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.

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.
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 Principe, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Sweden 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.
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.

For more information, visit: https://www.justice.sdg16.plus/justice-action-coalition or write to justice@sdg16.plus