

Terms of Reference - OGP Coalition on Justice

At the May 2019 Summit in Ottawa, Canada, the Open Government Partnership (OGP), alongside the Government of Canada, and Pathfinders on Just, Peaceful and Inclusive Societies, laid the foundation for a Coalition on Justice. The Coalition was conceptualized as a group of OGP governments, civil society organizations, private sector actors, and multilateral organizations advancing a people-centered approach to justice, through inclusive justice systems that partner with other social services.

Coalition Activities

The Coalition's members agree to work together on a number of strategies to advance justice through OGP such as:

- ❖ Promoting learning and exchange on policies and actions that improve access to justice, create open justice institutions, and ensure justice processes effectively open government.
- ❖ Promoting new technologies, transparency, citizen participation and increased access to information and data to advance legal empowerment and access to justice.
- ❖ Increasing the number of justice-related commitments in OGP Action Plans that take a people-centered approach to improve access to justice, create open justice institutions, and/or ensure justice processes effectively open government.
- ❖ Growing the evidence-base by fostering research and data collection, including proper evaluation and monitoring, of justice-related commitments and activity and developing shared approaches to measuring results and impact.
- ❖ Leveraging the [Joint Declaration on Open Government for the Implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development](#) and OGP's peer-to-peer network of governments and civil society organizations to contribute to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 16 and, in particular, the promise of justice for all by 2030.

Membership

The Coalition is comprised of OGP members co-creating or implementing justice commitments. Civil society organizations, the private sector, and multilateral and global organizations that are participating in or supporting OGP processes at the national or global levels will also be invited to join Coalition meetings.

OGP members or other organizations that do not meet the criteria above can join meetings of the Coalition as observers.

Meetings

The Coalition will meet annually – in-person when possible – generally during OGP Summits or on the margins of other global events being organized around justice. The Coalition will also convene virtually to exchange developments, as appropriate.

Reporting

The Coalition was registered as an OGP [UN Acceleration Action](#) with the SDG Partnerships Platform. OGP will report on the activities of the Coalition annually, including with data from its Independent Reporting Mechanism.

