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**Director** Public Governance Directorate

> H.E. Mr. Tõnis Saar Secretary-General of the Ministry of Justice Estonia

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Dear Mr. Saar,

We are pleased to invite you to the **High-Level Roundtable on Equal Access to Justice** "Building trust through people-centred justice" on 9 October 2024 in Ottawa, Canada.

The High-Level discussion is part of the 10th OECD Global Roundtable on Equal Access to Justice, co-hosted by the Department of Justice of Canada and supported by the International Development Research Centre.

As part of the OECD Reinforcing Democracy Initiative, the Roundtable seeks to advance people-centred justice, promote the rule of law, strengthen democracy and public trust, foster prosperity and contribute to achieving Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 16.3 on promoting the rule of law and ensuring equal access to justice for all. It will delve deeper into the future of justice, focusing on the response of the justice sector to global challenges, innovative strategies for the prevention of justice problems, enhancing the measurement of access to justice and implementing inclusive justice strategies.

The outcomes of the Roundtable will feed into the 2024 OECD Global Forum on Building Trust and Reinforcing Democracy, to be held in Italy on 21 and 22 October 2024 and which will feature a dedicated session on "The new frontier for the Rule of Law and Access to Justice". Insights from the discussions will also inform other global convenings, including the 2025 UN's High-Level Political Forum, the Summit for Democracy process, and the work of the Justice Action Coalition.

We hope you will be able to join us in Canada for a timely and important discussion. Please use the IRCC Special Event Code 24OECD when applying for your visa to ensure your application is flagged for this specific event and expedited. Kindly confirm your participation to gov.accesstojustice@oecd.org.

Yours sincerely,

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The Honourable Arif Virani P.C., M.P. Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

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