

Call for papers – 2019 OECD Global Policy Roundtable on Equal Access to Justice

The OECD Global Policy Roundtable on Equal Access to Justice provides an excellent opportunity to meet with internationally renowned political and justice leaders, policy makers, access to justice experts and practitioners, civil society representatives and academics.

In the run up to the 2019 Roundtable in Lisbon, Portugal (27-28 March), the OECD calls for high quality conceptual papers, as well as qualitative and quantitative empirical research papers focused on topics related to **access to civil justice**. Innovative topics, especially related to the risks and opportunities of new technologies, are especially encouraged.

In order to encourage the participation of young researchers and academics, applicants are required to be under the age of 40 or to be enrolled in a Master's, Doctoral or Post-Doc programme

Showcase your research

Selected papers will be published on the Roundtable website and the authors will have the opportunity to present their paper at the 2019 Roundtable with a 5-minute research pitch (with Q&A). For the authors of the 3 best submissions ("golden category"), travel costs to Lisbon, Portugal will be reimbursed. The best paper will be enclosed to the OECD Roundtable proceedings. Other high-quality submissions may be selected as well ("silver category") to be posted on the OECD website.

KEY DATES

- Submission of abstracts by **28 February 2019**
- Results notified by **5 March 2019**
- Final selected paper due: **17 March 2019**
- Presentation at Global OECD Access to Justice Forum: **26-28 March 2019**

Guidelines for submissions

Email your **abstract** outlining the key findings and methodology of your paper (max. 500 words) and your **CV** (max. 1 page) by **28 February 2019** with your **complete contact information** to: gov.accesstojustice@oecd.org. The organisers will acknowledge receipt and notify the applicants of its decision by **5 March 2019**.

Abstracts will be evaluated by a panel of experts, who will apply the following criteria:

- Use of fresh data or fresh data analysis, bridging between disciplines, advancing the narrative for people-focused access to justice and legal empowerment, develop fresh evidence-based recommendations for overcoming barriers to access to justice
- Relevance to ongoing global debates in the area of access to justice, results for advancing the evidence-base, methodology, innovative character and critical academic thinking.

The final paper as well as an outline of the poster should be sent electronically by **17 March 2019**.

Possible thematic areas for papers

- People-centric pathways to justice for vulnerable groups (e.g., people with disability, women victims of violence, indigenous communities)
- Institutional and regulatory innovations for people-centred access to justice
- Opportunities and risks of new technologies in the field of access to justice
- Access to justice, economic development, social inclusion and innovation
- Cost-benefit analysis of access to justice interventions
- Evaluations of justice interventions for specific groups
- Links between the civil legal system and mass incarceration