

Advancing Justice through Open Government

Justice is one of the ways people experience government most directly. Whether someone can understand their rights, access services, have their voice heard or seek redress shapes their trust in public institutions. Making justice more accessible, responsive and accountable is essential to building governments that work for everyone—and open government plays an important role.

Through the Open Government Partnership (OGP), we have seen how transparency, public participation, and accountability can advance people-centred justice. Access to information helps people understand justice institutions and their decisions. Involving people in shaping justice policies and services helps ensure these reflect their needs, while effective accountability and redress mechanisms allow people to raise concerns and seek solutions.

The OGP Coalition on Justice reflects one of OGP's defining strengths: its multi-stakeholder approach. Over the past decade, OGP members have increasingly involved different branches and levels of government in their action plans, building momentum toward an Open State where progress depends on collaboration across institutions and between government and civil society. The Coalition brings this approach to justice, uniting the executive, judiciaries, subnational courts, ombuds offices, civil society organizations and other partners. This diversity recognizes that no single institution or stakeholder can deliver more open, accessible and accountable justice alone. The Coalition offers a space to exchange experiences, learn from one another and turn shared commitments into action.

This publication supports the Coalition's efforts to track progress, share implementation experiences and strengthen peer accountability. Based entirely on information and data provided by Open Gov Challenge commitment implementers, it helps members reflect on their commitments and sustain momentum toward meaningful justice reform.

The ambition of the Open Gov Challenge must also evolve with the policy landscape, however. Its updated scope opens new directions for action and encourages governments to pursue meaningful, ambitious change in advancing people-centered justice.

The experiences shared here offer valuable lessons and remind us that justice reform requires ongoing commitment, collaboration and a willingness to learn from successes and challenges. We hope this publication inspires others to adapt useful approaches and identify new opportunities to work together.

As Co-Leads, we remain committed to this collective effort. We invite governments, judiciaries, civil society and all those working toward more open and accessible justice systems to learn from these experiences and help carry this work forward.

The Co-Leads of the OGP Coalition on Justice

Government of Canada and Supreme Court of Chile



Open Gov Challenge Commitments on Justice

Buenos Aires, Argentina

Open Data on Court Rulings and Processes

Canada

National Justice Survey and Legal Problems Data
State of the Criminal Justice System Dashboard

Catalonia, Spain

Raise Awareness about Whistleblower Standards and Protections

Chile

Open Justice for an Open State

Colombia

Transparency and Accountability in the Council of State
Open and Accessible Court Rulings

Costa Rica

Addressing the Judicial Backlog
Open Courts Pilot Program
Participatory Framework for Restorative Justice

Côte d'Ivoire

Draft a Law on the Protection of Whistleblowers

Dominican Republic

Implement the Open Justice Policy

Honduras

Implement an Open Justice Policy

Kaduna State, Nigeria

Increase Coordination to Support Justice Reform

Kenya

Create a Digital Justice Framework

Quintana Roo, Mexico

Co-Create a New Strategy to Strengthen the Rule of Law

Sierra Leone

Amend the Ombudsman Law to Increase Access to Justice

State of Minas Gerais, Brazil

Increase the Accessibility of Court of Justice Data

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