

# Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies

*“The new agenda recognizes the need to build peaceful, just and inclusive societies that provide equal access to justice and that are based on respect for human rights (including the right to development), on effective rule of law and good governance at all levels and on transparent, effective and accountable institutions.”*

In Agenda 2030, the world’s governments expressed their determination “to foster peaceful, just and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence.” They set ambitious targets for reducing all forms of violence in all countries, for ensuring access to justice for all, and for building effective, accountable and inclusive institutions (see page 2 for an overview of these targets).

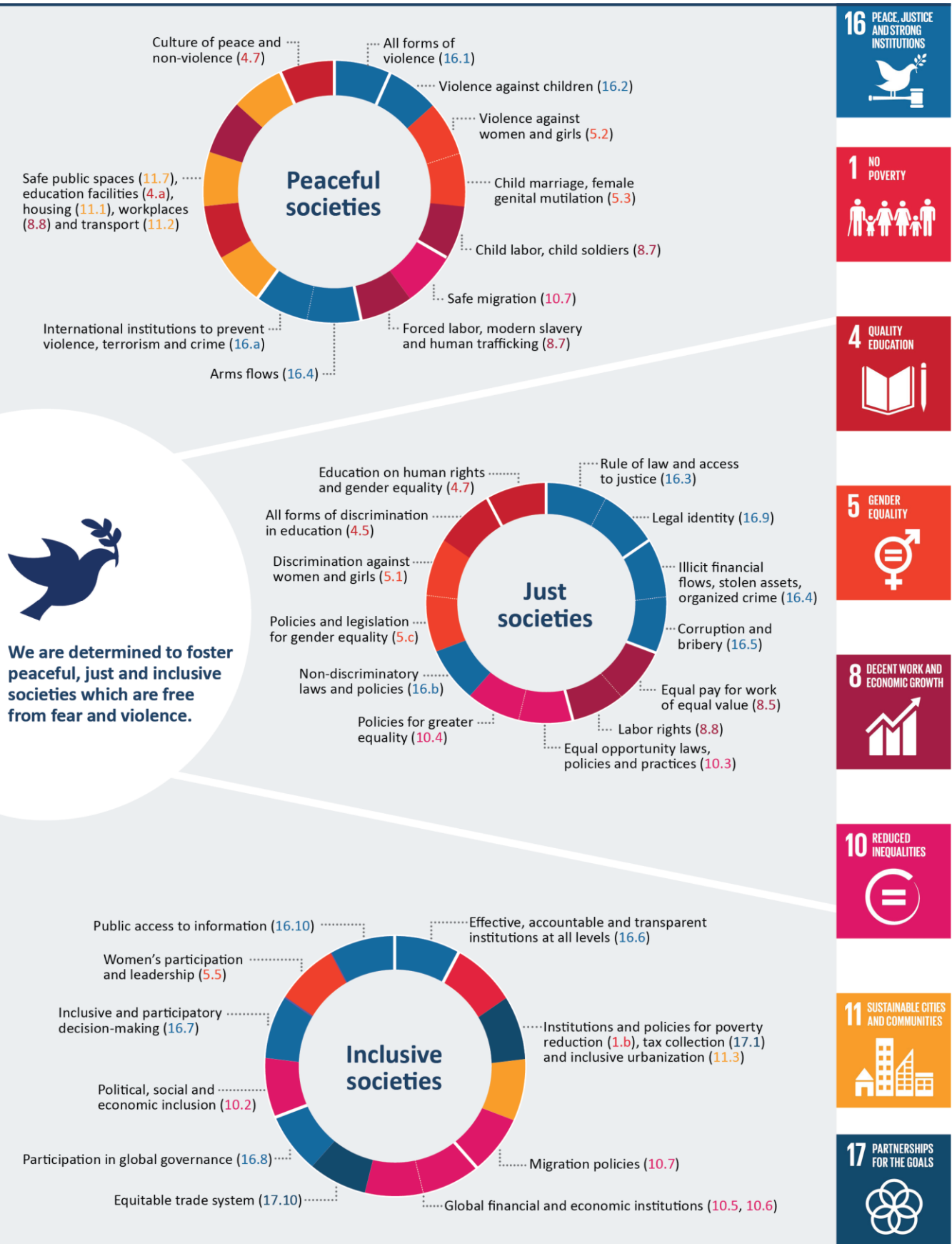
In recent years, many countries have made significant progress on peace, access to justice and inclusive institutions, but an analysis of the targets demonstrates that accelerating their delivery poses daunting challenges.

The **Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies** is a group of UN member states, international organizations, global partnerships, and other partners. It is convened by the governments of Brazil, Sierra Leone, and Switzerland to build the foundations and alliances to turn the ambition of the SDG targets for peaceful, just and inclusive societies into reality.

A number of countries have participated in meetings where they have shared their national experiences and highlighted what works. Among them are: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Georgia, Guatemala, Indonesia, Mexico, Netherlands, Qatar, Republic of Korea, Sierra Leone, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Timor-Leste, Tunisia, and the United States.

At a retreat in November 2016, and following a series of earlier meetings, the Pathfinders made the decision to develop a roadmap for the delivery of the Agenda 2030 commitment to increasing peace, justice and inclusion.

The roadmap will set out the strategies, tools, resources, and partnerships that are needed to accelerate progress. It will be launched at the High-level Political Forum in July, and the UN General Assembly in September.



The SDG16+ Targets for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies

## Why do we need a roadmap?

- The Agenda 2030 targets for peaceful, just and inclusive societies will not be delivered without strengthened strategy and increased political commitment.
- An integrated approach is needed that looks at all targets for peace, justice and inclusion (taking us from SDG16 to SDG16+ – see page 2).
- The expertise needed for delivery is fragmented across different fields and partners are currently not working together effectively.
- Action is needed to create strategic alignment and bring partners together on an action platform that increases ambition and coherence.

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## A roadmap will aim to:

- Convince decision makers to act and increase the uptake of evidence-based policies and programs at national and international levels.
- Be a focus for campaigning, and for a movement for peace, justice and inclusion.
- Inform a strategic approach to data and evidence, and to finance.
- Transform the Pathfinders group into a platform for galvanizing action.

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## Structure and content of the roadmap:

- Focus on the next five years, with the High-level Political Forum in 2019 as a milestone.
- A concise document that highlights solutions, not problems.
- Transformative strategies that provide a basis for integrated action and partnerships (to achieve national and regional/international impact).
- Catalytic actions that balance ‘quick wins’ with areas where results will take time.
- Key enablers: data and evidence; exchange and learning; finance; and communication, advocacy, and movement-building.

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## We identify three grand challenges to raise ambition and inspire stronger partnerships – they will act as a focus for learning in 2017 and 2018.

- How can we significantly reduce all forms of violence everywhere?
- How can we provide access to justice for all?
- A new agenda for social, political and economic inclusion.

***A discussion paper on the roadmap is being circulated for comment during March, beginning the process of building consensus around strategic priorities for SDG16+ delivery. A zero draft will be published in April and will be subject to a process of formal consultation, with the final version endorsed by the Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies.***

# Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies – A Call to Action to Change Our World



We are determined to foster peaceful, just and inclusive societies which are free from fear and violence.

## Targets



## Case for action

Why we need to act

Dividend from peace, justice, and inclusion

Where we start from

## Transformative strategies

### Prevent

Invest in long-term prevention so that societies and people can reach their full potential.

### Renew

Transform institutions so that they can meet aspirations for a more prosperous, inclusive and sustainable future.

### Involve

Remove barriers so that people can fulfil their potential and empower them to work for a better future.

## Catalytic actions



## Enablers

Evidence and data

Exchange and learning

Finance

Communication, advocacy and movement-building

## Outline for the Proposed Roadmap