

Declaration on the Justice Action Coalition

The Members of the Justice Action Coalition,

Conscious that justice is an essential dimension of the social contract as reaffirmed by the United Nations Secretary-General in Our Common Agenda,

Noting that the 2030 Agenda on Sustainable Development is based on a vision of a just, equitable, tolerant, open and socially inclusive world in which the needs of the most vulnerable are met and where human rights are effectively realized,

Mindful that through the 2030 Agenda, all countries of the world have made a commitment to build peaceful, just and inclusive societies that provide equal access to justice for all,

Recalling that in order to accelerate delivery of the SDG targets for peace, justice and inclusion, a group of United Nations member states, international organizations, civil society organizations and private sector entities came together as Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies, and established the Task Force on Justice to develop a coherent agenda for action tailored to the achievement of SDG16's goal of ensuring justice for all,

Noting that the work of the Task Force on Justice culminated in the adoption of The Hague Declaration on Access to Justice for All by 2030 and the Buenos Aires Declaration on Access to Justice for All, which set out the principles of people-centered justice that have been endorsed by over 50 countries through these and subsequent declarations,

Calling on all countries to include the principles of people-centered justice in their national agendas or ministry level strategic documents,

Mindful of the finding that 5.1 billion people lack meaningful access to justice, as the best estimate of the global justice gap conceptualized in the 2019 Justice for All report, while people's unresolved justice problems cost countries between 0.5-3% of their GDP annually as estimated by the OECD,

Convinced that access to justice is best understood as the ability of people to resolve and prevent their justice problems, and to use justice as a platform to participate fully and fairly in their economies and societies,

Considering that the Justice for All report set out a framework for justice that starts with an understanding of people's justice needs, designs solutions to respond to them through an open and inclusive justice system which provides fair outcomes and works in concert with other sectors such as health, education, labor and housing,

Affirming that ensuring equal access to justice for all is critical to the promotion, protection and fulfillment of human rights, that States must ensure equal access to justice for all persons subject to their jurisdiction and equality before the law and that people-centered justice is fully in line with the human rights-based approach to development.

Noting that while the 2030 Agenda promises to include all people, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion, wealth or other status, justice problems are not randomly distributed and that in all countries in the world, some groups are more likely to suffer injustice than others,

Considering further that SDG5 includes a stand-alone commitment to gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls and that as such, there can be no justice for all without justice for women and girls,

Recalling that, in June 2019, the g7+ group of fragile and conflict-affected countries adopted the Declaration and Joint Action Plan on Access to Justice for All in Conflict-Affected Countries to commit to take concrete steps toward achieving more inclusive and people-centered justice,

Welcoming other relevant declarations on people-centered justice, including the OECD Riga Statement on Investing in Access to Justice for All of 6 July 2018, the OECD Riga Justice Agenda of 6 December 2021, the Rome Civil Society Declarations on SDG16+ of 2019, 2021 and 2022, the World Justice Forum's concluding statements of 2019 and 2022, and the Commonwealth Law Ministers Declaration on Equal Access to Justice of 7 November 2019,

Affirming that in April 2021, a group of countries and organizational partners came together in the Justice Action Coalition, a multi-stakeholder, high ambition coalition, to champion equal access to justice for all,

Noting that in its year of establishment, the Justice Action Coalition wrote to the United Nations Secretary-General to reiterate that transforming justice, by putting people at the center, is key to reviving the bonds that hold societies together and re-establishing trust between people and communities, and governments,

Recalling that in heeding the call of the Justice Action Coalition, the United Nations Secretary-General, in Our Common Agenda, enjoined UN Member States to renew the social contract between Governments and their people and within societies, thereby placing justice at the heart of efforts to accelerate the implementation of existing agreements, including the Sustainable Development Goals,

Reiterating the concern expressed by the United Nations Secretary-General in the August 2022 Sustainable Development Goals report that the 2030 Agenda may be in grave jeopardy due to multiple, cascading and intersecting crises, including COVID-19, climate change and conflict,

Emphasizing as noted in the same report that concerted action on a global scale is needed to put the world on track to sustainability,

Recommitting to the universality of the 2030 Agenda and inviting Ministries of Justice as well as Ministries of Foreign Affairs, International Cooperation or Development to take part in the Coalition and to promote policy coherence between national and international efforts,

Recognizing that in May 2022, the Justice Action Coalition issued the Justice Appeal 2023, which laid out the need for bold action to transform justice systems and called for a pivot to people-centered justice, while announcing its decision to operationalize the Coalition to promote effective action,

Emphasizing that a pivot to people-centered justice should include gathering data on people's justice problems and experiences, co-creating strategies aimed at preventing and resolving people's most common justice problems, ensuring gender equality of all responses, setting shared goals for a range of justice actors, and investing at scale to transform justice,

Affirming that countries have a collective responsibility to close the global justice gap, through both domestic and international action, while reaching those furthest behind first, and

reaffirming the importance of collecting relevant data for formulating people-centered justice systems and policies, as captured in the Statement issued by the Coalition at the 77th Session of the General Assembly of the United Nations in October 2022,

Resolved to promote efforts that put people at the center of justice systems and deliver fair, inclusive, relevant and timely solutions to justice problems, lead to fair outcomes, prevent justice problems from occurring, build a responsive rule of law, reduce inequalities, prevent all forms of violence, and provide equal access to justice for all,

Have come to the following understanding:

Part 1 - The principles, mandate, and functions of the Justice Action Coalition

Paragraph 1 | Justice Action Coalition

1. The Justice Action Coalition (the Coalition), which was founded in April 2021, will by this Declaration become operational as a high ambition coalition of countries, organizations and partners with the goal to champion equal access to justice for all, to put people at the center of justice and to close the global justice gap.
2. The Coalition will act as a platform for inspiration, dialogue, and action, based on inclusion and diversity, to bring together different voices, perspectives, and technical expertise on the rule of law and access to justice.
3. Members of the Coalition will join forces at the international level and demonstrate ambitious leadership on their national priorities for people-centered justice.

Paragraph 2 | Principles

In carrying out the activities envisaged in this Declaration, the members of the Coalition subscribe to the following principles of people-centered justice:¹

- **To put people and their justice needs at the center of justice systems.** To understand what people want and need when they seek justice, and the justice they receive. To make better use of data to map and understand the context and tailor actions to groups that are more likely to suffer injustice.
- **To resolve justice problems.** To transform justice institutions and broaden the range of formal and informal justice actors to provide people with fair, inclusive, relevant, and timely justice solutions that respect human rights. To promote open justice and embrace high-tech as well as low-tech innovations based on data, evidence, and learning.
- **To improve justice journeys.** To empower people and communities to understand, use and shape the law, increase meaningful participation in justice, and provide people-centered justice services that help them achieve fair outcomes.

¹ The principles of people-centered justice have been endorsed by over 55 countries through the Hague Declaration on Equal Access to Justice for All by 2030, the Buenos Aires Declaration on Equal Access to Justice for All, the g7+ Joint Action Plan on Access to Justice for All in Conflict-Affected Countries, the Joint Letter to the UN Secretary-General on Reimagining social contracts: A call to put people at the center of justice, the endorsement of the Joint Letter by the Conferencia de Ministros de Justicia de los Países Iberoamericanos (COMJIB) and the OECD Riga Justice Agenda: Transforming justice for vibrant social contract.

- **To use justice for prevention and to promote reconciliation.** To take measures to reduce violence and de-escalate conflicts and disputes, build trustworthy and legitimate justice systems, prevent recurrence of grave human rights violations, tackle the root causes of injustice and use the law to reduce risks.
- **To empower people to access services and opportunities.** To eliminate legal, administrative, financial and practical barriers that people face to obtain documents, access public services and participate fully in society and the economy, while promoting gender equality.

Paragraph 3 | Mandate

With the overarching goal of closing the global justice gap and achieving access to justice for all, the Coalition's mandate is to:

- a. Increase political dialogue and alignment on transforming justice systems to put people at the center, by joining forces around shared goals, key messages and global policy asks at the national, regional, and global level to influence agendas, international priorities, and funding streams.
- b. Accelerate progress toward the goal of providing access to justice for all, by enabling national justice leaders and change-makers to access relevant resources, expertise, and international support, and otherwise supporting them to develop and implement credible, inclusive, and adequately funded strategies.
- c. Advance the understanding of what works to provide access to justice for all, by encouraging the collection of people-centered justice data and evidence, endorsing standards and methodologies and assessing the ever-growing body of knowledge and know-how.

Paragraph 4 | Functions

To deliver on this mandate, the Coalition will work to:

- a. Strengthen the shared understanding of people-centered justice, develop global policy asks, and decide on strategies to influence global agendas and funding streams.
- b. Increase the visibility of diverse and inclusive political leadership for people-centered justice at national, regional, and global level.
- c. Decide on metrics to measure progress in closing the global justice gap and achieving access to justice for all and set shared, quantitative ambitions for global progress.
- d. Join forces in international forums to increase funding for, and to direct overseas development assistance and other types of funding toward, people-centered justice initiatives.
- e. Support national justice actors and follow their lead in designing data-driven and evidence-based programs and setting goals appropriate for the context.
- f. Support the co-creation of strategies for people-centered justice at the national level and broker access to international expertise, partnerships, and financial support.

- g. Improve monitoring and evaluation standards and approaches for people-centered justice strategies, programs, investments, and budgets.
- h. Provide and oversee the disbursement of catalytic funding to data-driven and evidence-based people-centered justice initiatives.
- i. Create spaces for justice leaders to meet and learn, globally, regionally and nationally and build partnerships to facilitate peer-to-peer learning and exchange.
- j. Create workstreams and build partnerships with academic, research and data partners to organize, structure and assess the body of knowledge and know-how.
- k. Collaborate to develop the business case for increased and evidence-based investment in justice, to improve costing of justice services and to better understand justice budgets.
- l. Support the development of standards and methodologies and provide political endorsements of such standards based on rigorous expert advice and input.
- m. Encourage the collection of people-centered justice data and evidence and promote its use to create better programs and increase effectiveness to close the justice gap.
- n. Promote reporting of progress on the SDG goals, targets and indicators for just societies, in particular indicator 16.3.3.
- o. Start other activities that it deems useful to deliver on its mandate.

Part 2 - Governance

Paragraph 5 | Governance Structure

The Coalition will have the following bodies and forums:

- a. The Ministerial Council, which sets the strategic and political direction for the Coalition and its work.
- b. The Board of the Coalition, which guides the work of the Coalition and oversees the progress and quality of implementation.
- c. The Coalition Plenary Meeting, which serves as the main platform for exchange, technical analysis and learning amongst Coalition members, observers and partners.
- d. The Points of Contact Meeting, which serves as the main forum for regular interaction, collaboration and alignment of efforts for the Coalition.
- e. The Secretariat of the Coalition (hereinafter “Secretariat”), which implements the workplan of the Coalition and is responsible for all managerial, operational and administrative work.

Paragraph 6 | Composition

1. The Coalition will be composed of members, observers and partners.
2. Members of the Coalition are countries and organizations that are willing to support, politically, financially, and/or operationally the implementation of the mandate of the Coalition. Member countries hold decision-making authority in meetings of the Ministerial Council.

3. Observers of the Coalition are countries that may participate in and contribute to the Coalition's work, but do not have decision-making authority in the Ministerial Council.
4. Partners of the Coalition are all organizations that are not members, but collaborate with and contribute to the Coalition's work.
5. The founding members and partners of the Coalition are listed in an annex to this Declaration.

Paragraph 7 | Joining the Coalition

1. Any country or organization that subscribes to the principles of the Coalition and demonstrates commitment to support the implementation of the mandate of the Coalition politically, financially, and/or operationally, may request to join the Coalition as a member.
2. The membership request is to be transmitted in writing to the Chair of the Board. The Board will consider the request at its next meeting. Before taking a decision, the Board will ask Coalition members for their views.
3. Where the applicant is an organization, the Board will further seek to be satisfied of the organization's track-record in funding or implementing successful programs for people-centered justice in multiple countries or regions, and/or its track-record in data collection, policy dialogues or advocacy on a global scale in line with the priorities of the Coalition.
4. Any country that subscribes to the principles of the Coalition may request to become an observer to the Coalition. The request is to be transmitted in writing to the Chair of the Board. The Board will consider the request at its next meeting. The Board or the Secretariat may initiate a dialogue with observer countries to help them make the pivot to people-centered justice.
5. Organizations that subscribe to the principles of the Coalition and wish to collaborate with and contribute to the Coalition's work may request to become a partner to the Coalition. This request is to be transmitted in writing to the Chair of the Board. The Board will consider the request at its next meeting.

Paragraph 8 | The Ministerial Council

1. The Ministerial Council will be the highest decision-making body of the Coalition.
2. The Ministerial Council will meet at least once every two years either in-person, in hybrid format or virtually. When the meeting is held in-person, it will be held in connection with an existing global meeting on justice and in alternating locations.
3. Participants in meetings of the Ministerial Council will be ministers, deputy ministers, or other persons designated to participate in the meetings by member countries of the Coalition.
4. Observer countries and member organizations may participate in meetings of the Ministerial Council as observers.
5. The Minister or deputy Minister of the country that holds the Chair of the Board, will chair the Ministerial Council.
6. The Ministerial Council will make its decisions by consensus. In case consensus cannot be reached, decisions will be made by a vote of two-thirds majority of the member countries present and voting.

7. Prior to the meeting of the Ministerial Council, member countries may meet at the senior level to prepare decision-making.
8. The Ministerial Council may take decisions by written procedure, including a silence procedure, between meetings of the Ministerial Council, in line with the provisions under item 6 of this paragraph.
9. The Ministerial Council will:
 - a. present and review progress at the national level in providing equal access to justice for all and closing the justice gap and discuss measures and strategies to accelerate such progress.
 - b. share country experiences on people-centered justice and explore policy options.
 - c. assess progress, identify priorities and set the overall strategic and political direction for the Coalition.
 - d. take stock of the results and deliverables of the workstreams of the Coalition and its collaborations and partnerships.
 - e. appoint the Board and its Chair and Deputy Chairs.
 - f. consider and approve the bi-annual budget of the Secretariat of the Coalition.
 - g. mobilize political and financial support for the Coalition's efforts on people-centered justice.

Paragraph 9 | The Board of the Coalition

1. The Board will be composed of:
 - a. Senior officials of member countries of the Coalition, no less than five and not exceeding seven in number.
 - b. A senior official of (each of) the hosting organization(s).
 - c. A senior official representing the member organizations.
 - d. A senior official representing philanthropic or private sector financial contributors to the Coalition.
 - e. The Head of the Secretariat of the Coalition, who will be an ex-officio member.
 - f. The coordinators of the workstreams, not exceeding four in number.
 - g. Independent members, not exceeding three in number, including a member each from the Young Justice Leaders and the Justice Leadership Group.
2. The member countries represented on the Board will be from different geographical regions, with adequate representation from low-income, middle-income and high-income countries.
3. The Board will strive for gender parity in its composition and should reflect diversity in terms of origin, race and age.
4. The Chair of the Board and the Deputy Chairs will be appointed from the senior officials of the member countries of the Coalition.
5. The Board will meet at least three times a year, either in-person or virtually.
6. The Board will make its decisions by consensus. In case consensus cannot be reached, decisions will be made by a vote of two-thirds majority of members of the Board present and voting.
7. The Board may take decisions by written procedure.
8. The Board will be responsible for:
 - a. endorsing the appointment of the Head of the Secretariat of the Coalition.

- b. appointing coordinators of the workstreams.
 - c. advising and supporting the Secretariat in implementing the work of the Coalition.
 - d. providing oversight to ensure the progress and quality of implementation of the work of the Coalition.
 - e. approving the annual workplan and budget of the Coalition, as prepared by the Secretariat of the Coalition.
 - f. approving the annual progress report prepared by the Secretariat of the Coalition.
 - g. approving the annual workplan of each workstream, as prepared by the respective coordinators.
9. The inaugural Board of the Coalition will be appointed on the occasion of the adoption of this Declaration.

Paragraph 10 | Appointment of the Board

1. The Ministerial Council will appoint members of the Board of the Coalition, its Chair and Deputy Chairs, for a period of two years. Board members will be appointed by name, on the recommendation of their respective country, organization or group of organizations.²
2. If one of the Board members cannot complete their full term, the Board will fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term, after consultation with the respective country, organization or group of organizations.

Paragraph 11 | Secretariat of the Coalition

1. The Secretariat is responsible for implementing the decisions of the Ministerial Council and the Board, overseeing the operations of the Coalition, and contributing to realizing the results of the Coalition, as defined and authorized by the Board.
2. Under the direction of the Head³, the Secretariat will:
 - a. coordinate and support the work of the Coalition and the Board, maintain the network of points of contact and operate as the secretariat for the meetings of the Coalition and the Board.
 - b. fulfill its role as a powerhouse to accelerate the pivot to people-centered justice and support the implementation of national strategies.
 - c. manage the catalytic funding mechanism, including the review of proposals, contracting, disbursements, monitoring and evaluation, and follow-up.
 - d. manage and oversee the workstreams in close collaboration with the coordinators, build partnerships, connect with other initiatives, including academic, research, and data networks.
 - e. maintain an overview of the partner organizations and ensure that they are adequately informed and engaged.
 - f. carry out such other activities as may be authorized by the Board for the purpose of fulfilling the mandate of the Coalition.
3. The Secretariat operates independently but is administratively part of the hosting organization. Functionally, the Head of the Secretariat reports to the Board, and the staff of the Secretariat

² Board members may designate an alternate to participate in Board meetings on their behalf.

³ The Secretariat will be led by a Head of the Secretariat. The Head of the Secretariat serves as the main point of contact for members of the Coalition, engages with third parties at the request of the Coalition and may represent the Coalition externally. The administrative job title for the Head of the Secretariat will depend on the system of job classification of the hosting organization.

report to the Head of the Secretariat. The Head and other staff members of the Secretariat are administered as staff members of the hosting organization, in line with its rules and regulations.⁴

4. The Secretariat will recruit its staff in line with the applicable rules and regulations of the hosting organization, while ensuring diversity among the staff across all dimensions.
5. The Secretariat will develop an operational manual for the functioning of the Ministerial Council, the Board, the Secretariat and the Coalition Plenary Meeting. The Secretariat will submit the operational manual to the Board for its approval.

Paragraph 12 | Coalition Plenary Meeting

1. The Board will convene an annual plenary meeting of the Coalition to bring together senior level representatives of all members, observers, partners and participants in the workstreams, to exchange, analyze and learn based on the work of the Coalition. This meeting will be held virtually unless the Board decides otherwise.
2. At this meeting, members, observers and partners will report on their efforts to promote people-centered justice and discuss how to accelerate implementation.
3. The coordinators of the workstreams will facilitate technical discussions and present progress in their respective areas of work at the plenary meeting.

Paragraph 13 | Points of Contact

1. Every member, observer and partner of the Coalition will designate one point of contact who will be the main interlocutor for the Coalition, the Board and the Secretariat, and is responsible for keeping his or her colleagues informed on the work of the Coalition.
2. The Secretariat will hold Points of Contact Meetings, as virtual update and exchange meetings with the points of contact at least three times a year.
3. Point of contact meetings may be held as appropriate with participation of only the points of contact of the member and observer countries, only the points of contact of the member and partner organizations, or all points of contact together.

Paragraph 14 | Workstreams

1. Through its workstreams, the Coalition will nurture and develop the global knowledge infrastructure to support governments and other national and local justice actors willing to transform their justice systems and pivot to people-centered justice while maximizing the impact of available people-centered justice data and evidence.
2. The workstreams will synthesize and curate the best evidence in ways that governments, national and international practitioners find useful and commission new research that tracks cost-effective interventions to scale. They will work to strengthen justice and finance ministries' ability to use and contextualize data and evidence through accelerator labs and other spaces for the co-creation of strategies and innovations, among other avenues.
3. The Coalition will have four main workstreams:⁵

⁴ In case of a situation where organizations will co-host the secretariat, the rules and regulations of the respective host organizations will apply to executing those responsibilities and tasks assigned to each, following internal agreements on roles and responsibilities and related arrangements. Co-hosting will not establish hierarchical relations between host organizations or their staff.

⁵ The first three workstreams are based on levers of change identified in the Justice for All report. The fourth workstream ensures

- a. People-centered justice data and evidence.
 - b. People-centered justice strategy, programming and innovation.
 - c. People-centered justice financing.
 - d. People-centered justice communication, narrative and connection to the SDGs.
4. The Board may create new workstreams or replace existing workstreams in accordance with the objectives listed under item 1 of this paragraph.
 5. Each workstream will be coordinated by one of the members - countries or organizations - or one of the partner organizations of the Coalition. The coordinator will be responsible for setting out the main deliverables and timelines for the work, coordinating efforts among those contributing and will report to the Board on a regular basis.
 6. Members, observers and partners of the Coalition are encouraged to participate in and contribute to the workstreams in whatever way they can, as decided with the workstream coordinator.
 7. Workstreams may comprise as many working groups, initiatives, and activities as desired.

Paragraph 15 | Recognized Initiatives and Collaborations

1. The Secretariat will encourage and promote collaborations with relevant initiatives, coalitions, working groups and other networks working on topics related to people-centered justice and/or contributing to one or more of the workstreams.
2. Any collaboration or initiative that makes a meaningful contribution to the achievement of the overall goals of the Coalition, may request to be recognized as such.⁶ The request is to be transmitted in writing to the Chair of the Board, together with the deliverables, timeline and proposed workplan of the initiative. The Board will consider the request at its next meeting.
3. The Secretariat will prepare a recommendation for the Board ahead of its consideration of the request, which will include an assessment of opportunities for the initiative, possible synergies with relevant other actors and suggestions on financial support from members of the Coalition.
4. The Secretariat of the Coalition will maintain an overview of relevant justice actors at the national and international level, ensure optimal strategic coordination with other justice-related initiatives, align strategic priorities and objectives to ensure the most efficient use of resources and achievement of tangible results, identify opportunities for partnership, and avoid duplication of efforts.

Part 3 - Financing

Paragraph 16 | Resources

Resources of the Coalition will include:

- a. Voluntary contributions to the Coalition
- b. Voluntary contributions to the Catalytic Fund for Justice for All
- c. In-kind contributions

connection to the 2030 Agenda, the SDGs and the United Nations. Workstreams bring together otherwise disparate efforts at a higher level and can contain multiple initiatives, networks and collaborations.

⁶ The initiatives currently linked to the Justice Action Coalition include the Working Group on Justice for Children, the Working Group on Transitional Justice, the Working Group on Customary and Informal Justice, the Ibero-American Justice Alliance, the Young Justice Leaders and the Working Groups on Game Changers.

d. Secondments

Paragraph 17 | Voluntary Contributions to the Coalition

1. Members, observers and partners are called upon to make voluntary contributions to the Coalition. These contributions will be received by the Secretariat and become part of the operating budget approved by the Ministerial Council, unless they are earmarked by the contributing country or organization for specific activities, staff capacity or budget lines.
2. Subject to the approval of the Board, the Secretariat may receive voluntary contributions from other countries and organizations.
3. Financing arrangements for voluntary contributions will be drawn up, approved, and signed in line with the rules and regulations of the hosting organization. The Head of the Secretariat will manage and report on the use of these resources in line with those rules and regulations.

Paragraph 18 | Voluntary Contributions to the Catalytic Fund for Justice for All

1. The Board will establish a Catalytic Fund for Justice for All (the Fund) to support the mandate of the Coalition to accelerate progress towards equal access to justice for all. The Fund will be established in accordance with the rules and regulations of the hosting organization.
2. The overarching goal of the Fund is to provide catalytic funding to national leaders and change-makers to enable them to pivot to people-centered justice, to access relevant resources, expertise, and international support, to collect, manage, and analyze justice data, and to co-create credible, inclusive and adequately funded strategies.
3. Members, observers and partners are called upon to make voluntary contributions to the Fund. Subject to the approval of the Board, the Fund may receive voluntary contributions from other countries and organizations.
4. The Secretariat will administer voluntary contributions to the Fund and make disbursements therefrom in accordance with the rules and regulations of the hosting organization.
5. The Secretariat will establish criteria, processes, and procedures for decision-making on allocations from the Fund. The Secretariat will submit these to the Board for its approval.

Paragraph 19 | In-kind Contributions

1. All members, observers and partners are encouraged to make in-kind contributions to the Coalition. Subject to the approval of the Board, the Coalition may receive in-kind contributions from other countries and organizations.
2. In-kind contributions may include hosting meetings, providing catering or materials for meetings, paying for travel costs, conducting or commissioning studies, enabling staff to work on specific projects for the Coalition or contribute to its workstreams, and covering printing, translation or communication costs.
3. In-kind contributions to the Coalition will be acknowledged by the Secretariat and will be reflected in the annual report of the Coalition.

Paragraph 20 | Secondments

1. Members, observers, and partners are encouraged to second staff to the Secretariat to support the work of the Coalition in line with the workplan and direction of the Board.
2. Regardless of the exact modality of the secondment, the secondees will functionally be considered as part of the Secretariat and will report to the Head of the Secretariat.
3. Secondments will be administered in line with the policies and procedures of the hosting organization of the Coalition.

Part 4 - Final provisions

Paragraph 21 | Use of Indicators to Assess Progress

1. The Coalition will make measurable progress on SDG goals, targets and indicators for just societies in the 2030 Agenda, in particular the access to justice indicator 16.3.3.
2. The members, observers and partners, individually and collectively, will seek to gather, publish and share data on the SDG goals, targets and indicators for just societies in the 2030 Agenda, in particular the access to justice indicator 16.3.3.
3. Member and observer countries will include data on the SDG goals, targets, and indicators for just societies in the 2030 Agenda, in particular the access to justice indicator 16.3.3, in their Voluntary National Reporting of progress on the SDGs. After submission to the United Nations, they will share their reports with the Coalition.
4. The Coalition will develop and decide on more specific and measurable indicators and targets to guide its work and assess its performance.
5. The Coalition will publish annual progress reports on its activities, which will include the relevant data shared by its members, observers, and partners.
6. The Secretariat will establish a culture of data-driven decision-making within the Coalition and routinely assess progress made by the Coalition in fulfilling its mandate.

Paragraph 22 | Amendments

1. Any proposed amendment to the provisions of parts 1 and 3, and paragraphs 5 to 10 and 22 of this Declaration requires approval by the Ministerial Council, or by a two-thirds majority of the votes of the member countries in a written procedure.
2. Other amendments to this Declaration require approval by the Board.

Paragraph 23 | Final Provision

1. This declaration is non-binding and does not create any rights or obligations.
2. The provisions of this Declaration will be applied and understood in good faith and in a spirit of international collaboration based on trust and mutual respect. Nothing in this document should discourage the application of generosity, kindness and good judgment.

Annex I – Founding members and partners of the Justice Action Coalition

Founding members and partners are those countries and organizations that have endorsed this Declaration and that have either been part of the Justice Action Coalition from its foundation in April 2021 or joined later, but before the adoption of this Declaration in July 2023.

Member Countries

1. Canada
2. Chile
3. Colombia
4. Costa Rica
5. France
6. Germany
7. Indonesia
8. Kosovo
9. Liberia
10. Luxembourg
11. Netherlands
12. Niger
13. Norway (as observer)
14. Portugal
15. São Tomé and Príncipe
16. Sierra Leone
17. Solomon Islands
18. Sweden
19. Switzerland (as observer)
20. United States of America

Member Organizations

1. G7+ group of fragile and conflict-affected countries
2. Hague Institute for Innovation of Law (HiIL)
3. Helsinki Rule of Law Centre (as partner)
4. International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ)
5. International Development Law Organization (IDLO)
6. Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
7. Open Government Partnership (OGP)
8. Namati
9. NYU's Center on International Cooperation and its Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies Program (NYU-CIC)
10. Terre des Hommes
11. The American Bar Association (as partner)
12. United Nations Development Program (UNDP)
13. UN Women
14. University of Strathclyde (Institute for Inspiring Children's Futures)
15. World Bank
16. World Justice Project (WJP)