

Justice for Children

The Challenge to Achieve SDG16+

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The **Justice for Children SDG16+** initiative aims to locate children's rights to justice centrally within the implementation efforts of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The vision is to significantly accelerate progress for children in realising the key guiding principles of international human rights agreements, as we strive to achieve our collective Global Goal to *leave no one behind*.

To achieve this, the Pathfinders for **Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies' Task Force on Justice** have commissioned a **Challenge Paper on Justice for Children** to highlight the distinct realities of justice for children internationally and inform the next steps for implementation of SDG 16+, with children and their needs and rights specifically in mind.

It will outline the key themes globally where children's rights and needs are not being met, both within the context of the justice system, and also where justice systems can be better used to prevent injustice to children globally. It will additionally look at broader issues of justice for children, as they relate to their opportunities in life and to economic and social justice.

With a strong focus on delivery, Justice for Children SDG 16+ aims to inject yet more momentum to bring about policies and programmes that enable rapid improvements for children globally.

It will target those who determine, design and implement national and local strategies to promote justice for children.

It is anticipated that a **High Level Implementation Group** will drive forward the key messages and proposals of the *Challenge Paper* and play a continuing role in highlighting the distinctive needs and rights of children, and in promoting the substantive and meaningful delivery of enhanced justice for children at the national and regional levels throughout the world. In addition, engaging children as agents of change, and empowering and developing sustained partnerships with children will enable their active role in this meaningful change effort.

The Justice for Children SDG16+ initiative will succeed only with the insights and strength of the global community, and we warmly encourage you to please get involved and lend your support.

This initiative is being carried out by: Inspiring Children's Futures and CELCIS at the University of Strathclyde; the Child Justice Advocacy Group (CJAG) (composed of key International NGOs working in the field of Justice for Children), coordinated by Terre des hommes and Defence for Children International; and the Office of the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Violence against Children. In addition, a group of other globally-recognised experts convene as a Technical Working Group to shape and directly inform the Paper. Your insights and support will be critical.

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