## Democracy Day in the Time of the Pandemic

A Sustainable Response to the Global Crisis based on Multilateralism and the Rule of Law

**September 16, 2020**  
**9:00 am – 10:30 am**

### Opening remarks
- Mr. Kevin Casas-Zamora, Secretary-General, IDEA  
- Ms. Jan Beagle, Director-General, IDLO  
- Ms. Annika Savill, Executive Director, UN Democracy Fund

### Addresses
- Ambassador Mariangela Zappia, Permanent Representative of Italy to the UN  
- **Keynote**: Ambassador Annika Ben David, Ambassador-at-large for Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Sweden

### Video Message by Mr. Antonio Guterres, UN Secretary-General, on the occasion of the International Day of Democracy

### Stakeholder perspectives
- Mr. Enrico Giovannini, Spokesperson, Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development (ASVIS)  
- Ms. Diam Abou Diab, Arab NGO Network  
- Mr. Gerald Abila, Founder, Barefoot Law

### Q&A Session
- Moderator: Mr. Massimo Tommasoli, Permanent Observer for International IDEA to the UN

### Concluding Remarks