

UN High-Level Political Forum 2024 Official Side Event

SDG16: Accelerating Progress to Achieve Justice for Children

Leveraging Innovations to Close the Justice Gap



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Access to justice for children is increasingly understood as an essential building block for a sustainable future for current and future generations. In our collective efforts to achieve SDG 16, leveraging bold, ambitious, and sustainable innovations can support closing the vast justice gap for children.

This Official Side Event, Sponsored by the Permanent Mission of Sierra Leone to the United Nations, with Co-Sponsors the Permanent Missions of Canada, Luxembourg and Spain, brings together governments, multilateral organisations, civil society organisations, and children and young people themselves, for a series of solution-focused sessions. This event will profile governments' commitments, alongside effective local and national strategies that are delivering innovative policies and practices to achieve SDG 16 for children.

This Event is a multilateral call for strong partnerships and international, national and local action to deliver child-centred access to justice. It will give special attention to those children in vulnerable situations, facing the greatest adversity, and will reflect our Agenda 2030 ambitions to 'leave no one behind' and reach 'the furthest behind, first'. It also serves as a key preparatory milestone in anticipation of the 2025 World Congress on Justice With Children and informs the Committee on the Rights of the Child's development of the upcoming General Comment No. 27 on children's rights to access to justice and effective remedies.

Supported by the Working Group on SDG 16+ Justice for Children led by University of Strathclyde, the Global Initiative on Justice with Children led by Terre des hommes, with the NGO Panel on Children Deprived of Liberty.

The event will be hosted in three parts, building from one session to the next:

- 1 High-Level session on SDG 16.2 and 16.3, focused on national actions to achieve Agenda 2030 (hybrid session)
- 2 Experiential Learning Simulation and Debrief session (in-person, light lunch provided)
- 3 Gamechanging Innovations Consultation for UNCRC GC27 (in-person)

10:00 AM-3:00 PM (EDT) | Hybrid Session: 10:00-11:00 AM | In-Person Only: 11:00 AM-3:00 PM



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Event Timeline

Times	Session	Focus	In-Person/Hybrid
09:30-10:00AM	Registration & Coffee		
10:00-11:00AM	Session One: High-Level Session	Agenda 2030: The Role of Multilateralism to Achieve SDG 16 Justice for Children	Hybrid
11:00-11:15AM	Break		
11:15AM-12:30PM	Session Two: Justice Simulation	'In My Shoes': Youth Experiential Learning Simulation	In-Person
12:30-1:15PM	Lunch Break		
1:15-3:00PM	Session Three: GC27 Consultation on Gamechangers	The How: Shifting Systems to Become more Child-Centred	In-Person
3:00PM	End of Event		



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