

THE EU'S EXTERNAL DEMOCRACY ACTION IN A NEW GEOPOLITICAL REALITY

Multi-stakeholder Conference and launch of Recommendations Report

31 January 2023, 9:00 – 16:30 | Brussels, Residence Palace

9:00 – 9:30 REGISTRATION

9:30 – 10:30

OPENING SESSION AND LAUNCH OF THE REPORT

- **Kevin Casas-Zamora**, Secretary General, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance
- **Diana Janse**, State Secretary to Minister for International Development Cooperation and Foreign Trade, Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs
- **Jutta Urpilainen**, Commissioner for International Partnerships, European Commission – video message
- **Eamon Gilmore**, EU Special Representative for Human Rights, European External Action Service

Presentation of the report by:

- **Charles Brasseur**, Programme Manager, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance

Moderator: Marilyn Neven, Programme, Manager EU Liaison, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance

10:30 – 11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:00 – 12:30

DISCUSSING REPORT FINDINGS: NEW CHALLENGES AND PRIORITIES OF THE EU'S EXTERNAL DEMOCRACY ACTION

- **Tomas Tobé**, Member of the European Parliament, Chair of the Committee on Development
- **Belen Martinez Carbonell**, Managing Director for Global Affairs, European External Action Service
- **Mathieu Bousquet**, Acting Director, Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission
- **Micha Ramakers**, Deputy Head of Unit, Directorate General for International Partnerships, European Commission
- **Janjira Sombatpoonsiri**, Assistant Professor, Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University and German Institute for Global and Area Studies

Moderator: Sam Van der Staak, Director of Regional Europe Office, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance

Q&A and interventions from the room

12:30 – 13:30 LUNCH AND NETWORKING

13:30 – 14:45

TEAMING UP – HOW CAN THE EU, EU MEMBER STATES AND PARTNERS WORK TOGETHER TO SUPPORT DEMOCRACY WORLDWIDE?

- **Heidi Hautala**, Member and Vice-President of the European Parliament
- **Kara McDonald**, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor, U.S. Department of State
- **Maryem Van Den Heuvel**, Director General for External Relations, Council of the European Union
- **Cecilia Ruthström-Ruin**, Sweden's Ambassador for Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law, Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs
- **Ken Godfrey**, Executive Director, European Partnership for Democracy
- **Lawrence Mwananyanda**, Special Assistant to the President, Summit for Democracy Focal Point, Zambia

Moderator: Moa Lagercrantz, Deputy Director at Department of Multilateral Partnerships, Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Q&A and interventions from the room

14:45 – 15:00 COFFEE BREAK

15:00 – 16:15

EU ACTION PLAN ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY: MID-TERM REVIEW AND NEXT STEPS

- **Mikael Lindvall**, Sweden Permanent Representative to the European Union Peace and Security Committee, Permanent Representation of Sweden to the EU
- **Neal Mac Call**, Head of Division Democracy and Electoral Observation, European External Action Service
- **Delphine Borione**, Ambassador at Large for Human Rights, France
- **Lisbeth Pilegaard**, Member of the Board of Governors of the European Endowment for Democracy, Executive Director, Danish Institute for Parties and Democracy
- **Simon Papuashvili**, Programme Director, International Partnership for Human Rights

Moderator: Marilyn Neven, Programme Manager, EU Liaison, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance

Q&A and interventions from the room

16:15 – 16:30

CLOSING REMARKS

- **Dubravka Šuica**, Vice President of the European Commission for Democracy and Demography
- **Christian Leffler**, Chair of the Board of Advisers, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance