

Moving Towards a Financing Framework for People-Centered Justice:

A Roundtable on the side-lines of the Summit of the Future

About the Justice Financing Framework



Introduction and purpose

The aim of the Justice Financing Framework is to guide country-level justice financing, setting out financing principles, benchmarks and ambitions to deliver people-centred justice. Its foundation is the [2019 Hague Declaration of Equal Access to Justice for All by 2030](#) and the [OECD Recommendation on Access to Justice and People Centred Justice Systems](#). The Framework enables effective strategies and policies to transform justice systems to respond to the unmet legal needs of billions of people and ensure respect for human rights. It comes from the realisation that without changing financing structures and processes, ministries of justice and judiciaries will not be able to effectively make the transition to people-centred justice programming, as set out in the OECD Recommendation. The Framework draws inspiration from the approach to financing in other sectors (especially health and education) that have scaled-up front-line services and improved outcomes.

The Framework's prime audience is at the country level: the overall justice sector, individual justice organisations and Ministries of Finance. It is also a guide for external justice financiers including bilateral and multilateral donors, multilateral development banks, development finance institutions, philanthropic foundations and impact investors.

In particular, the Framework proposes an expanded approach to justice financing, incorporating innovative and diversified funding options to help countries build sustainable and resilient justice systems. With competing demands on limited resources, justice financing can be viewed as a strategic investment in a country's long-term development, driving economic growth, stability, and social cohesion. By ensuring accessible, efficient, and equitable justice systems, governments are laying the foundation for a thriving business environment, attracting investment, fostering innovation, and enhancing public trust in institutions. Strong justice systems reduce the costs associated with unresolved disputes, corruption, and insecurity, ultimately creating a more predictable and supportive environment for sustainable economic growth.

The Framework is being developed for consideration by the Justice Action Coalition Ministers towards the end of 2025.

Guiding questions for the roundtable

This Roundtable is a key opportunity to present *the first draft of the Framework* and to gather feedback. Key questions for the roundtable are

- (1) Is a new approach to financing needed to deliver the ambition of people-centred justice?
- (2) Does this initial draft start to map out a useful way forward?
- (3) Are there any key elements missing from this initial draft?