harness global learnings and reinforce child and youth participation to inform policy and support national governments to achieve Justice for Children.*

## Key Messages on People-Centered Justice

*UNDP, Pathfinders (leads) and others*

*Sets of key messages, targeting different audiences, will ground and align the work of the Justice Action Coalition and strengthen the common understanding of people-centered justice.*

# Principles of People-Centered Justice



*Puts people and their justice needs at the center of justice systems.*



*Uses justice for prevention and to promote reconciliation.*



*Empowers people to access services and opportunities.*



*Resolves justice problems.*



*Improves justice journeys.*

## Key Achievements

- On 14 April 2021, a Ministerial Meeting launched the Justice Action Coalition, and endorsed a **Joint Letter to the UN Secretary-General**, “Reimagining social contract: A call to put people at the center of justice”. The UNSG’s report on our Common Agenda promises to support efforts to put people at the center of justice systems by promoting a new vision for the rule of law.
- On 30 May 2022, the Justice Action Coalition launched the **Justice Appeal 2023** which urges countries to arrive at the 2023 SDG Summit with data and evidence to demonstrate their contribution to closing the global justice gap.
- In July 2022, at the **High-Level Political Forum**, HEM Ikta Abdoulaye Mohamed, Minister of Justice of Niger delivered a **statement** on behalf of the Justice Action Coalition, recalling the messages of the Justice Appeal 2023.
- On 7 October 2022, during the **6th Committee** meeting of the 77th General Assembly, a **statement** was read on behalf of the Justice Action Coalition on Agenda item 85: The Rule of Law at the National and International Levels.



## PATHFINDERS

FOR PEACEFUL, JUST AND INCLUSIVE SOCIETIES  
HOSTED BY THE NYU CENTER ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

*The Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies serve as secretariat of the Justice Action Coalition.*

*The Pathfinders is hosted, and was co-founded, by the New York University Center on International Cooperation.*



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