

Justice ⁱⁱⁱ

Problem to be ⁱⁱⁱ addressed ^{iv v}

Problem statement: There is a need to address the access to justice crisis in this country ^{vi} and promote just outcomes for all.

Background ^{vii}: This past year shone a light on the importance of justice ^{viii} and brought it to the ^{ix} forefront through international movements. We also saw side effects ^x of the pandemic which kindled other access to justice issues, such as legal problems related to detention, employment, housing ^{xi} and debt. Access to Justice and ^{xii} Open Justice are key to helping all communities across the country have access to the data, information ^{xiii} and services they need to effectively resolve their legal problems. This ^{xiv} ensures a people-centred ^{xv} approach to justice which ^{xvi} works to better understand and meet the legal needs of the people ^{xvii} of Canada.

For additional information on what we heard from ^{xviii} Canadians and Civil Society, as well as on international best practices, please read this thematic backgrounder.

Commitment

1. Justice

Lead Department(s)

Justice Canada
RCMP ^{xix}

Milestones and Indicators ^{xx}

1. Milestone: Collecting and sharing data

Indicators

- 1.1 Completion of Canadian Legal Problems Survey (CLPS) and sharing of results, including Public Use Microdata File (PUMF) (by February 2022)
- 1.2 Completion and sharing of findings of Qualitative Studies to complement the CLPS quantitative data (by Spring 2022)
- 1.3 Preparing and publishing Legal Aid Reports (annually)
- 1.4 Updating and Maintaining the State of the Criminal Justice System Report and Dashboard (annually)
- 1.5 Collecting and releasing high value data related to various policing activities, workforce composition and more (by May 2023)
 - 1.5.1 Establish and release an RCMP inventory of data and information resources of business value

- 1.5.2 Release, to the GC open^{xxi} data portal, identified and approved open RCMP datasets^{xxii} (ongoing)

2. Milestone: Identifying and sharing promising practices

Indicators

- 2.1 Collaboration with Council of Canadian Administrative Tribunals ([CCAT](#)) to offer workshops to better understand and promote good practices (by June 2022)
- 2.2 Support development of Community Justice Centres as a promising practice (ongoing)
- 2.3 Publish promising practices from evaluations, annual reports and Federal, Provincial, Territorial work, as appropriate (ongoing)^{xxiii}

3. Milestone: Advancing Legal literacy and empowerment

Indicators

- 3.1 Routinely update Charterpedia on the Justice website (ongoing)
- 3.2 Publication of geo-spatial mapping of services funded by Indigenous Justice Program (ongoing)
- 3.3 Release of a range of family law^{xxiv} tools, including the following (by summer 2023):
 - 3.3.1 Five forthcoming [online courses](#) on Bill C-78 (family violence, relocation, family dispute resolution and the duties of the parties, parenting and, interjurisdictional support)
 - 3.3.2 Online fact sheet on the Official Languages^{xxv} provisions in C-78
 - 3.3.3 Online materials for legal professionals on the 1996 and 2007 Hague Conventions
 - 3.3.4 Online materials for professionals on the amendments to the Family Orders and Agreements Enforcement^{xxvi} Assistance Act, particularly those relating to income disclosure
 - 3.3.5 A^{xxvii} family violence tool for family law legal advisors
- 3.4 Develop a Children's Rights Impact Assessment (CRIA) tool, and accompanying online course on the [United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child](#) and how to use the CRIA tool (by Fall 2021)
- 3.5 Support for a network of legal information hubs providing free services to Official Language Minority Communities (ongoing)
- 3.6 Communications activities to support legal literacy, including^{xxviii}:
 - 3.6.1 Promotion of [Charter](#) anniversary and online resources each April.
 - 3.6.2 Public awareness of the [UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#) and the proposed federal legislation.
 - 3.6.3 Updates to the digital [Braille version of the Criminal Code](#) and the release of accessible versions of legislation and/or related content.
 - 3.6.4 Accessible versions of Canada's medical assistance in dying ([MAID](#)) communications products.

4. Milestone: Fostering Partnerships and Collaboration

Indicators

- 4.1 Work in concert with Provincial^{xxix} and Territorial partners (ongoing)^{xxx}
- 4.2 Participation on [OGP Coalition on Justice](#) (by Spring 2022)

- 4.3 Collaboration with [Action Committee on Access to Justice in Civil and Family Matters](#) (ongoing)
- 4.4 Fostering international partnerships including the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development ([OECD](#)) and [Pathfinders](#) (ongoing)

5. Milestone: A multi-year roadmap for Open Government at the RCMP

- 5.1 Develop an RCMP Open Government strategy with multi-year action plan (Released publicly) (by March 2022)
- 5.2^{xxxi} Establish an Open Government Office with resources dedicated to the advancement of openness and transparency across the RCMP (ongoing)^{xxxii}
- 5.3 Establish an RCMP Open Government Working Group comprised of key stakeholders across the RCMP to identify and release data and information as well as advance a culture of openness, transparency and accountability based on open government principles and practices (ongoing)^{xxxiii}
- 5.4 Establish an RCMP Multi-Stakeholder Forum to help engage in discussions around priorities and areas of focus for openness and transparency^{xxxiv} in the RCMP (ongoing)

ⁱ Posted by Basics is back on 07/22/2021 at 12:01pm

The same way the indigenous people were being censored for many years by our government, the same thing is happening with covid and the justice system right now. You can use this but only in its entirety. Our justice system was not used when covid was put in place. The corporate medical field stem roled its way using vague laws, fear tack ticks, lack of information, pitting people against people to control the story being told. When that didn't work they were offered incentives. If the covid shot which is the new drug being offered right now, with no proof of its long term effects were not to work the way the medical field describes it we would have a huge problem in the world. Our government is put in place to look after the population, it feels like they are looking after the corporate medical fields needs above our own.

ⁱⁱ Posted by Bev Kennedy on 07/21/2021 at 11:41am

Re JUST. And how large is the seniors demographic who are aging into retirement using the seriously problematic industry services including the banks dealer broker services including on line brokerage to try to build nest eggs to top up CPP and OAS (and maybe GIS and OAS), where industry including ink one dealer brokers are inserting barriers to equal opportunity to participate in the capital markets (those deceptively worded liability disclaimers. Discussed but not addressed). That our so called nexus of oversight has turned a blind eye to? (And the Fcac does not have under its jurisdiction although it has raised serious concerns regarding the legacy banking savings and loan 're the same problematic portal of redress retail investors are directed to)

Age is also a protected ground. Not how age is defined.

Why is the chrc not addressing the above?

Why is the apt of finance federal and prov ignoring serious compliance breeches and our nexus user the osfi prov and territorial similarly that do serious harm to retail investors efforts but favour industry pockets? Non compliance they would never tolerate for their own prop trading desks?

So why did the Cmaio body get shuttered?

I have sent a lot of correspondence 're this to both JUST and FINA and the BANC committees and also written to the dept of Justice so why is this not included in your out for comment here?

Age is a protected ground. Throwing money to top up Oas at age 75 does not nearly begin to address this rotten row of oversight monitoring and even more rotten financial industry

How much do you think home care costs? Retail are opening accounts to provide for the basic not just those cruises advertised in flyers.

How much does Ltc care cost and how many not for profit slots are there aside from serious sinus revealed yet again by covid.

How many millennial could afford Ltc or a retirement living solutions when they can't find affordable apartments? You screening this have those gold plated pensions. But the bulk of Canadian do not. So would this be why this was not featured in the survey.

See Scc case law on contracts. All landmark cases all ignored by our so called nexus of oversight "protein retail investors". So why have you skipped this issue. It is not going to go away and you too will grow old...

ⁱⁱⁱ Posted by Jordon on 07/05/2021 at 2:51pm

I navigated here to provide feedback on "Draft Commitments" but I felt confused if this is the proper file?

^{iv} Posted by Robert Quine on 07/21/2021 at 4:15pm

Including a sort of ombudsman that the public can contact to gain access to information and resources? Being 'open' is one thing; it's another thing for the public to be able to access your open materials.

^v Posted by Jon MacKay on 07/22/2021 at 4:26am

The first step to justice in any meaningful sense is that people have oversight over politician's interests. The lobbying database is one way people can potentially gain insight into the interests of politicians. As a researcher, I have attempted to use the Canadian lobbying database, but it was designed in such a way as to make it virtually useless as a way to hold politicians accountable.

The critical problem is that lobbyists must register, but they need not regularly update their lobbying in the lobbying database. So, if I own a lobbying firm, I must register my lobbying activities related to the same campaign. But I don't have to update the database to include any activities that take place within the same campaign. A lobbying campaign can stretch on over the course of years, making it impossible to determine if payments changed hands at the beginning or end of a given lobbying campaign. In other words, researchers can't prove the order of events, so it is difficult to hold politicians and lobbyists to account.

There are also many loopholes allowing people not to register contact with politicians. WE Charity did not register, for example.

We should revamp the lobbying database specifically to ensure that lobbyists regularly have to update the database – both at the start of a campaign and regular (bi-annual) intervals. Moreover, the formatting of the data should be compatible with the United States lobbying data. This compatibility will allow for Canadian lobbying data to be published online using the same tools developed by the OpenSecrets foundation in the USA that publishes the lobbying of US politicians.

^{vi} Posted by crowngenocide on 07/05/2021 at 4:04pm
and the indigenous nations

^{vii} Posted by Lindsey Marchessault on 07/20/2021 at 1:08pm

The problem statement aims to address an 'access to justice' crisis but the background does not elaborate on what the nature of this crisis is. In order to be a strong commitment, the text should describe some of the specific problems or indicators of the crisis, including disproportionate incarceration rates among radicalized and indigenous populations, violence perpetrated by the RCMP (particularly against BIPOC individuals), rates of prosecution & conviction for violence against women & children, and sentencing inequality

^{viii} Posted by crowngenocide on 07/05/2021 at 3:42pm

you have a legal just-us system not a system of justice. you are doing a great interpretation of swinging a sword blindly. try the scales next.

^{ix} Posted by Xiaoming Guo on 07/21/2021 at 12:13pm

We should address the Meng Wanzhou case. We know the case is purely politically motivated, yet we allow the US to abuse our extradition agreement. Moreover, this case destroys our judicial independence, allowing foreigners to

explain and enforce their domestic law in our country. This will destroy justice in our society. We lose the sovereignty of our judiciary.

^x Posted by crowngenocide on 07/05/2021 at 4:08pm

over crowding and lack of water is especially dangerous to the indigenous people its the same system dr.bryce and dr.cindy blackstock talk about. [Sentence redacted for violating rules of engagement.]

^{xi} Posted by crowngenocide on 07/05/2021 at 4:09pm

homes are so expensive it leaves indigenous people with no where to live. i am homeless thanks to your genocidal economy claiming my home and everything in and around it. for false profits.

^{xii} Posted by crowngenocide on 07/08/2021 at 5:42pm

genocide of indigenous people is a pretty large indian issue you have

^{xiii} Posted by Etienne Vuillaume on 07/15/2021 at 11:39am

I would add here "in search"

^{xiv} Posted by Etienne Vuillaume on 07/15/2021 at 11:40am

I don't think that the two commas around "thus" are useful.

^{xv} Posted by crowngenocide on 07/08/2021 at 5:25pm

are indigenous people considered persons or specimen?

^{xvi} Posted by Etienne Vuillaume on 07/15/2021 at 11:41am

I don't think that "that is" is useful

^{xvii} Posted by crowngenocide on 07/05/2021 at 3:43pm

add indigenous people because your legal system clearly does not include indigenous people as persons.

^{xviii} Posted by Anonymous on 07/21/2021 at 11:16am

There is a serious problem with capital markets oversight and retail investor venues for access to remedy. Further this aligns with lack of accountability and pass the bucks from the crown to industry where the matter gets buried.

This impacts not just the public's efforts to use financial industry to invest so in retirement they can top up Cpp and oas and have a secure retirement. But it also ties into an inexcusable awareness by oversight of what is informed consent (the elements) landmark cases from the Supreme Court and implications for contract law and terms of service retail consent to on a take it or leave it basis if they wish to open accounts to participate in the capital markets using industry services including the banks arms. And it also has implications regarding systemic risk that can not be capped and contained at the public level.

Further there are many discriminatory barriers that the financial industry especially the banks are using that deny the retail investor an equal opportunity to participate in the capital markets. Supplement by venues for redress that are biased to industry and which are not protecting the public. The chrc needs to update and redress its understanding of implications of the above and age linked discrimination and how the above undermines the public's efforts to build nest eggs to ensure a robust financial retirement. (Including aging at home costs (currently ranked at 30 dollars per hour above what is provided in government allotment. And long term care aside from quality check the costs out of reach for most (and out of reach even for most millennial. All the more reason for the cmhc to wake up and address deliberate discriminatory policies and practices by the banks and their bank owned dealer brokers (federally). And similarly at the prov territorial 're negligence by crown securities commissions in addressing these issues and simply streaming (segregating retail investors to industry with known issues). Further the Fcac does not even cover this side of the banking retail client issues and there is not federal parallel now for retail investors. MS Schulte topping up of Oas at age 75 did not to address the predatory practices of industry and willful blind eye of oversight in the years leading up to retirement. Why not? Why is this not on

your laundry list noting the growing demographic of seniors...(you may have a gold plated pension plan but most Canadians do not.

^{xix} Posted by Jordon on 07/05/2021 at 2:45pm

Are there any other "arms length" institutions that could be involved?

^{xx} Posted by Lindsey Marchessault on 07/20/2021 at 1:10pm

To be a strong commitment, the text should better describe how the below milestones and indicators will help to address the problem statement ie the crisis in access to justice (eg the theory of change).

^{xxi} Posted by Jordon on 07/05/2021 at 2:46pm

Are we being critical of this data and the categories used? For example, I had heard that race-based data was not collected, which means there would be lots of data but not necessarily relevant.

^{xxii} Posted by Lindsey Marchessault on 07/20/2021 at 1:09pm

Which datasets?

data related to incidents of assault or death occurring at the hands of RCMP or RCMP custody?

^{xxiii} Posted by Katie on 07/05/2021 at 1:11pm

And Indigenous governments and organizations!

^{xxiv} Posted by crown-genocide on 07/05/2021 at 3:39pm

add a section on Kanata eugenics birth alert programs.

^{xxv} Posted by crown-genocide on 07/05/2021 at 3:41pm

[Redacted sentence for violating rules of engagement]. why are indigenous languages not allowed on ballots or in debate? [Redacted sentence for violating rules of engagement].

^{xxvi} Posted by crown-genocide on 07/05/2021 at 3:59pm

the silence and compliance assistants

^{xxvii} Posted by Katie on 07/05/2021 at 1:12pm

What about tools and education specific to Indigenous communities and governments?

^{xxviii} Posted by TI-Can on 07/19/2021 at 1:39pm

The 2020 "Exporting Corruption" report from Transparency International recommends increasing transparency about how prosecutors evaluate the public-interest criteria when assessing whether it is appropriate to invite an organisation to negotiate a remediation agreement. Communication activities should include educating Canadians on what measures are being taken to evaluate public-interest criteria in the justice system.

^{xxix} Posted by crown-genocide on 07/05/2021 at 4:03pm

nation to nation with indigenous people not just Indian actor "leadership". [Redacted for violating rules of engagement]

^{xxx} Posted by TI-Can on 07/19/2021 at 1:40pm

Anti-corruption advocates have recommended providing more resources to police departments dedicated to combatting corruption. Justice Canada and the RCMP should strongly consider incorporating anti-corruption strategies into its partnerships to advance access to justice.

^{xxxi} Posted by Katie on 07/05/2021 at 1:13pm

Including a sort of ombudsman that the public can contact to gain access to information and resources? Being 'open' is one thing; it's another thing for the public to be able to access your open materials.

^{xxxii} Posted by TI-Can on 07/19/2021 at 1:40pm

The 2020 "Exporting Corruption" report from Transparency International recommends increasing transparency of court decisions in Canada, preferably via a central agency. Justice Canada and the RCMP should develop this roadmap with a clear vision for providing data on legal measures addressing corporate corruption.

^{xxxiii} Posted by TI-Can on 07/19/2021 at 1:44pm

Global transparency watchdogs have recommended Canada create a publicly accessible centralised register of beneficial ownership information. The RCMP and Justice Canada should strongly consider integrating Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (the potential operators of this registry) into this working group.

^{xxxiv} Posted by crowngenocide on 07/08/2021 at 5:23pm

the same parties who triple delete highway of tears internal emails. sure glad the MMIWG called these terrorists out for the genocide of indigenous women and girls.
do not let them near the mass grave crime scenes near the indian industrial "schools"