The Global State of Democracy - Exploring Democracy's Resilience

Global Launch

Amsterdam, The Netherlands - 6 December 2017

	Time	Sessions
Opening	14:00–14:15	Welcome and introduction
	14:15–14:45	Setting the stage: presentation of the Global State of Democracy (GSoD) publication
	14:45-15:00	Q&A: "The Global State of Democracy"
	15:00-15:30	Coffee break
	15:30–15:40	Explanation of the IDEAthon and innovation Labs
IDEAthon Labs	15:40–16:00	Start IDEAthon labs and team introduction Lab 1: Changing nature of political parties and democratic representation Lab 2: Democracy and rising inequality
	16:00–17:00	IDEAthon session 1: Challenges and opportunities in The Netherlands
	17:00–18:10	IDEAthon session 2: Developing solutions
	18:10–18:15	Closure of labs
Break	18:15-20:00	Dinner for Lab participants & welcome additional participants for evening program
Evening program: Roundtable	20:00–20:10	Welcome Moderator: Natasja van den Berg
	20:10-20:30	Introduction of the theme Resilient Democracy and the GSoD document With: • Svend-Erik Skaaning (Professor of Political Science at Aarhus University, Denmark)
	20:30-22:00	Interactive roundtable conversation on Democratic Checks and Balances. **Round 1 – Current status of checks and balances in the Netherlands (45 min)** What is the quality of existing checks and balances in Dutch democracy? • Koos van den Berg (Lawyer 'Klimaatzaak' of Urgenda) • Reijer Passchier (Assistant Professor constitutional law Tilburg University) • Elliot Bulmer (Programme Officer of International IDEA Constitution Building Programme) **Round 2 – Investigating new checks and balances (45 min)** > Presentation of innovation lab solutions What new forms of checks and balances do we need and how can we make them inclusive? • Yvonne Zonderop (Journalist at a.o. Groene Amsterdammer and author 'Polderen 3.0') • Joost Sneller (Member of parliament, D-66) • Sywert van Lienden (Political activist and G500 initiator)