

# Mid-way through the 2030 Agenda: Translating Ambitions into Actions through People-Centered Justice

## Ministerial Meeting of the Justice Action Coalition

19 June 2023

### Outcome Document

**Today, we met as members and partners of the Justice Action Coalition.**

The Justice Action Coalition is a high-ambition multistakeholder coalition seeking to close the global justice gap. We strongly believe that justice is a key component of the social fabric that binds our societies together. We are therefore committed to ensure equal access to justice for all to strengthen the social contract, prevent conflict, and achieve sustainable development. To this end, we have joined forces to promote and support people-centered justice at international level and demonstrate ambitious actions at national level.

We are at the mid-point of the 2030 agenda and note the multiple crises facing us including climate change, increasing social tensions and mistrust between people and institutions, rising inequalities, and threats to democracy. We resolve to address these issues by putting people at the center of justice services and using people-centered justice as a tool to reduce conflict, strengthen trust in institutions, and ensure fair outcomes for people.

We recall our Justice Appeal 2023, take note of the recent Summit for Democracy's [Joint Statement and Call to Action](#) on rule of law and people-centered justice and recommit to achieving the promise of SDG 16.3 to ensure equal access to justice for all by 2030. We attach particular importance to women's access to justice and recognizing equality before the law. We note with approval that over 60 countries have now endorsed the five principles of people-centered justice articulated in the [Hague Declaration](#).

We announce with pride and joy that following our decision last year, we have approved the Declaration on the Justice Action Coalition, including the outline of the permanent structure to support effective action on justice. We as Justice Action Coalition will seek to:

1. build **political alignment** on transforming justice systems, by joining forces at the national, regional, and global level to influence agendas and funding streams;
2. enable national justice leaders to develop and **implement credible strategies**, by brokering access to resources, expertise, and international support; and

3. advance the **understanding of what works**, by endorsing standards and methodologies, and assessing data and evidence on people-centered justice.

We share with pleasure, selected examples of [good practices on people-centered justice](#), showcasing progress on SDG 16.3.

We look forward with much anticipation to new data and evidence on people-centered justice, which will be delivered by partner organizations of the Justice Action Coalition at the HLPF and SDG Summit in 2023.

Recognizing that much more needs to be done, **we commit to bolder actions on people-centered justice.**

We invite other countries and stakeholders, including civil society and the private sector, to join us in our endeavors to ensure equal access to justice for all and to come to the SDG Summit with data and examples of progress on SDG 16.3 as well as commitments to ensure equal access to justice for all by 2030.

This document is the agreed outcome document of the second Ministerial Meeting of the Justice Action Coalition, hosted by H.E. Steven Collet, Deputy Vice Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of the Netherlands on behalf of H.E. Liesje Schreinemacher, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation of the Netherlands, held virtually on 19 June 2023.

The meeting was attended by the Ministers of Justice, their deputies, the Attorneys General, the Minister of Development Cooperation, or the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the following countries: Canada, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Germany, Indonesia, Kosovo, Luxemburg, Niger, Portugal, São Tomé and Príncipe, Sweden and United States of America.

The meeting was organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, the g7+ secretariat and the Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies. Representatives of the following organisations participated in the meeting: ABA Roli, HiiL, ICTJ, IDLO, Institute for Inspiring Children's Futures of the University of Strathclyde, Namati, OECD, OGP, Terre des Hommes, UNDP, UN Women and World Justice Project.