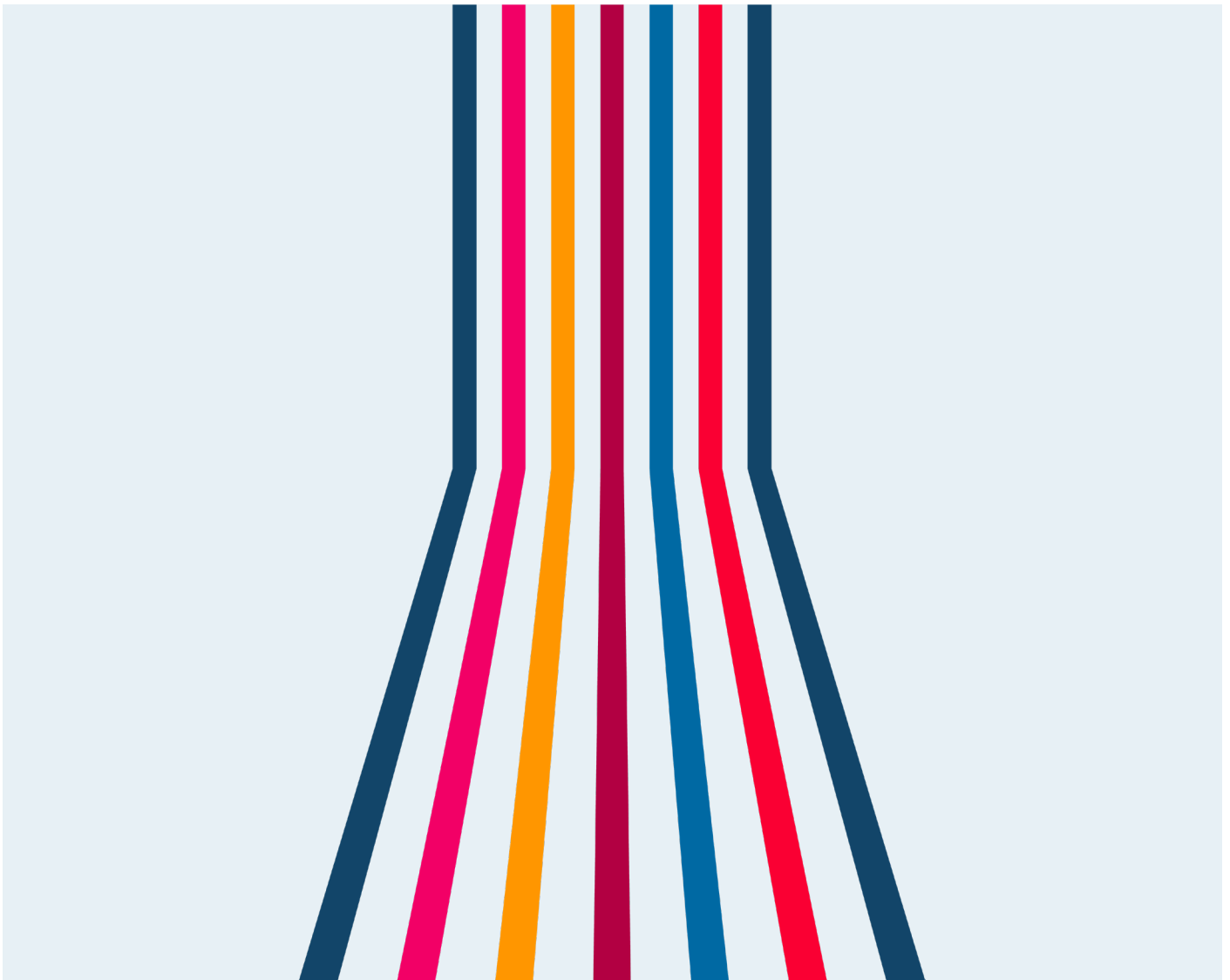# JUSTICE ACTION COALITION

JOINT DELIVERABLES OF THE JUSTICE ACTION COALITION

2022-2023

About this document

On 14 April 2021, ministers from a diverse group of countries met at the **Ministerial Meeting** on Building Peaceful and Inclusive Societies through Justice for All. The ministers endorsed a Joint Letter to the UN Secretary-General and agreed to form a **Justice Action Coalition**, aiming to forge new partnerships and strengthen collaboration across borders.

On 11 November 2021, the senior level meeting of the Justice Action Coalition discussed increased collaboration in the lead up to the 2023 SDG Summit. The agreed **Joint Action Plan** includes a list of national and international priorities as well as joint deliverables. These joint deliverables will be produced by and with partner organizations working on people-centered justice.

Partner organizations jointly and severally embarked upon the implementation of the joint deliverables, regular progress updates during every Senior Level, Justice Action Coalition meeting including at the **World Justice forum** in 2022.

This overview of the Joint Deliverables is based on the updates from partner organizations that were delivered at the most recent Senior Level meeting on 30 March 2023. It provides detail on the workstreams and joint deliverables, emerging plans and partnerships. All these will continue to be refined in the coming months and other partners and member countries are always welcome to contribute to this work.

2023 Justice Data Graphical Report

World Justice Project

DELIVERABLE: The Justice Data Graphical Report is a graphical report that will be produced by World Justice Project. It will include statistical analysis and data points on access to justice for all. The intention is to inform the global narrative on access to justice at the HLPF and SDG Summit in 2023 by helping to make the case for increased data collection efforts and use of people-centered justice data.

The Justice Data Graphical Report will provide a global picture of the state of access to justice. The document will present a novel statistical analysis and data points of justice outcomes based on legal needs survey data from 103 countries and other relevant sources. The Report seeks to give broad insights into which areas of the justice system present barriers to justice in order to inform decision makers as they prioritize justice programs and services.

A holistic approach that allows the mapping of crucial justice outcomes is proposed. At the same time, the Report seeks to communicate large amounts of information through data visualizations that are digestible for key audiences regardless of their technical savvy. Data on justice outcomes is presented and discussed thematically, including information on legal needs, the barriers people find as they try to solve these needs, and the hardships experienced as a result of them. This format allows readers to gain knowledge of the global status of the most important dimensions of access to justice, as well as to make cross-country comparisons. The Report also includes a disaggregated analysis identifying how vulnerable groups (including women and economically marginalized populations) may disproportionately experience unmet justice needs and poor justice outcomes.

Access to Justice SDG 16.3.3 Report

OECD and Pathfinders

DELIVERABLE: The Justice Action Coalition will produce a research report which introduces and discusses the importance of the indicator, SDG 16.3.3. In doing so, it will analyze the existing data on the official indicator adopted by the UN Statistics Commission to measure progress towards target 16.3 of providing equal access to justice for all.

When the SDGs were adopted in 2015, there was no indicator agreed to measure progress on the goal of providing access to justice for all. In 2020 the official indicator framework of the UN was adapted to include SDG 16.3.3. This indicator measures the number of people who experienced a dispute during the past two years and who accessed a formal or informal dispute resolution mechanism.

The co-custodians of SDG 16.3.3, OECD, UNDP and UNODC, support countries to report progress against this indicator and there has been some data that has been collected and released by countries pertaining to the indicator. The Justice Action Coalition will support these efforts through the production of an analytical and narrative report as a companion to the released data. This report will make the data available for a broader audience and identify trends. It will also assist in grounding the policy debate in progress and challenges at the national and local level.

Ibero-American Progress Report 2023

Ibero-American Alliance for Access to Justice

DELIVERABLE: The Ibero-American Alliance for Access to Justice under the auspices of the Justice Action Coalition will launch an Ibero-American Progress Report on Justice for All on the sidelines of the HLPF in 2023. The report will bring together data and evidence from regional and national data sources and present an estimate of the regional justice gap.

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The Progress Report on Justice for All for the Ibero-American region will aim to highlight the achievements and good practices in the region as well as the gaps where additional efforts are required. The report will present disaggregated data on the most common justice problems people face, what works to resolve them, and how they experience their justice journeys. The report will analyze and compile data from regional, national and local legal needs surveys, victimization studies, other relevant surveys and polls, organizational and administrative sources, open justice platforms and datasets, civil society research and data and other relevant studies.

In doing so, the report will advance a common framework that highlights the need for investment in, and attainment of, equal access to justice for all. The report will be comprised of three (3) main sections to be drafted by each of the three (3) working groups on Data and Innovation, a Normative Framework for Access to Justice and, Groups at Risk of Being Left behind.

Menu of Gamechangers

HiiL

DELIVERABLE: The Justice Action Coalition will launch a list of Gamechangers at the second SDG Summit in 2023 with examples of innovations with a strong investment case.

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Building on prior work from HiiL and its partners, this menu of gamechangers will be an agreed list of game-changing interventions, presented through case studies of what works and how. Selection will be based on people-centered justice data and rigorous evaluation of evidence. Where possible, case studies will focus on those that find it hardest to access justice.

The case studies will cover interventions that are proven to work, are replicable in various countries and will significantly reduce the justice gap. They will contain the details of examples of investable and scalable justice innovations. The case studies will, as much as possible, include information about the country context and demographics, the use of the innovation in the formal and informal justice systems, outline the innovation, demonstrate how it prevents or resolves justice problems, and present the investment case, including a cost-benefit analysis.

Customary and Informal Justice

Working Group on Customary and Informal Justice

DELIVERABLE: Publication of a report at the second SDG Summit in 2023 by the Working Group on Customary and Informal Justice compiling evidence of how non-state actors can effectively contribute to the achievement of access to justice for all.

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The Working Group on Customary and Informal Justice and SDG16+ is on-track to deliver its major report at or around the SDG Summit in September 2023.The main aim of the report is to build policy consensus on the case for engaging with Customary and Informal Justice systems and "what works" in doing so, and to drive more relevant and effective justice investments. The report and its actionable recommendations for policymakers will be endorsed by 80+ members of the global Working Group, representing a broad cross-section of stakeholders at global, regional, and national levels.

A background paper, prepared by a UNDP-hosted expert, will provide an evidence review to substantiate the subsequent major report, and explore a series of identified knowledge gaps, including on Customary and Informal Justice data, sustainable financing for Customary and Informal Justice systems, and coherence between Customary and Informal Justice and formal justice systems. Supplementing the background paper, Working Group members have organized a series of stakeholder consultations intended to inform the major report, build consensus around its recommendations, and ensure that the voices and priorities of key constituencies are reflected.

Working Group on Transitional Justice

ICTJ (lead) and others

DELIVERABLE: Publication of a report on Transitional Justice and SDG16+ that is meant to influence policy discussions related to the 2030 agenda, particularly in regard to the Justice Action Coalition, the 2023 HLPF and SDG Summit, and Human Rights Council Resolution A/HRC/51/L.33.

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A critical element of the Working Group's approach is to foster synergies with broader policy processes and agendas on justice, peace, and development. Once the group's report is finalized and approved by members, then, publication will be set for September, with dialogue and dissemination events to coincide with the SDG Summit. Group members will also be able to present and discuss the report's main messages in events connected to the HLPF.

The relevant policy forums also include UN Human Rights Council Resolution A/HRC/51/L.33 on transitional justice and sustainable peace and development, which frames transitional justice as a strategic policy tool. The resolution provides a key forum for the Working Group in the follow up to the SDG Summit, as it provides OHCHR with a multiyear mandate that includes regional meetings and interactive dialogue and with civil society. Also relevant is the work of the UN Special Rapporteur on truth, justice, reparation, and guarantees of nonrecurrence. Both OHCHR and the Special Rapporteur are members in the group.

Financing Justice for Women

UN Women, IDLO (leads) and others

DELIVERABLE: A study which seeks to examine the extent to which national budgets respond to women's justice needs and the gender justice gap, using Uganda and Canada as case studies. UN Women will support the broader literature review and the Uganda case study, and the Government of Canada will support the Canada study.

The research will consist of a broader literature review of foreign feminist policies, national development plans, justice sector strategies, selected budgets from the global south and global north, financing for gender equality and the proportion of countries with systems to track and make public allocations for gender equality and women's empowerment (SDG indicator 5c1).

The study will explore financing of violence prevention and response at the national level. Indicators of analysis will cover; legal aid, violence courts and, violence related services. The study will review the fiscal years of 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021.

The broader literature review and Uganda case study are underway. The Canada study will most likely take off by June 2023. Some results from assessing national development plans, justice sector strategies and foreign feminist policies are already available for dissemination. These assessments determine the extent to which countries are investing in women's justice needs and the justice gap, specifically in the context of the 2030 Agenda and Sustainable Development Goals 5 and 16. By the time of the SDG Summit, the full Uganda Case Study and a summary of the literature review will be ready for dissemination.

Young Justice Leaders

Pathfinders

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Global debates about our future must be more inclusive of young people, providing spaces that authentically engage young voices and support the utilization of their expertise to contribute to research, policy-making, and high-level events. It is against this backdrop that the first ever cohort of young justice leaders was formed. The group is comprised of young change makers who work to put people at the center of justice. The cohort will focus on the SDG Summit in 2023, as a space to engage and contribute to international dialogue and research. The goal of the group is to facilitate collaboration, build networks, and contribute to the global policy dialogue on justice for all, demonstrating that people-centered justice is possible and necessary.

Young Justice Leaders (continued)

The Young Justice Leaders launched a workplan in which they agreed to work towards five main objectives: mainstreaming people-centered justice, increasing access to justice data and promote data justice, increasing financing for people-centered justice, reimagining youth justice and engaging with dispute resolution and informal justice. The Young Justice Leaders are on track to deliver on the objectives of their workplan by or at the SDG Summit in 2023. While their work will culminate in an event on the sidelines of the SDG Summit, the Young Justice Leaders have been producing research and have been participating in major justice events since they launched in 2022.

Justice for Children

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

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The Justice Action Coalition will release a series of Justice for Children Briefings leading up to the second SDG Summit in 2023. These Briefings set out to support the Justice Action Coalition to put the spotlight on children's most common justice problems, how and why they occur and who faces them. The Briefings will also harness global learnings from innovations, reinforce child and youth participation as important 'new partnerships' essential for achieving justice for all and inform policy guidance and support national governments.

In achieving these objectives, the working group on Justice for Children will seek to work with the governments of Sierra Leone, Canada, Brazil and other countries to conduct youth consultations domestically or to co-sponsor side events at key international meetings on justice. The four (4) policy briefings that are set to be presented at the key meetings in 2023 will cover new partnerships, smarter financing, evidence and data and digital innovations.

Key Messages on People-Centered Justice

UNDP, Pathfinders (Leads) and others

DELIVERABLE: To create core messages on people-centered justice. These messages will act as a reference point for partners when communicating about people-centered justice and promote a common understanding of the concept.

The Key Messages Working Group has been meeting regularly since December 2022. It is comprised of both content and communications experts to ensure that the right ideas are included in key messages, and that they are communicated effectively. Through substantive discussions and interactive templates, the group has established three key goals for people-centered justice messaging each with an array of related outcomes. These goals revolve around a common understanding of people centered justice, the use of key messages by key stakeholders, and the outcomes of the SDG Summit as well as the Summit for the Future.

Aligned with each goal, the group has begun to agree upon key messages. To date, the group has developed key messages for goal 1 and will shortly develop those for goal 2 and goal 3. Consideration is being given both to the substance of the message as well as its ability to engage diverse audience segments. Key Messages will be complete in time for the High-Level Political Forum so that partners can draw upon them for the irrespective communications strategies. This event will functionally act as a "soft launch" of the deliverable