



**Post Summit for Democracy (S4D) Dialogue:  
Analyzing country commitments and exploring opportunities for engagement**

**Brussels, 20 June 2022**

**14:00-18:00 – CEST**

**NH HOTEL**

**Bd Charlemagne 11/19, 1000 Brussels**

**(Hybrid event, in person and WebEx)**

Dear colleagues and partners,

The European Commission and the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) are pleased to invite you to participate in a Post Summit for Democracy Dialogue: *Analyzing country commitments and exploring opportunities for engagement* on 20<sup>th</sup> June 2022 in Brussels, Belgium and online.

The first Summit for Democracy, held in December 2021, brought together leaders from government, civil society and the private sector to set out an affirmative agenda for democratic renewal. Between the first and second Summit, the 'Year of Action' is an opportunity for governments to begin to implement their commitments to democracy made during the first Summit and for civil society to monitor their progress.

This event will mark the launch of an International IDEA report including in-depth analysis of the country commitments and a presentation of options and opportunities for the second Summit.

This Dialogue will offer a unique opportunity to governments, civil society and other stakeholders to the Summit to discuss Summit for Democracy commitments, share lessons learnt and identify opportunities for engagement for this Year of Action. It will feature speakers from EU institutions, government representatives from European Member States, Europe, Africa and Asia, and civil society organisations.

We will be happy to welcome you at the NH Hotel, Bd Charlemagne 11/19, 1000 Brussels or alternatively online (link will be provided with registration).

Please register for the event using the following [link](#).

We look forward to seeing you.

If you have any questions, please contact Claire TOURON at [c.touron@idea.int](mailto:c.touron@idea.int).

**PROGRAMME:**

13:30–14:00	<b>Registration – welcome coffee</b>
14:00–14:15	<b>Welcome and opening remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms Johanna Sumuvuori, State Secretary to the Finnish Minister for Foreign Affairs</li><li>• Ms Chiara Adamo, Acting Director for Human Development, Migration, Governance and Peace in the Directorate General for International Partnerships, European Commission</li><li>• Ms Uzra Zeya, Under Secretary of State for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights, US Department of State (TBC)</li></ul>
14:15–14:30	<b>Presentation of the ‘Report: Unpacking the Summit for Democracy commitments and discussion’</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms Annika Silva Leander, Head of North America programme, International IDEA</li><li>• Ms Julia Keutgen, Programme Manager, International IDEA</li></ul>
14:30–15:15	<b>Lessons learned on development and implementation of S4D commitments</b> Moderator: Ms Marilyn Neven, Programme Manager, International IDEA <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr Martin Pizinger, Deputy Director, Human Rights &amp; Transition Policy Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic</li><li>• Mr Carlos Medina, Deputy Director for North American Foreign Policy, Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs</li><li>• Ms Anne Kahl, Chief Advisor / Human Rights and Democracy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark</li></ul>
15:15–15:30	<b>Coffee Break</b>
15:30–16:15	<b>S4D perspectives from outside the EU</b> Moderator: Ms Laura Bretea, Policy Officer, INTPA <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ms Cristina Gherasimov, Head of the Office of the President of the Republic of Moldova (TBC)</li><li>• Amb. Galma M. Boru, Director General, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Kenya (TBC)</li><li>• Dr. Samson Lembani, Chief Advisor to the President on Public Policy and Governance, Malawi</li><li>• Mr Narayan Adhikari, Nepal Country Lead, Accountability Lab</li></ul>
16:15–16:45	<b>Opportunities for engagement during the Year of Action</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mr Patrick Costello, Head of Division, Democracy and Electoral Observation, EEAS</li><li>• Mr Achim Johannsen, acting Head of Governance Division, Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)</li><li>• Ms Moa Lagercrantz, Deputy Director at Department for International Law, Human Rights and Treaty Law at Swedish MFA</li></ul> Q&A moderated by TED
16:45–17:00	<b>Closing &amp; main take-aways</b> Dr Kevin Casas-Zamora, Secretary General, International IDEA (pre-recorded video message) Mr Sam van der Staak, Head, International IDEA's Europe Programme
17:00–18:00	<b>Cocktail reception</b>