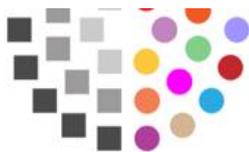


## SDG 16 Hub Community Update | November 2021

This Hub newsletter captures the exciting events from last month, as well as future activities related to the advancement of 2030 Agenda and SDG 16. For any feedback, please write to [contact@sdg16hub.org](mailto:contact@sdg16hub.org). This issue highlights upcoming and past events and workshops, including the recent *Tech for Democracy* conference that discussed the potential of technology to work towards the advancement of democracy and human rights. Among the key initiatives on SDG 16, a special focus this month has been given to the *SDG 16 Survey Initiative* developed by the joint effort of UNDP, the UNODC and OHCHR, and the *SDG 16 Blog Series* organised by the UNDP Oslo Governance Centre. This update also dedicates emphasis to the recently concluded *Regional Training on Measuring SDG 16 in Asia* with its last Webinar number 8 on 'Birth Registration and Public Access to information'. Please also find an overview of the key results extracted from the *SDG 16 Hub Users' Survey* with a special thanks to all the participants who have shared their valuable feedback and inputs. Keep reading to know more about these and other highlights, including what is coming up.



# Tech for Democracy

Join us to make tech work for  
democracy and human rights

Protect. Promote. Participate.



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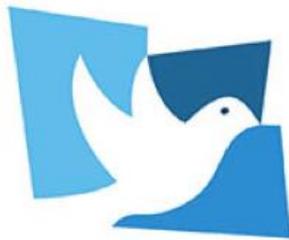


## Tech for Democracy Conference

The future of technology is in our hands

18 November 2021

Digital technologies can strengthen democracy and democratic processes: Make it easier to vote, to be in dialogue, to be heard. Technological solutions can enhance civic engagement, and it can ensure human dignity. To make sure this happens, the Tech for Democracy initiative was initiated in close partnership with the **UNDP**. The [Tech for Democracy 2021](#) conference took place on 18 November 2021 and was live-streamed across the globe. Along with speakers from around the world and across sectors, including UNDP Administrator **Achim Steiner**, journalist and Nobel Peace Prize winner 2021 **Maria Ressa**, Facebook vice-president **Nick Clegg**, and multi-award-winning Tunisian activist **Aya Chebbi**, the conference connected representatives from governments, multilateral organisations, the tech industry, and civil society from global as well as local civil society organizations and activists. In the run-up to the conference in November 2021, a series of [Days of Action](#) and consultations took place online to gather inputs from diverse voices. The **focus of the conference was on leaving no one – and no voice – behind and on identifying people-centered solutions and ways to support civil society and locally grown initiatives**. Read more about this initiative on the [Tech for Democracy website](#).



United Nations Forum on  
**HUMAN RIGHTS, DEMOCRACY**  
and the **RULE OF LAW**

GENEVA, 16-17 NOVEMBER 2021

## **United Nations Forum: Access to justice for all- a necessary element of democracy, rule of law and human rights protection**

The UN Forum on Human Rights, Democracy and Rule of Law took place on the 16 and 17 November 2021. The theme of this session was "**Making Justice truly Accessible to all**". *Current challenges to access to justice and new initiatives will be discussed so as to analyse how the lack of access to justice limits the ability of people to have their voices heard, hold decision makers accountable, challenge discrimination and seek remedy for crimes and human rights violations and abuses. "It is estimated that 1.5 billion people have unmet criminal, civil or administrative justice needs. Access to justice is critical to ensuring the full enjoyment of human rights by everyone and to combating social and economic marginalization".*

To read more about the forum and its key results click [here](#).

# Global Week For Justice

**Save the date**

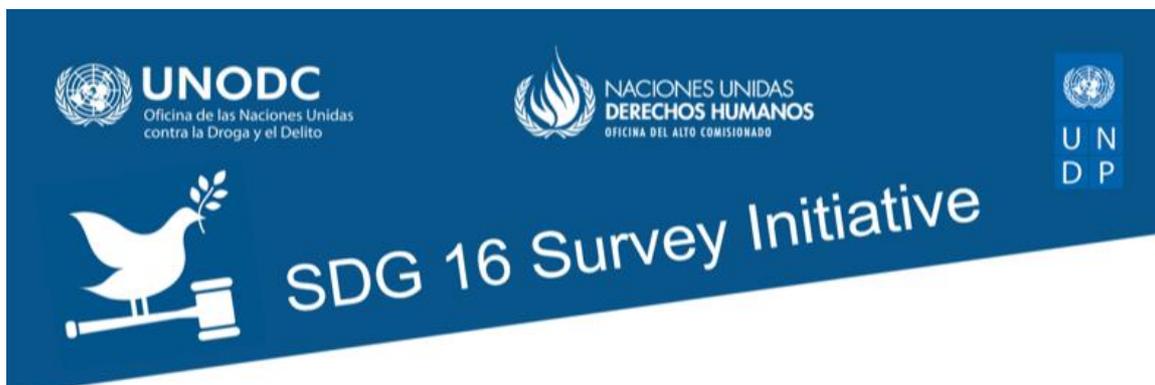
1 - 8 December 2021



## 2021 Global Week for Justice

1-8 December 2021

Join the **Global Week for Justice** and contribute to it! Be a part of in-depth discussions with justice leaders and practitioners, including a Global Dialogue on Transforming justice for a vibrant social contract. *"With trust in institutions decreasing and economic outlooks uncertain, societal tensions are on the rise. Wherever there are conflicts and disputes, justice actors have a role to play. If they put people at the centre, make government more open and accessible, they can re-establish trust and pave the way for recovery"*. This is why justice leaders need to discuss people-centered approaches for transforming justice systems and strengthening the social contract. Chaired by the Minister of Justice, Latvia, Justice Leaders from around the world will come together to discuss strategies and plans to fortify the social contract by ensuring justice for all. Do not miss the opportunity to participate! Find more information about the conference and its events [here](#).



### SDG 16 Survey Initiative

The SDG 16 Survey is a high quality, well tested tool to support data production on peace, justice and inclusion (SDG 16) which can help to better understand complex realities that exist at national and local levels. It can help unveil some of the hidden truths of how violence, discrimination, inequality and injustice manifest itself in the community and identify entry points to begin to address some of these persistent challenges. The necessity to coordinate the development of sound methodologies together with the existence of mechanisms applicable in a diverse set of contexts, but also including national contextualization,

translated into a call for coordination between different partners, at national and international levels, to progress on the measurement of various thematic areas of SDG 16 including: *access to justice, human trafficking, violence, governance, corruption and discrimination*. To respond to this demand, the UNDP, the UNODC and OHCHR developed the **SDG 16 Survey Initiative**, with one single methodology to collect data on the majority of the SDG 16 indicators. Discover and read more about the SD 16 Survey Initiative on the [SDG 16 HUB dedicated page](#).



## **Beyond the Numbers- SDG 16 Blog Series**

The UNDP Oslo Governance Centre has launched a **Blog Series on SDG 16** and all the related aspects on implementing, monitoring, and reporting against it. A wide range of SDG 16 issues, thematic focuses including country and regional cases are discussed and analysed in this Blog Series.

Find the latest blogs on SDG 16 at [Oslo governance Centre – News Centre | Blog](#)

# Partners for Review

2021 Voluntary National Reviews –  
a snapshot of trends in SDG reporting

## P4R 2021 **Voluntary National Reviews – a snapshot of trends in SDG reporting**

Partners for Review has just recently published the latest Comparative Analysis of the Voluntary National Reviews. Having completed the first cycle of the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development (HLPF), and considering the global challenges that we face, urgent action is needed to pick up the pace on delivering the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). For the sixth year since the goals were adopted, countries carried out a **Voluntary National Review (VNR)** of their own implementations of the 2030 Agenda - a total of 42 countries submitted a VNR report to the 2021 HLPF. Preparing the VNRs provides the countries with an opportunity to review and develop their approaches to SDG implementation and to track progress made. The annual Partners for Review (P4R) comparative analysis of the VNRs identifies similarities, differences, progress and emerging trends in VNR reporting. In line with the previous reporting year, this analysis of the 2021 VNR reports looks at six themes: i) the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; ii) national institutional structures; iii) SDG mainstreaming and policy coherence; iv) stakeholder engagement; v) statistics and data; and vi) repeated VNR countries.

Read more about this comparative analysis [here](#) and about the individual case studies [here](#).



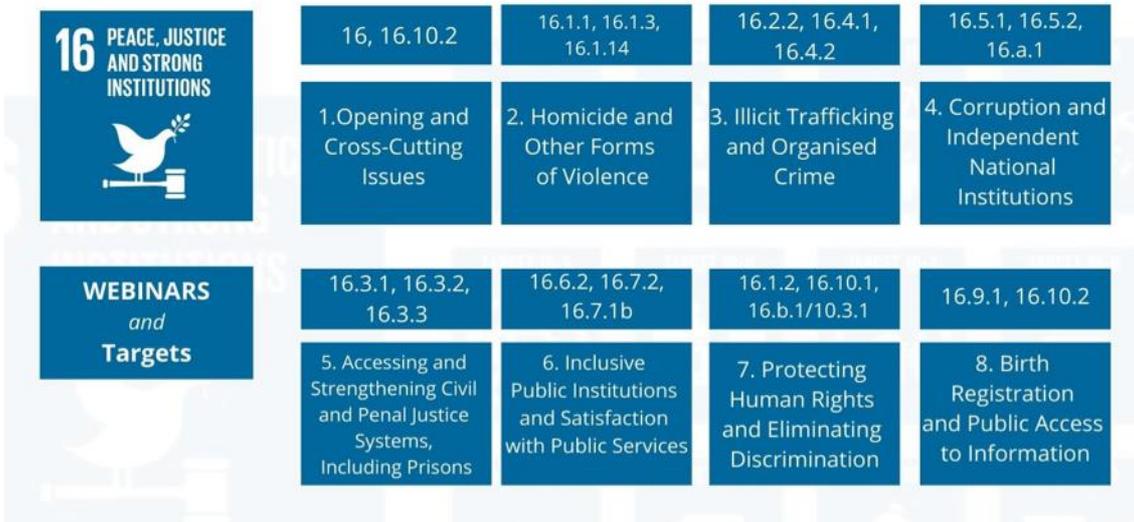
# Regional Training on Measuring SDG 16 in Asia

## Regional Training on Measuring SDG 16 in Asia

### Webinar 8: Birth Registration and Public Access to Information

On the 4<sup>th</sup> of November, the **eighth** and last Webinar of the Training Sessions took place. This webinar focused on two different indicators in two different targets in SDG 16: 16.9 provide legal identity for all; and 16.10 Ensure public access to information and protect fundamental freedoms. SDG indicator 16.9.1 ensures data collection on birth registration which is the first step in securing a person's recognition before the law, safeguarding rights and ensuring the violation of rights does not go unnoticed. SDG indicator 16.10.2 promotes data collection on public access to information (ATI). ATI is based upon the established human right to the fundamental freedom of expression and association. This session also closed the webinar series, with take-aways, next steps and the opportunity for engagement with the organizing agencies.

Recordings from all [8 Webinars](#) are made available to the Community members on the event page for each Webinar session, including the List of Resources and the Presentation files used during the training sessions. Additionally, a series of Discussion topics have been created prior to each session for participants to share their views, opinions and national experiences. To access these discussion spaces please click [here](#).



## Results from the SDG 16 Hub Users survey – a user's feedback survey

The SDG 16 Hub Users' survey was designed and carried out with the scope of gathering users' inputs and feedback to further improve the platform in order to make it functional and at the best use of the SDG 16 practitioners community. The survey collected feedback from **183 users** mainly from the Academia, Civil Society, Government institutions, International Organizations, NHRIs, Private Sector and National Statistic Offices. Among the key results collected, the majority of participants (**73,2%**) considered the overall added value of the SDG 16 Hub **to be of great relevance** (4 and 5 on the scale where 1 is the lowest and 5 the highest). The surveyed users also expressed their preferences on what aspect of SDG 16



interests them the most indicating ‘**Implementation**’ as the preferred aspect, and indicated which areas of SDG 16 is the most interesting to them. Suggestions were also shared about further steps to add value and interest for the Hub, and ways to actively contribute and participate to it including sharing experiences, hosting discussion forums, and participating to events and learning opportunities. The valuable feedback received through the Users’ Survey will be taken into careful consideration and will feed into the future strategy of the SDG 16 Hub.

## New in the SDG 16 Hub Community

- [Ellery Wong](#) – Workshop/meeting/consultation: [SDG16+ In Action: A Civil Society Workshop for National and Local Leadership](#)
- [Naresh Kumar Shrestha](#) – Best practices/ Recommendations: [Women Discrimination on ill practices](#)
- [Faatiha Aayat](#) – Blog post: [I am a Child Rights Activist and Climate Campaigner](#)
- [Merle Jasper](#) –Webinar: [Applying Insights from the UPR Process to Improve Reporting on SDG 16](#)

*To access your profile on the SDG 16 Hub, [click here](#)*

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