

Acceleration Actions for the SDG Summit

An opportunity to deliver on the promise of Justice for All

We have the promise

The ambition to build just societies is a key pillar of SDG16 and its promise of peaceful, just and inclusive societies.

With the adoption of SDG16, the world set itself the goal of providing access to justice for all as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

We have the agenda for action

According to the Pathfinders' Task Force on Justice, approximately 5.1 billion people are deprived of justice.

In its report *Justice for All*, the Task Force has developed an agenda for action. To build just societies, we must:

- Place justice at the heart of sustainable development
- Put people at the center of justice systems
- Move from justice for the few to justice for all



We need to act now

The UN Secretary-General has called for a *decade of delivery* on the SDGs. The SDG Summit in September 2019 in New York will be the launching pad for this next phase.

The President of the General Assembly appealed to all countries to announce acceleration actions at the SDG Summit.

Commitments to justice can be registered in the UN global registry for voluntary SDG acceleration actions for the 2030 Agenda.

Registration is open **now** via: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/partnership/register/>

Commit to justice

The justice community is in a strong position to respond to this call for action, highlighting actions and solutions, gathering sufficient commitments to demonstrate accelerated ambition, and raising the profile of justice within the SDGs.

There is a political platform for ambitious and credible acceleration actions on justice:

- In February, more than 20 Ministers adopted **the Hague Declaration** on Equal Access to Justice for All by 2030.
- In May, eight Ministries of Justice of Latin American countries endorsed the same principles in the **Buenos Aires Declaration** on Equal Access to Justice for All by 2030.
- In April, the World Justice Forum, organized by the World Justice Project, resulted in **50 commitments** to increase access to justice.
- In May, a ministerial meeting at the OGP Summit agreed to create a justice coalition. More than **150 commitments** on justice already exist in OGP national action plans.
- In June, the g7+ held the first ever meeting of Ministers of Justice of conflict-affected countries, which agreed on the **Joint Action Plan** on Access to Justice for All in Conflict-Affected Countries.

Hague Declaration on Equal Access to Justice for All by 2030

In order to move from justice for the few to justice for the many, participants considered it necessary to:

1. Put people and their legal needs at the center of justice systems.
2. Solve justice problems.
3. Improve the quality of justice journeys.
4. Use justice for prevention.
5. Provide people with means to access services and opportunities.

For more information: <https://www.justice.sdg16.plus/actions>

Acceleration Actions for Justice for All

The time is now to move from words to action that lead to measurable change by the end of 2023, the next four-year cycle of the SDGs. Those working to increase justice for all can contribute by developing acceleration actions for justice.

Acceleration actions need not be new ideas but should result in an acceleration of delivery of justice for all. Examples include:

- Implementing policies and strategies to:
 - resolve the justice problems that matter most to people
 - prevent justice problems
 - enable people to participate in their society and economy
- Increasing justice financing – nationally and internationally – or redistributing existing resources more effectively.
- Investing in better justice data, research and evidence to ensure impact and support innovation.

Further questions about justice-related accelerated actions for SDG16?

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