



The Supervision Around the World (SAW) Project exists to connect people, programs, and ideas that are making justice systems more effective, humane, and community-centered. That mission came to life in a powerful way at one of the most significant gatherings of justice professionals around the world.

This edition of our SAW Project Newsletter offers reflections from the **7th World Congress on Probation and Parole**, held April 2026 in Bali, Indonesia. The event united over 460 global delegates from more than 48 countries around the theme "Getting Smart on Justice: Healing Hearts & Safer Societies."



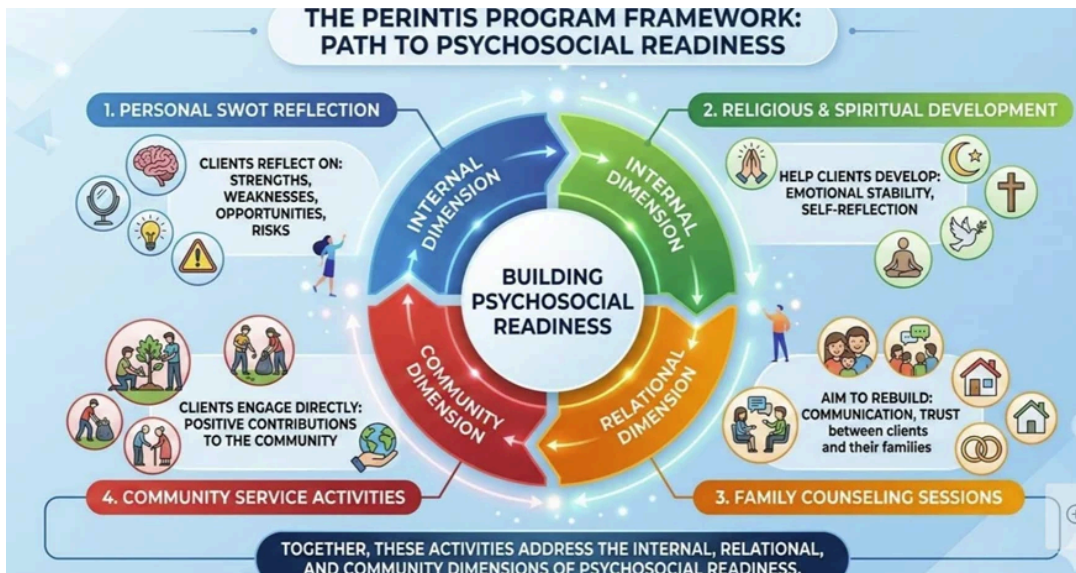
Despite differences in culture, language, and justice systems, one truth resonated throughout the Congress: we are all striving toward better outcomes for the people we serve and safer, stronger communities.

Inspiring Workshops That Drive Change



A powerful workshop was offered by Probation officer Renaldi Wicaksono from the Jakarta Barat Probation Office. He shared an early intervention model for individuals transitioning through parole, focused on psychosocial readiness, called the **Perentis Program**.

Rather than treating release as a single event, it recognizes reintegration as a process that begins long before someone returns to the community — a key takeaway echoed throughout the Congress. By preparing individuals both internally (mindset, emotional readiness) and externally (support systems, relationships), programs like Perintis offer a more complete pathway toward successful reintegration.



One of the most moving World Congress moments was a session our CEO Julie Truschel had the honor of hosting alongside moderator Khoriroh Maknunah. It featured a live interview with Billa Nanra, joining

virtually from the United Kingdom on behalf of the **Prem Rawat Foundation**.



Billa Nanra joining virtually from the United Kingdom



Leading the session with moderator Khoriroh Maknunah

After his incarceration, Billa credits the [Peace Education Program](#) with helping him fundamentally reshape his thinking and direction in life. Today, he serves as a program facilitator helping others navigate their own journeys of change. His story is a reminder that when individuals are given the tools to transform, that transformation is not only possible, it is sustainable.

The Peace Education Program team, supported by the Prem Rawat Foundation, ran workshops at the Congress demonstrating how personal reflection and growth can lead to meaningful, lasting change — a compelling example of global collaboration in action.

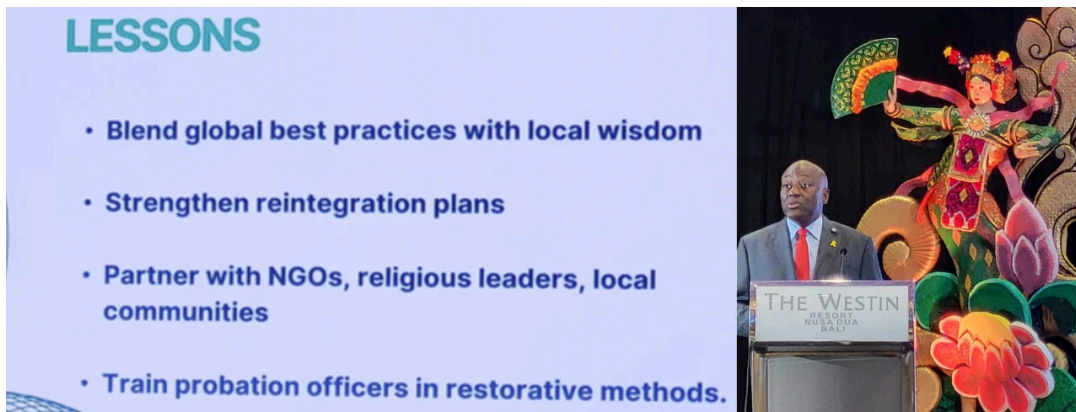


Keynotes to Inspire and Challenge



Fergus McNeill, Professor of Criminology and Social Work at University of Glasgow, delivered a compelling keynote on the importance of **harnessing the power of communities** in justice work. His message was clear: justice does not, and cannot, exist in isolation. Lasting change happens when communities are active participants, not just observers — a belief at the heart of the SAW Project.

In another impactful session, Collie F. Brown (Retired UNODC, Jakarta, Indonesia) explored the concept of **Community Corrections Pathways**, emphasizing the importance of structured, intentional systems that support individuals as they move forward.



On behalf of the **Second Chance Foundation**, his message underscored a critical balance: accountability must exist alongside opportunity. This idea sits at the heart of improving outcomes globally. When systems create clear, supportive pathways, rather than fragmented or reactive responses, they enable individuals to move toward stability, not just away from harm.

A Lasting Impression: A Metaphor That Resonates

The Congress concluded with a memorable keynote from Veronica Cunningham, Executive Director of the [American Probation and Parole Association](#) (APPA) whose closing message offered a simple yet powerful metaphor: comparing justice systems to a bicycle.



Each part of the bicycle and justice system distinct, yet all needing to work together for forward movement. The frame: our core principles. The seat: support and stability. The handlebars: direction and guidance.

Why This Matters: From Ideas to Impact

The lessons from Bali reinforce what the SAW Project was built on: that justice systems work best when they are connected, collaborative, and rooted in dignity.

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Compassionate Justice: The Smartest Investment We Can Make in Public Safety

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