

Global Dialogue of Justice Leaders

Transforming justice for a vibrant social contract

6th December 2021

8.30AM – 10.30 AM ET / 14.30 – 16.30 CET / 15.30 – 17.30 Riga



Meeting Agenda

The second edition of the Global Dialogue of Justice Leaders will bring together ministers of justice and other justice leaders to shape the future of domestic and global cooperation for justice. The Global Dialogue is hosted by the Government of Latvia, in cooperation with the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), the Open Government Partnership (OGP) and the Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies.

Building on the growing movement for people-centred justice that gained momentum with the [OECD 2018 Riga Statement](#), the [Hague Declaration](#), the [Buenos Aires Declaration](#) and the [Joint Action Plan of the g7+](#), as well as the [Joint Letter to the UN Secretary-General](#) signed by 16 member states of the [United Nations](#), the Global Dialogue will explore how justice systems can:

- **Develop an integrated and interdisciplinary justice response** to present and future global crises.
- **Increase trust and accountability** by promoting the adoption of open government principles across the justice system.
- **Enable justice systems to contribute to a vibrant social contract and reinforce democratic values** by putting people at centre of justice.



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Setting the Scene

- Jānis Bordāns, Minister of Justice & Deputy Prime Minister of Latvia
- Mathias Cormann, OECD Secretary General (video message)
- Sarah Cliffe, Director of CIC, representing Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies
- Joe Powell, Deputy CEO of the Open Government Partnership

Session 1: People-centred justice transformation

Leaders are invited to reflect on the following topics:

- Strategies, approaches, and decision-making processes to put people at the centre of justice systems
- Use of data and evidence to better understand what works for transforming justice systems to prevent and resolve people's justice problems
- Approaches to promote cross-sectoral collaboration within and across levels of governments, civil society and other justice stakeholders.

Session 2: Open Government Principles Across Justice Systems

Leaders are invited to reflect on the following topics, and ahead of the OGP Global Summit on 15-17 December, consider how concrete actions can be taken in forthcoming OGP Action Plans:

- Opportunities to improve openness, accessibility and accountability of justice institutions, services and information
- Mechanisms to enable people's participation in the design of justice policies and processes that are aligned with their needs, beliefs and values, and that employ openness and accountability to increase fairness of outcomes
- Approaches to anchor the culture, practice and underlying policy orientation of justice systems in equality and inclusion, accessibility and availability

Session 3: Reinforcing Democracy, reimagining the rule of law, and achieving SDG 16

Leaders are invited to reflect on the following topics:

- Opportunities for justice sectors to help strengthen the social contract, by resolving and preventing people's most common justice problems and enabling them to participate fully in society and the economy
- Initiatives to increase trust in justice institutions, including through equal treatment of everyone
- Role of justice actors to help prevent tensions in society, including by strengthening the understanding of people's justice needs

Concluding remarks