

SDG16+ and the Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies

at the SDG Summit 2019

Pathfinders at the SDG Summit

The first **SDG Summit** brought together the world's leaders to turn the promise of the Sustainable Development Goals into reality. **"We must take action,"** the President of the UN General Assembly, Tijjani Muhammad-Bande, told the summit, "striving together, delivering for all."

The Secretary-General's progress report – presented at the summit – found that that **violence, injustice, weak institutions, and exclusion** "deprive millions of their security, rights and opportunities, and undermine the delivery of public services and broader economic development."

Pathfinder countries were at the forefront of calls for **greater ambition** in implementing the SDG targets for peaceful, just and inclusive societies (SDG16+), while SDG16 led the way in registering **Acceleration Actions** for the summit.

Ten countries committed themselves to working together to tackle **inequality and exclusion**. Mayors and local leaders from 11 cities launched the **Peace in our Cities** campaign to explore strategies for halving urban violence. More than 20 countries and organizations agreed to take action to provide **justice for all** at the SDG Summit.

Key Messages on SDG16+

Our key message for the SDG Summit was the need for accelerated action to:

- **Significantly reduce all forms of violence everywhere**, with the aim of halving global violence.
- Shift from a world where justice is only available to the privileged few, to one that protects human rights and provides **justice for all**.
- Combat corruption and **transform institutions** so that they can meet the aspirations of people and underpin the ambitions of the 2030 Agenda.
- Tackle **inequality and exclusion** so that all people have a stake in a fairer and more sustainable future.

Decade of Action for the SDGs

At the SDG Summit, the Secretary-General issued "a global call for a **decade of action** to deliver the Sustainable Development Goals by 2030."

Over the next year, the Pathfinders will help convene a **global conversation** on closing the gap on SDG16+ as part of the UN's 75th anniversary celebration. We will work with partners from all sectors to identify further opportunities to **accelerate action** on SDG16+.

These actions will be presented at the Secretary-Generals first **annual platform** for driving the Decade of Action, which will be held at the UN's 75th anniversary summit in September 2020. The SDG16+ community will then work together to demonstrate measurable results by the second SDG Summit in 2023.

At the SDG Summit, Heads of State and Government were asked to "mobilize further actions to accelerate implementation" for the SDGs. They participated in a series of leaders' dialogues and agreed a political declaration "launching an ambitious and accelerated response to reach our common vision by 2030."

Accelerating Action on SDG16+

The SDG Summit was an opportunity for governments and the SDG16+ community to mobilize action and push for increased ambition for the second four years of the Agenda. During the Leaders' Dialogues, Heads of State and Government made concrete proposals for accelerating the achievement of SDG16+ in all countries.

The summit also celebrated new SDG Acceleration Actions, voluntary commitments registered with the UN by countries and other actors to accelerate implementation of the 2030 Agenda. Out of 116 Actions across all 17 SDGs, 52 Acceleration Actions related to SDG16, and 23 related to SDG10 were registered.



Registered a program to empower, connect, and mobilize adolescents from the Americas to take action on the Sustainable Development Agenda in their own communities.



Argentina

Registered the "2030 Roadmap", which aims to implement a multi-sectoral strategy to develop judicial public policies around institutional, criminal, and civil law, access to justice, judicial and registry management, human rights, and justice and community reforms.



Canada

Registered the establishment of the Access to Justice Secretariat in Justice Canada, which aims to drive greater coherence, enable and enrich partnerships within the Canadian government and with civil society, and increase policy work on access to justice issues.



Registered an acceleration action on the "Drugs and Disorder" project, working with partners to find policy solutions to transform drug economies into peacetime economies in the aftermath of war in Afghanistan, Colombia, and Myanmar.



Citizens Bureau for Development and Productivity

Liberian-based NGO, Citizens Bureau will empower local communities to mediate civil disputes and avoid timely and expensive court proceedings. The mediation will diffuse tensions and keep larger conflicts from emerging.



Colombia

H.E. Mr. Iván Duque Márquez, President of Colombia: "We have development plans with a territorial focus, empowering grassroots communities. We are doing this with total devotion and commitment to fill the gaps in our social services in areas which were subject to violence."



Czech Republic

H.E. Mr. Andrej Babiš, Prime Minister of the Czech Republic: "Good governance, participation, and the rule of law are key elements for increasing public trust. The cornerstone of international partnership is multilateralism. We need effective and inclusive international institutions to deliver on the SDGs."



UN Economic and Social Commission for West Asia (Social Development Division and Statistics Division)

Registered their efforts with partners and ESCWA member countries to support greater inclusion of persons with disability and establish more targeted support policies to address their needs.



Estonia

H.E. Ms. Kersti Kaljulaid, President of Estonia: "We need a new understanding of global tax systems to ensure that benefits and social services for citizens working across borders are distributed fairly."



Ghana

H.E. Mr. Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, President of the Republic of Ghana: "Megatrends such as poverty and inequality, climate change, conflict, and development financing could undermine progress made on the SDGs. The choices we make in managing these trends will be key to achieving sustainable development."



Partnership with Clifford Chance, Reos Partners, and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands to support Hiil's Justice Innovation Growth Facility and Justice Transformation Labs in Africa to incubate and scale up justice innovations.



Registered a partnership to launch an online platform providing safe, convenient and free access to legal consultation for indigent clients in the Philippines. The project hopes to reach the nearly 80% of Filipinos without access to legal assistance.



Registered its work with the Global Legal Empowerment Network to advance justice by equipping people to understand, use, and shape the laws that affect them. The Network will work to address three urgent issues: health justice, land and environmental justice, and citizenship justice in Kenya, India, Myanmar, Sierra Leone, Mozambique, and the U.S.



King Willem-Alexander of The Netherlands: “Everyone in the world needs to be able to exercise their rights. Today, 5.1 billion people are vulnerable because they lack access to justice. That’s why Sierra Leone, Argentina, the Elders and the Netherlands have joined forces, committing ourselves to increase access to justice at a global level. We encourage others to join us.”

Registered its commitment to doubling the target for the number of people who obtain access to justice through its development assistance by 2020.



H.E. Ms. Erna Solberg, Prime Minister of Norway: “Youth participation in decision-making leads to better decisions... Inclusiveness and good governance are key factors, along with sustainable health systems and quality education for all.”



Registered its recently launched coalition on justice. The coalition aims to catalyze more commitments within OGP members’ national action plans that advance people-centered justice services, which will lead to implementation of concrete services on the ground.



President Martín Vizcarra Cornejo: “My government has taken on building a just, inclusive society without corruption. Peru and Colombia will convene a special session in next year’s General Assembly on combatting corruption in accordance with SDG16.”



H.E. Mr. Julius Maada Bio, President of Sierra Leone: “We have prioritized SDG 4, which is quality education for all, and SDG 16, justice and strong institutions, because we see them as accelerators for our national development.”



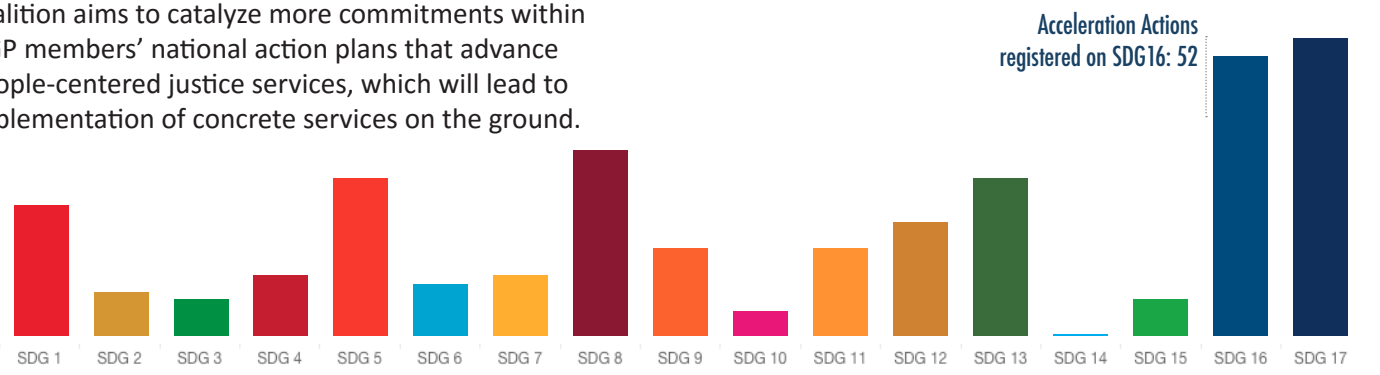
Registered the Pathfinders’ grand challenge on inequality and exclusion, a program hosted by NYU-CIC, to address inequality and exclusion across the 2030 Agenda, with a focus on SDG10 and SDG16.



Registered its new “BONI” app, which aims to alert, assist, prevent and report all types of gender-based violence against women and girls.



Registered its recently launched Rule of Law Solutions Initiative, which will survey, document, communicate, and promote good practices for strengthening the rule of law, with a special focus on access to justice.



Total number of SDG Acceleration Actions registered: 116

Time to Act

Tackling Inequality and Exclusion through the SDGs



Left to right: Dionisio da Costa Babo Soares, Foreign Minister, Timor-Leste; Luis Bermudez, Deputy Permanent Representative, Uruguay; Simon Coveney, Deputy Prime Minister, Ireland; Hage Geingob, President, Namibia; Stefan Löfven, Prime Minister, Sweden; Sahle-Work Zewde, President, Ethiopia; Jusuf Kalla, Vice President, Indonesia; Pedro Sánchez, President, Spain; Sami Bougacha, Deputy Permanent Representative, Tunisia.
Inset: Julius Maada Bio, President, Sierra Leone, and Stefan Löfven, Prime Minister, Sweden.
(Photo: Ayano Hisa)

On the morning of the SDG Summit, leaders made a new commitment to **promoting inclusion and tackling inequality**. The Prime Minister from Sweden was joined by leaders from Ethiopia, Indonesia, Ireland, Namibia, Sierra Leone, and Spain, and ministers and representatives from Timor-Leste, Tunisia, and Uruguay. The Republic of Korea also supports this initiative.

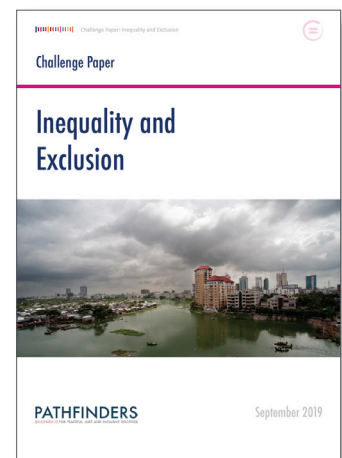
Rising inequality and exclusion are universal concerns, and among the most pressing issues of our time. They are a formidable challenge to sustainable development and a source of political grievance which can undermine democratic gains. Inequality and exclusion affect our ability to create opportunities for all people worldwide, our hopes for global prosperity, our aims to achieve sustainable peace and to protect the planet from the threat of climate change, and our ability to forge partnerships.

In their joint statement, the leaders promised **collective action**:

We are responding to the UN Secretary-General's call for a decade of accelerated actions for delivery on the Sustainable Development Goals and coming together to affirm our commitment to promote equality and inclusion. We take these steps together, not as isolated countries, because it is through a collective effort as part of a multilateral system that we can make the greatest difference. We call on others to join with us in ending the scourge of inequality and exclusion.

The Pathfinders were joined by Oxfam in promoting this event, which launches a grand challenge to develop and implement **transformational solutions** for inequality and exclusion in 2020 and 2021.

We are working with Civicus, Fight Inequality Alliance, International Trade Union Confederation, Oxfam, Open Government Partnership, UNDP, UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, OECD, Global Centre for Pluralism, Open Society Foundations, World Bank, and Jasmine Foundation.



SDG16+ Decade of Action

Accelerating action to build peaceful, just and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence



Top left to right: Minister Gbehzohngar Milton Findley (Liberia), Ms. Gabriela Ramos (OECD), Bottom left to right: Mr. Jeroen Ouwehand (Clifford Chance), Ms. Clara Luz Flores (Mexico)

GLOBAL GOALS WEEK

As part of the Global Goals Week – an annual week of action for the SDGs – we hosted a reception celebrating commitments to accelerate action for SDG16+ from pathfinder countries and other partners.

The event demonstrated political support for SDG16+ and amplified the call for a Decade of Action on SDG16. It spotlighted partnerships, initiatives, and actions as part of a global mobilization for SDG16+.

Our speakers:

Governments: Ms. Tatjana von Steiger, Acting Assistant Director General, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation; H.E. Dr. Priscilla Schwartz, Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, Sierra Leone; H.E. Dr. Bambang Widianto, Executive Secretary of the National Team for the Acceleration of Poverty Reduction, Office of the Vice President of Indonesia; H.E. Deputy Minister Kang Jeong-sik, Deputy Minister for Multilateral and Global Affairs, Republic of Korea; H.S.H. Hereditary Prince Alois of Liechtenstein; H.E. Sigrid Kaag, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, The Netherlands; H.E. Dionisio da Costa Babo Soares, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Timor-Leste; Ms. Clara Luz Flores, Mayor of Escobedo, Mexico.

Partners: Ms. Gabriela Ramos, OECD Chief of Staff and Sherpa to the G20; Mr. Jeroen Ouwehand, Global Senior Partner, Clifford Chance; Mr. Sanjay Pradhan, Chief Executive Officer, Open Government Partnership; Ms. Alaa Murabit, SDG Advocate; Ms. Miatta Mulbah, Director of Leemah; Ms. Jhody Polk, Founder of the Legal Empowerment and Advocacy Hub.

Networking stations were hosted to share partners' work on accelerating action:

Partners: 16+ Forum, Christian Aid, Cordaid, Clifford Chance, Civil Society Platform on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding, CIVICUS, Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children, Global Alliance, G7+, HiIL, International IDEA, IDLO, IDRC | CRDI, Justice for Children, Mott Foundation, Namati, National Legal Aid & Defender Association (NLADA), OECD, Open Government Partnership, Oxfam, +Peace Coalition, Peace Direct, Saferworld, SDG Action Campaign, TAP Network, UN Peacebuilding Support Office, World Justice Project, World Vision.



Other featured launches and events



Ms. Clara Luz Flores, Mayor of Escobedo, Mexico

On International Peace Day, +Peace, Impact:Peace, and the Pathfinders launched the **Peace in our Cities** campaign which will develop a vision for **halving urban violence** ahead of the UN's 75th anniversary summit in September 2020. Eleven mayors and local leaders signed an early adopter pledge.

At the launch, Clara Luz Flores, Mayor of Escobedo, Mexico, said “Those in government cannot ignore the responsibility that was given to us when we were elected. We hope more cities will join the campaign so we can gather more knowledge, generate stronger best-practices, and create more leaders in the movement to halve global violence by 2030.”

Cities spearheading the campaign: Bangui (Central African Republic), Cali (Colombia), Chaguanas (Trinidad and Tobago), Colombo (Sri Lanka), Durban (South Africa), Escobedo, (Mexico), Guadalajara (Mexico), Kibera (a neighborhood in Nairobi, Kenya), Kumanovo (North Macedonia), Nairobi (Kenya), and Tripoli (Lebanon).

In the SDG Media Zone, Priscilla Schwartz, Sierra Leone's Attorney-General and Minister of Justice, highlighted efforts to accelerate action to deliver justice for all. She was joined by Gabriela Ramos, OECD Chief of Staff and Sherpa to the G20.

As co-chair of the Task Force, the Attorney-General called for a shift from **justice for the few to justice for all**, by putting people at the heart of justice systems. “As justice leaders, we must take up the challenge to look at ourselves and our approaches – how are we meeting people's needs?”

Ms. Ramos explained the OECD's **business case for people-centered justice** which shows that countries can lose 3 percent of their GDP due to unsolved justice problems. “We need to address the justice system as a whole,” she said.



Minister Priscilla Schwartz speaks at the SDG Media Zone



Rajiv J. Shah, President of the Rockefeller Foundation

Ahead of the SDG Summit, the **Rockefeller Foundation** and **Brookings Institution** ran their second flagship event on accelerating implementation of the SDGs. **17 Rooms** brought together thought leaders for each SDG to explore game-changers in 2019 and 2020 that will significantly increase the chances of successful implementation in 2030.

Pathfinders' Director, David Steven hosted the SDG16 room, which mapped out a strategy for responding to closing political space and tackling the fatalism that blocks effective implementation. This will feed into our work with partners as we gear up for the Decade of Action on the SDGs.

CALL TO ACTION ON SDG16+

SEPTEMBER 2019



Call to Action on SDG16+

For the SDG Summit, the **Call to Action** brings together the collective voice of members working to accelerate implementation of the SDG16+ targets for peaceful, just and inclusive societies.

It brings together Afghanistan, Argentina, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, Central African Republic, Colombia, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Estonia, France, Georgia, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Indonesia, Ireland, Jordan, Liberia, Liechtenstein, Mexico, Mongolia, The Netherlands, Norway, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Timor-Leste, Tunisia, United Kingdom, and Uruguay.

Download at <http://bit.ly/CallToActionSDG16Plus>

Launching the SDG16 Butterfly Wings



During the SDG Summit, the Pathfinders were proud to join with the UN SDG Action Campaign to launch the SDG16 wings as part of the SDG Butterfly Effect Campaign.

The campaign invites people around the world to take action and earn their wings, starting a global butterfly effect that inspires others to be part of a wave of transformation.

After SDG Advocate, Dr. Alaa Murabit unveiled the augmented reality wings, two activists shared their personal commitments to action. Miatta Mulbah aims to prevent any teenage girl in Liberia from being forced into harmful practices that endanger their health or their future. Soros Justice Fellow, Jhody Polk is campaigning for the legal empowerment of incarcerated people in Florida.

Partner Events

Enabling National SDG16+ Reporting

Global Alliance and UNDP

A dialogue on how SDG16+ review procedures including VNRs can be strengthened and better integrated into national planning processes.

Corporate America Advances Goal 16

National Legal Aid & Defender Association (NLADA), Namati, Justice for All Campaign, Hewlett Packard, AT&T, and Pathfinders

Discussion on how the business community is advancing SDG16's call for equal access to justice.

Launch of the Global Hub on the Governance for the SDGs

OECD, UNDP, Governments of Colombia and Romania

Launch of the OECD-UNDP Global Hub, supporting countries to strengthen their public governance practices for effective SDG implementation.

Expert Consultation on Civil Society Monitoring Framework on SDG16+

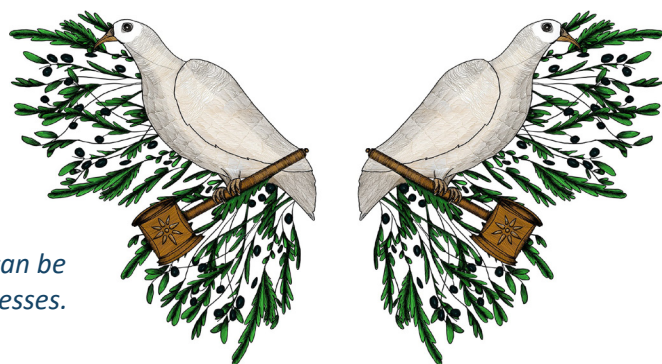
Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)

Consultation sharing and generating feedback on the preliminary outputs of KOICA's project to develop a monitoring framework for CSOs on SDG16+.

One Commitment to Accelerate Action to achieve SDGs: End All Forms of Violence against Children

World Vision and Child Fund Alliance

Discussion on the solutions to violence against children and how they can be accelerated through increased investments, partnerships, and actions.



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