The International Institute for Justice and the Rule of Law (IIJ) is dedicated to advancing the rule of law, promoting access to justice, and countering terrorism and other transnational crime. Established in 2014, the IIJ collaborates with governments, international organisations, civil society, and other stakeholders to strengthen legal frameworks, enhance capacity-building efforts, and foster collaboration in the field of justice and security.

The IIJ mission:
To tailor collaborative capacity-building programmes and activities that help governments and practitioners effectively address the multifaceted nature of contemporary terrorism and related transnational crime.

The IIJ aligns its mission with SDG 16 by contributing to:

- **Strengthening** the competencies of criminal justice practitioners.
- **Implementing** sustainable professional practices to address terrorism and related transnational criminal activities within a rule of law framework.
- **Fostering** a culture of collaboration amongst trained practitioners and promoting cooperation and information exchange on national, regional, and international levels.

**SDG 16.a:**

"Strengthen relevant national institutions, including through international cooperation, for building capacity at all levels, in particular in developing countries, to prevent violence and combat terrorism and crime.

16.a.1: Existence of independent national human rights institutions in compliance with the Paris Principles."

In 2023

The IIJ trained over **900** practitioners.

And organised **28 tailored training and capacity building** activities, focused on regions in **Africa**, the **Middle East**, and **Southeast Asia**.
IIJ Initiatives

The IIJ scope encompasses both shorter thematic programs and longer courses, covering a diverse array of topics within various core initiatives. These include the Addressing Homegrown Terrorism initiative, Global Central Authorities Initiatives, Investigations Initiatives, Judicial Capacity-Building Initiative, Juvenile Justice Initiative, and Prison Management Initiative, along with the Returning FTFs initiative.

Furthermore, the IIJ Academic Unit offers courses like the Counter-Terrorism Academic Curriculum (CTAC) and the Online Counter-Terrorism Academic Curriculum (eCTAC). Additionally, the IIJ engages in other initiatives and workstreams, such as Battlefield Evidence, Racially or Ethnically Motivated Violent Extremism (REME), Multi-Actor Preventing/Countering Violent Extremism Interventions, and Counter-Terrorism Financing.

CT PHARE (Platform for Human Rights Engagement)
An EU-funded initiative aimed at enhancing the integration of recognised human rights standards into counterterrorism policies, legislation & judicial strategies. Since May 2023, CT PHARE has conducted 9 activities including expert meetings, global surveys & trainings.

Implementing partner of the GCTF CJROL WG
The IIJ plays a significant role as a GCTF-inspired institution and actively supports the GCTF’s Working Group on Criminal Justice and the Rule of Law, focusing on promoting respect for the rule of law in criminal justice, terrorism investigations and prosecutions.

In 2023, the IIJ conducted 28 tailored training and capacity-building activities, including shorter-form focused programmes and longer-form core courses, across Africa, the Middle East, and Southeast Asia. These workshops facilitate networking opportunities and enhance cooperation at national, regional, and international levels, fostering a culture of collaboration outlined in UNSDG 16.a.