



People-Centered Justice in Ukraine Virtual Series

Objectives:

- introduce the concept of people-centered justice to the Ukrainian audience,
- discuss how the people-centered approach can help to address the justice related problems people face during the COVID-19 pandemic,
- form a national working group to prioritize and select justice related problems facing the population-at-large, and
- discuss the draft roadmap aimed at solving a specific justice related problem affecting marginalized populations in Ukraine.

Agenda

Tuesday, 17 November, 3:00 – 5:30 PM

3:00 – 3:05 PM	Opening video and welcoming remarks <i>Moderator: Anthony Triolo, Senior Program Officer, Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies</i>
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3:05 – 3:25 PM

Welcoming remarks

***Denys Malyuska**, Minister of Justice of Ukraine*

***Bohdan Monich**, Chair, Council of Judges of Ukraine*

***James Hope**, Mission Director, USAID/Ukraine and Belarus*

***David Vaughn**, Chief of Party, USAID New Justice Program*

3:25 – 3:45 PM

Keynote address

***Allyson Maynard-Gibson**, Former Attorney-General and Minister for Legal Affairs of the Bahamas, Member, Task Force on Justice*

Introduction and presentation by Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies

***Maaïke de Langen**, Program Lead on Justice for All, Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies at NYU's Centre for International Cooperation*

***Andrew Solomon**, Senior Rule of Law Advisor, USAID*



3:45 – 4:20 PM	<p>Interactive discussion on people-centered justice</p> <p><i>Gustavo Maurino, Center on International Cooperation New York University Fellow, former National Director of Access to Justice in Argentina and Sherpa of Task Force on Justice</i></p> <p><i>Maha Jweied, Center on International Cooperation New York University Fellow, Former Acting Director of the U.S. Department of Justice’s Office for Access to Justice</i></p> <p><i>Yevgen Poltenko, Executive Director, Legal Development Network</i></p> <p><i>Dmitry Foremnyi, Justice Accelerator Head, Ukraine, The Hague Institute for Innovation of Law (HiiL)</i></p>
4:20 – 4:30 PM	<p>Interventions from Participants</p>
4:30 – 5:10 PM	<p>Breakout sessions to discuss people-centered justice approaches</p>
5:10 – 5:25 PM	<p>Presentation by rapporteurs on breakout sessions</p>
5:25 – 5:30 PM	<p>Conclusion and way forward</p> <p><i>Moderator: Anthony Triolo, Senior Program Officer, Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies</i></p>



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Session 1: National Consultation on People-Centered Justice

Speaker Bios (In order of run of show)

Denis Malyuska

Bohdan Monich

David Vaughn

The Hon. Allyson Maynard Gibson

Andrew Solomon

Maike de Langen

Anthony Triolo

Dmitry Foremnyi

Gustavo Maurino

Maha Jweied

Yevgen Poltenko



Denis Malyuska

Minister of Justice, Ukraine



Denis Malyuska is the current Minister of Justice of Ukraine. He worked as a lawyer, specializing in business regulation, dispute resolution and bankruptcy. In 2010, Malyuska was appointed a private banking advisor to the World Bank Group. In this position, he provided technical support to the governments of Ukraine and the countries of Central Asia.

He was later elected Deputy Chairman of the Board of BRDO/ World Bank Group, an independent non-governmental think tank created by the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade and Western Partners: World Bank and the Government of Canada.

Denys Malyuska was elected MP during the previous parliamentary elections. He represents the 'Servant of the People' political party.

Bohdan Monich

Chair of the Council of Judges of Ukraine



Chair of the Council of Judges of Ukraine, Judge of the Seventh Appellate Administrative Court

Judge Monich started his career as investigator in 2001 and has been working in the judiciary system since 2006. During his career, he has held judicial positions in courts of different levels, as well as performing administrative functions as deputy chief judge.

Judge Monich actively participates in judicial self-governance, particularly, in 2014, the XII Extraordinary Congress of Judges of Ukraine elected him as a member of the Council of Judges of Ukraine (COJ), where he was elected as a Chair of the Committee on Budget Planning, Financial, Material, and Technical Support. In 2015, Judge Monich was elected as the COJ member for the second time, where he has performed the functions of Deputy Chair. In July 2019, the COJ members elected Judge Monich as the Chair, he is also member of the COJ Committee on Organizational and Human Resources Support to Courts and Judicial Self-Government Bodies.

David Vaughn

Chief of Party, USAID Ukraine



David Vaughn is an attorney with more than 15 years of experience in designing, implementing, and evaluating legal and judicial reform projects throughout Europe and Eurasia, Africa, and Latin America. Mr. Vaughn currently serves as Chief of Party for the USAID/Ukraine Nove Prayosuddya Justice Sector Reform Program, which focuses on strengthening judicial independence and transparency. Previously, he has served as a rule of law advisor in Kazakhstan as well as the deputy chief of party for a Russian-American partnership in Moscow. Mr. Vaughn also has experience leading rule of law and commercial law reform projects in Albania, Armenia, Bosnia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Macedonia, Morocco, Nicaragua, Russia, and Zambia. Mr. Vaughn also served as Chief of Party for the USAID Women's Legal Rights Initiative, which focused on justice sector enforcement, civil society advocacy, and public awareness. He also served as a member of the board of directors of Chemonics.

The Hon. Allyson Maynard Gibson

Former Attorney-General and Minister for Legal Affairs, The Bahamas
Member, Task Force on Justice



The Hon. Allyson Maynard Gibson QC is a Bahamian barrister, politician, and community rights advocate, with a particular focus on laws affecting women and children.

The Hon. Maynard-Gibson served twice as attorney general and minister of legal affairs of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas from 2012-2017 and Minister for Legal Affairs of The Bahamas. As Attorney General she and her team set in motion a series of reforms that brought the country's justice system into the 21st century. Among the results of those reforms between 2012 and 2016 were a 39% increase in the annual number of serious criminal cases that were concluded and a doubling in the conviction rate for serious crimes.

Ms. Maynard-Gibson also served in the Bahamian Parliament, was the country's first minister of financial services and investments, and is past president of the International Women's Forum and the Leadership Foundation.

Andrew Solomon



Andrew Solomon is a Senior Rule of Law Advisor at USAID where he plays a leading role in developing strategies, designing activities, and deploying innovative solutions to close justice gaps, combat impunity and insecurity, and strengthen trust in justice institutions. Prior to USAID, Andrew worked for the American Society of International Law, American Bar Association, the Brookings Institution, Office of the High Representative in Bosnia, and United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

Maaïke de Langen



Maaïke de Langen is Program Lead on Justice for All, a program of the Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies at NYU's Centre for International Cooperation. The program builds on the Justice for All report, published by the Task Force on Justice, which sets out an agenda for action for the achievement of SDG16's promise of access to justice for all.

Maaïke started her career with the Van Vollenhoven Institute for Law, Governance, and Development (Leiden University). She then worked for UNDP in N'Djamena, Chad and at HQ in New York, working on governance, human rights, access to justice and legal empowerment of the poor. She was first advisor to the National ombudsman of the Netherlands for eight years, creating and leading the Department for Strategy and Policy. In 2014, she returned to Mali for a year, to design the Dutch bilateral program on Security and Rule of Law. Early in 2018, she joined NYU-CIC.

Anthony Triolo



Anthony Triolo is a Senior Program Officer at Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies at the Center on International Cooperation, working as a Justice Action Accelerator with the Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies. He was previously the Senior Policy and External Relations Officer at the University of South Carolina's Rule of Law Collaborative, leading engagement on advancing the global implementation of SDG16.

Mr. Triolo has also worked for several international criminal tribunals affiliated with the United Nations, such as the Special Court for Sierra Leone and the Special Tribunal for Lebanon. He served as an adviser to the Registrar and as the Head of the New York Office for both Tribunals. He also previously managed policy and government relations for the International Center for Transitional Justice.

Dmitry Foremnyi



Dmitry is the current Justice Accelerator Head of Ukraine at HiiL. He holds a Master degree with distinction in International business law from Tilburg University in the Netherlands. He studied social entrepreneurship and venture industry afterward. Before joining HiiL Dmitry worked as a lawyer in multinational companies in Ukraine and a law firm in the Netherlands for five years.

During work with HiiL Dmitry cooperated with stakeholders in Ukraine, Germany, Canada, the US and the Netherlands to develop the ecosystem of justice innovations with the focus on Ukraine. He also co-founded two initiatives to bring legal innovations to the next level. It is a regular pitching meetup called Legal Startup Crash Test and a Kyiv chapter of the worldwide Legal Hackers community, which works on the intersection of law and technology.

Gustavo Maurino



Mr. Maurino is Former National Director of Access to Justice in Argentina, and Sherpa of Task Force on Justice. He is a member of the Board of Direction of the Civil Association for Equality and Justice (ACIJ). As one of its founders and previous Co-Director, he led several national and regional transparency and accountability initiatives.

Gustavo has been National Director for Access to Justice at the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights in Argentina, running a nation-wide Access to Justice Centers Program, that provided primary legal services to disadvantaged communities. As a public interest lawyer, he has been a practitioner in the fields of transparency, antidiscrimination and human rights law, and he is a law professor at University of Palermo, University of Buenos Aires, and UTDT.

Maha Jweied



Ms. Jweied is the Former Acting Director of the U.S. Department of Justice's Office for Access to Justice and is a Fellow with NYU's Center on International Cooperation and an expert on access to justice working with a number of non-profit and international organizations leveraging insight gained after nearly twelve years in the U.S. Government's Executive Branch. Previously, she led the U.S. Department of Justice's Office for Access to Justice and served as the U.S. Government's Subject-Matter Expert for UN Sustainable Development Goal 16 indicator identification and development. In that role, she also served as the Executive Director of the White House Legal Aid Interagency

Roundtable and represented the U.S. Government as its indigent defense and legal aid expert in international settings.

Yevgen Poltenko



Yevgen is an executive director in the Legal Development Network (LDN). The LDN, a one of the major non-governmental legal aid providers, is working with funding from local municipalities and donors in 15 of 25 Ukrainian regions with 25 local member organizations by providing legal consultations and information to individuals as well as legal support to communities. The LDN promotes legal empowerment and assists communities in shaping their policies since 2009. Before joining the LDN, Yevgen worked for charities, financial companies, and government institutions. Yevgen's sphere of professional interests also includes the development and implementation of strategies for the civil society organizations development, access to justice programs and safe community initiatives. In 2004, he obtained his MA in International Economy at Kharkiv National University (Kharkiv, Ukraine) and in 2017 – MA in Nonprofit Management at Ukrainian Catholic University (Lviv, Ukraine).

