



Global launch

The Global State of Democracy 2019

Addressing the Ills, Reviving the Promise



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PROGRAMME

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Location: Martin's Brussels EU, Boulevard Charlemagne 80, 1000 Brussels, Belgium

Moderator: Adina Trunk, Special Advisor to the Secretary-General, International IDEA

09:15 – 09:45

Registration and coffee

09:45 – 09:55

Introductory remarks

Dr Kevin Casas-Zamora, Secretary-General, International IDEA

09:55 – 10:05

Keynote address

H.E. Mr Josep Borrell Fontelles, Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation of Spain, Designate High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

10:05 – 10:10

The Global State of Democracy 2019 film screening

10:10 – 10:25

Presentation of the key global findings of the GSoD 2019 report

Keboitse Machangana, Director of Global Programme, International IDEA

10:25 – 10:40

Highlights of regional findings

- Africa and the Middle East
- Asia and the Pacific
- The Americas
- Europe

Annika Silva-Leander, Head of Democracy Assessment and Political Analysis, International IDEA

10:40 – 11:00

Q&A with Regional Directors of International IDEA

11:00 – 11:40

Panel discussion

Implications of the GSoD findings for the international donor community; civil society, opinion-makers/journalists

Chiara Adamo, Head of Unit Gender Equality, Democratic Governance and Human Rights, DG DEVCO, European Commission

Mikael Lindvall, Political and Security Committee Ambassador, Permanent Representation of Sweden to the EU

Emma Achilli, Head of European Union Office, Front Line Defenders

Steven Erlanger, Chief Diplomatic Correspondent in Europe for The New York Times

11:40 – 11:55

Q&A with the panel

11:55 – 12:05

Closing Remarks

Dr Kevin Casas-Zamora, Secretary-General, International IDEA

12:05 – 12:30

Coffee and mingle

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THE GLOBAL STATE OF DEMOCRACY 2019

The Global State of Democracy 2019: Addressing the Ills, Reviving the Promise is the second edition of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance's (International IDEA) flagship report. The main global launch takes place in Brussels on 19 November 2019.

The Report provides a health check of the state of the world's democracy, analysing trends, opportunities and challenges that are seen across various regions and within regions. The analysis is based on The Global State of Democracy (GSoD) Indices, an index produced by International IDEA that measures democratic performance across 158 countries from 1975 to today.

The Report aims to inform the global democracy debate with evidence and data and to provide a nuanced analysis of how opportunities and challenges to democracy play out in different ways around the world, shaped by regional and country contexts. Beyond the diagnosis, and in order to help rebalance the current democracy debate, the report also provides policy considerations, building on the good practices and cases which have shown resilience in the face of challenges. International IDEA has collected these practices and cases during more than 20 years of regional and country-level technical assistance in democratic reform throughout the world.

The Report mainly targets policymakers and civil society organizations working at the national, regional or international levels, either implementing, supporting or advocating for democratic reforms. The report also targets those policymakers who may not be working directly on democratic reform but are involved in reform processes more broadly, be they economic, social or digital.

The global launch of the GSoD 2019 Report seeks to present the key findings of the report and discuss its policy relevance with policymakers from the international and bilateral donor community, national policymakers, civil society organizations and opinion-makers, to identify common solutions.

On 14 October 2019, the Foreign Affairs Council adopted new Council Conclusions on democracy under the Finnish Presidency of the Council of the European Union. The Conclusions call for a common and practical response from the EU and member states to the challenges to democracy in their actions worldwide. The analysis and data in the GSoD 2019 report provide an impartial, evidence-based backdrop for the EU's ongoing discussions on key priorities and actions to strengthen democracy worldwide. The Report's framework and indices enable a structural follow-up on the Council Conclusions and provide substantial input for the Panel Discussion organized by the Finnish EU Presidency immediately following the GSoD 2019 Global Launch.

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The International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) is an intergovernmental organization with the mandate to support and advance democracy worldwide. International IDEA contributes to the public debate on democracy and assists in strengthening process, reforms, institutions and actors that build, advance and safeguard democracy, with a focus on electoral processes; constitution-building processes; and political participation and representation. Mainstreamed across all of our work is gender and inclusion, conflict sensitivity and sustainable development.



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