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Civil society organisations in ten countries have produced parallel reports on the implementation of laws giving individuals a right to access to information held by public authorities (right to information or RTI laws) using the methodology for this prepared by the Freedom of Information Advocates Network (FOIANet). This methodology is specially designed to facilitate parallel reporting by civil society groups. First designed and applied in 2017-18, the current methodology was launched on International Right to Know Day, 28 September 2018.

A synthesis or spotlight report, *Road to 2030: Access to Information in the Driver's Seat*, has been launched at the High Level Political Forum (HLPF) currently taking place at the United Nations in New York. This report provides an overview of the general findings from the ten country reports, summary reports from each country and also, in Annexes, more detailed statistical information from each country.

"It is wonderful to see the FOIANet methodology having been applied in the ten countries and then presented in a spotlight report at the HLPF", said Toby Mendel, Executive Director of CLD. *"Hopefully we can continue to increase the number of countries where civil society groups are applying this methodology."*

The Centre for Law and Democracy applied the FOIANet methodology in Canada, which is one of the countries reflected in the synthesis report. We also produced a full report on the application of the methodology in Canada. Overall, Canada did well, getting a green grade, although some public authorities did better than others.

The synthesis report and the Canadian report are available at: <https://www.law-democracy.org/live/launch-of-reports-on-sdg-16-10-2>. The FOIANet methodology is available at: http://foiadvocates.net/?page_id=11036.

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