

The Open Government Partnership (OGP) Coalition on Justice

Terms of Reference

September 2025

The OGP Coalition on Justice was originally established by the Open Government Partnership following the [OGP Global Summit in Ottawa](#) in May 2019, with the Government of Canada and with the support of partners such as the Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). The Coalition was conceptualized as a group of OGP member 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.

With the development and rollout of [OGP's 2023-2028 Strategy](#) and the [Open Gov Challenge](#) as a key component, there is a greater focus on raising ambition collectively across the Partnership. The Open Gov Challenge is a call to action for all members of OGP to increase ambition in ten areas of open government to help strengthen our democracies. Accordingly, the focus of the Coalition has also been reinvigorated, to showcase and encourage the most ambitious, people-centred justice reforms.

In September 2025, the Supreme Court of Chile, itself implementing one of the first Open Gov Challenge commitments on justice, assumed the co-leadership, with the Government of Canada, of the OGP Coalition on Justice.

Coalition Activities

The Coalition's members agree to work together to accelerate ambitious reforms through the Open Gov Challenge by:

- ❖ Promoting peer learning and exchange on implementing people-centred, ambitious and long-lasting reforms that:
 - Institutionalize mechanisms for inclusive and participatory approaches to policy design, to ensure access to justice services for all; and/or
 - Strengthen the independence, transparency, and public responsiveness of justice systems; and/or
 - Ensure accountability for policymaking through appropriate and effective redress mechanisms that involve the public.
- ❖ Ensuring that Open Gov Challenge justice commitments build on any previous reforms or commitments (pledged through OGP and elsewhere), under a collaborative framework, respond to inputs and feedback from civil society and independent evaluations, and are rooted in core open government principles of transparency, accountability, inclusion and participation.

- ❖ Scaling ambitious justice-related commitments at the national, local, and sublocal levels within their jurisdictions, and promoting the value of open-government led approaches to justice policy in relevant international fora.
- ❖ Ensuring that open government and open justice are mutually reinforcing priorities, 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.
- ❖ Promoting OGP resources such as the [Justice Policy Series](#) and sections of the [Open Gov Guide](#), as well as contributing to the development of new resources where appropriate.
- ❖ Co-developing a workplan and deliverables to guide and structure its activities.

Leadership and Membership

Leads of the Coalition will serve a term of 2 years, with the possibility of one renewal.

The Coalition is composed of OGP members interested in developing or currently implementing justice commitments under the Open Gov Challenge. 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 regional or global events being organized around justice. The Coalition will also convene virtually approximately twice a year (in addition to an in person meeting) to exchange developments.

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 (IRM) and may incorporate the outcomes of the Coalition's work into publications of the [OGP Justice Policy Series](#) for the benefit of the wider OGP community.

