



## The 3rd Summit for Democracy in Korea

Strengthening the Rule of Law and Access to Justice for Healthy Democracies

When: Tuesday, 19 March 2024, 20:00 (KST) / 12:00 (CET) / 7:00 (EDT)

### Virtual Meeting via Zoom:

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### Organised by OECD and Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies

The rule of law and access to justice are foundational pillars for democratic governance and sustainable development. They are essential for the protection of human rights, the enforcement of law, and the overall functioning of democratic societies. As part of the 3rd Summit for Democracy in Korea, this virtual event organized by the OECD and Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just, and Inclusive Societies aims to highlight innovative strategies and collaborative efforts in strengthening the people-centred rule of law and enhancing access to justice globally, with a view to strengthening democratic resilience.

### Objectives

- To showcase successful policies and practices that have been implemented to strengthen the people-centred rule of law and improve access to justice across countries, including those that are members of the Justice Action Coalition.
- To facilitate a dialogue among policymakers, legal practitioners, civil society representatives, and international organisations on current challenges and opportunities in promoting people-centricity in the rule of law and justice for all.
- To identify priority areas for international cooperation and partnership to further advance people-centred justice and the rule of law on a global scale.

## Discussion Questions

- How does the people-centred rule of law directly impact democratic resilience and public trust in governance?
- What role does access to justice and people-centred justice play in fostering social cohesion and trust within communities?
- In what ways can the people-centricity in the rule of law and access to justice be enhanced to support democratic engagement and citizen participation?
- How can data and technology be leveraged to improve people-centred access to justice, and what are the implications for privacy and trust?
- What innovative approaches can be taken to strengthen the link between the rule of law, access to justice, democracies and economic development?
- How can Justice Action Coalition help strengthen the movement for people-centred justice and the rule of law?

## Moderation

**Swati Mehta**, Program Director, Justice for All, Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies

## Speakers

- **Alpha Sesay Esq.**, Deputy Minister of Justice, Office of Attorney General and Ministry of Justice, Government of Sierra Leone
- **Atieno Odhiambo**, Director, Legal Empowerment Fund, The Fund for Global Human Rights
- **Jesse Bernstein**, Senior Advisor, Office for Access to Justice, U.S. Department of Justice (US DOJ) (TBC)
- **Kartik Sharma**, International Development Law Organization (IDLO)
- **Tatyana Teplova**, Head of Division, Policy Coherence for SDGs, Senior Counsellor, Gender, Justice and Inclusiveness, OECD
- **Young Gi Kim**, Judge, High Court, Korea

## Format

- The event will be structured as a panel discussion, and Q&A session.

## Expected Outcomes

- Contribution to the Summit for Democracy Rule of Law cohort
- A set of actionable recommendations for policymakers and international organisations to implement in their efforts to strengthen the rule of law and ensure access to justice for all for democratic health and resilience