

## LOOKING TOWARD THE FUTURE

### NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT

When governments adopted the 2030 Agenda in September 2015, they agreed to prioritise the SDGs and work tirelessly towards their full achievement. They also agreed to set up monitoring and evaluation processes to hold themselves accountable for achieving the goals. This will involve what the UN Secretary General calls a “data revolution.”<sup>14</sup> This term acknowledges the many challenges governments face as they work to measure progress towards the SDGs.

To meet Goal 16’s promise of providing access to justice for all, governments around the world will need to work with partners to create new policies and laws and to ensure that proper metrics are used to monitor and track progress over the next 15 years.

Your government’s commitment to the SDGs is a unique opportunity to push for national justice reforms. The chapters that follow provide you with the tools and strategies to make the most of this opportunity.

**TIP**

The call for a “data revolution” provides a strong rationale for why governments must produce better justice data for policy making and greater accountability. Governments should be willing to learn from data collected by legal empowerment and access to justice organisations in line with this commitment.

### Box 4: Recap

After reading this chapter, you should:

- understand the history of the development of the 2030 Agenda and the SDGs,
- be more familiar with legal empowerment and its relationship to access to justice,
- understand why access to justice is necessary to the overall success of the SDGs,
- be able to identify where justice can be found in the SDGs and throughout the 2030 Agenda.

<sup>14</sup> Secretary-General Calls for ‘Data Revolution’, Stronger Capacity, in Message for World Statistics Day, last modified October 19, 2015, <http://www.un.org/press/en/2015/sgsm17245.doc.htm>.