

**The Elders** are a group of independent leaders, brought together by Nelson Mandela in 2007, who use their collective experience and influence for peace, justice and human rights worldwide.

The Elders co-chair the Task Force on Justice with Argentina, The Netherlands and Sierra Leone. Human rights lawyer, Hina Jilani, is The Elders' representative on the Task Force.

Recognising the scale of the justice gap and the fundamental importance of access to justice in delivering the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), The Elders launched their access to justice programme in February 2019. The Elders have used their moral voice and convening power to help build the global movement on access to justice and to press for greater justice commitments at the High Level Political Forum and SDG Summit in 2019.

The Elders will build on this work in 2020 in order to make justice for all a reality.

### **Accelerate Action at National Level**

Begin implementation of our country strategy:

- Encouraging countries to make more ambitious commitments on access to justice
- Encourage a move towards people-centred justice
- Amplify the voices of grass roots legal empowerment groups

### **Build a global and regional alliance to support national action**

- Continue to build the global and regional movements on access to justice, such as by co-hosting the Africa launch of the Justice for All report at the Mo Ibrahim Governance Weekend in Ethiopia in April and at other regional and international events, including the UN General Assembly and Justice for All Summit.
- Use our moral voice and global networks to join efforts to support increased financing for access to justice.

### **Mobilize for justice for all**

- Work alongside other partners to build a platform for communication, advocacy, and movement-building on justice for all, maximising the opportunity offered in 2020 during the UN's 75th anniversary celebration.
- Encourage other political and civil society leaders to become Justice Champions.

### **Advance Access to Justice for Women**

Increasing access to justice for women and combating violence against women as a global injustice is a key focus for The Elders' programme. In 2020 we will:

- Use the 25th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action to champion greater prioritisation and commitments on access to justice for women, taking forward the recommendations of the Justice for Women report.
- Explore a convening of political and civil society leaders and other stakeholders working on access to justice for women and violence against women.