

Linking peace, justice and development through good governance

The role of independent oversight bodies in creating peaceful, just and inclusive societies
In-depth review of SDG16

The 2030 Agenda acknowledges the central role of effective, accountable and transparent institutions in contributing to peace, justice as well as violence prevention in the context of sustainable development. National security sectors that are both effective and accountable within a framework of democratic control, rule of law and respect for human rights are a core element of achieving good governance ambitions of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16 and related targets (Agenda 16+).

Under SDG 16, all countries are responsible for delivering on their obligations to provide safety and justice for their populations. Central to this provision of safety and justice are the principles of good governance, namely that states will need to redouble their efforts in ensuring that public and national security is provided in an effective, accountable and transparent manner. These good governance targets are captured among others in SDG 16.6. Furthermore, SDG 16.a calls to strengthen national institutions to prevent violence and combat terrorism and crime. Independent oversight bodies play a critical role in promoting and protecting human rights, by receiving, investigating and rectifying grievances, while also strengthening the good governance of peace and justice institutions.

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Agenda

Based on the work of DCAF's long term support to independent oversight bodies, focusing on enhancing the good governance of security and justice institutions, this session will focus on the role independent oversight bodies can play in supporting states to reach SDG targets 16.6 and 16.a.

- 13:15** Welcome and opening remarks by Amb. **Thomas Guerber**, Director of DCAF - Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance
- 13:20** Key note address by Hon. Dr. **Radzi Jidin**, Deputy Minister of Economic Affairs of Malaysia
- 13:30** Panel discussion moderated by Amb. **Thomas Guerber**
- Dr. **Catalina Crespo Sancho**, Ombudsman of Costa Rica (Defensoria de los Habitantes)
 - Hon. **Florence Kajuju**, Chairperson of the Commission on Administrative Justice/Office of the Ombudsman of Kenya
 - Mr. **Jerald Joseph**, Commissioner of the Human Rights Commission of Malaysia (Suhakam)
 - Mr. **Matthijs van der Hoeven**, Senior Advisor, National Ombudsman of The Netherlands
- 14:05** Audience questions
- 14:20** Reflections on the way forward by Amb. **Rodrigo A. Carazo**, Permanent Representative of Costa Rica, Mr. **Hugo G. von Meijenfeldt**, Netherlands SDG Coordinator, and Mr. **Jacques Ducrest**, Delegate of the Swiss Federal Council for the Agenda 2030
- 14:30** Departure of participants