

A Decade of Action for Justice for All

Mobilizing for Justice for All

The past two years have seen a remarkable international mobilization to accelerate implementation of the SDG goals and targets that call for justice for all by 2030. The Pathfinders’ Task Force on Justice was at the heart of this movement.

The Task Force on Justice was chaired by ministers from Argentina, the Netherlands, and Sierra Leone, and by the Elders. 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 billions more people with access to justice.

A Shared Strategy for Justice for All

The Task Force co-chairs and members created a political platform for people-centered justice, as Ministers of Justice and other justice leaders recognized the opportunity for collective action presented by the 2030 Agenda. A group of justice partners contributed to the research that informed the Task Force’s recommendations and drove a mobilization for justice for all at the national and international level.

Now, an action coalition of countries and an alliance of justice partners is coming together as Pathfinders for Justice. Through their shared strategy for Justice for All, partners will be inspired by a long-term vision (2020-2030), work towards medium-term objectives (2020-2023), and act to seize short-term opportunities (2020).



Shared Strategy for 2020-2023

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Accelerate action at national level

Our main priority is to support accelerated action at national and subnational levels, through greater political support for people-centered justice, strengthened capacity to implement evidence-based strategies and plans, and increased commitments for which governments and other partners can be held accountable.

- Leadership for justice for all
- Transformative national strategies and plans
- Ambitious national commitments to accelerate action towards justice for all

2

Build a global and regional alliance to support national action

National action needs coherent and comprehensive support from international and regional actors, and from multi-stakeholder partnerships and networks. Increased financing, and better data and evidence, will help accelerate implementation and increase the likelihood that measurable results are demonstrated by 2023.

- Financing justice for all
- Data and evidence to underpin action
- Global commitments for justice for all

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Mobilize for justice for all

An effective and empowered global, regional, national, and local movement for justice for all will amplify demand for change, create space for partners from all sectors to work for justice for all, and counter adverse political trends.

- Shared narrative on justice for all
- Justice for all champions
- Justice for all campaign



Justice for women



Justice for children



Justice for refugees

Leave no one behind

Principles of People-Centered Justice

To deliver justice for all by 2030 in a world where billions of people are not yet able to obtain justice, we must resolve justice problems, prevent injustices from occurring, and use justice systems to create opportunities for people to participate fully in their societies and economies.

- **Put people and their legal needs at the center of justice systems**
Understand what people want when they seek justice, what their most common justice problems are, which obstacles they face, and what kind of justice they receive.
- **Solve people's justice problems**
Empower people and communities, by helping them know, use, and shape the law. Provide access to people-centered justice services that are tailored to meet their needs and help them achieve fair outcomes.
- **Improve people's justice journeys**
Transform justice institutions and services through a broader range of justice providers, to ensure respect for human rights, to respond to unmet legal needs, using innovative solutions, based on data, evidence, and learning.
- **Prevent justice problems and use justice for prevention**
Make use of mediation and other pro-active methods to reduce the number of disputes or resolve them before they become more serious. Address legacies of human rights violations. Invest in justice systems that are trustworthy and legitimate.
- **Provide people access to services and opportunities**
Break down legal, administrative, and practical barriers that people face to obtain documents, access public services, and participate fully in their societies and economies, while promoting gender equality.

The principles of people-centered justice are set out in The Hague Declaration on Equal Access to Justice for All by 2030, the Buenos Aires Declaration on Equal Access to Justice for All, and the Declaration and g7+ Joint Action Plan on Access to Justice for All in Conflict-Affected Countries. These declarations have been endorsed by:

 Afghanistan

 Argentina

 Bolivia

 Brazil

 Cambodia

 Canada

 Central African Republic

 Chad

 Comoros

 Costa Rica

 Cuba

 Dominican Republic

 Ethiopia

 Finland

 Gambia

 Guinea

 Guinea Bissau

 Indonesia

 Liberia

 Libya

 Luxembourg

 The Netherlands

 Niger

 Palestinian Territory

 Paraguay

 Rwanda

 Sao Tome & Principe

 Sierra Leone

 Solomon Island

 South Sudan

 Switzerland

 Timor-Leste

 Togo

 Tunisia

 Uganda

 Ukraine

 United Kingdom

 Uruguay

 Yemen

Justice Partners

Justice partners have energized the movement for people-centered justice and contributed to the research of the Task Force on Justice. All justice partners have been invited to join the Justice Alliance. The Justice Alliance will remain open to new partners that wish to contribute to the priorities set out in this shared strategy.



Pathfinders for Justice

The Pathfinders for Justice will work to put justice at the heart of the Decade of Action for the SDGs and to deliver measurable increases in justice in people's lives of people by the second SDG Summit in 2023.

Action Coalition

A high ambition coalition of countries taking action for justice for all

Justice Alliance

An alliance of global and regional partners supporting national action

Justice Champions

A group of global leaders building a movement for justice for all

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