



Global State of
Democracy Initiative

The Global State of Democracy 2022

Forging Social Contracts in A Time of Discontent

Global Launch Event Agenda



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AGENDA

30 November 2022

16:00-17:30

The Global State of Democracy 2022 Report

Forging Social Contracts in A Time of Discontent

At the end of 2022, the world finds itself trapped beneath the weight of a multitude of old and new problems. Long-held assumptions have been shaken. Post-truth narratives have impacted the legitimacy of credibly elected leaders, inter-state war has resurfaced, and the number of people who believe that democracy is still the answer to these problems is shrinking. Indeed, the number of eroding democracies has spiked over the last decade, including even the most established and best-performing of them.

To rebuild and revitalize democratic institutions and to re-establish trust between the people and their governments, there is a need for new and innovative social contracts that better reflect the changing global environment and that meaningfully prioritize equity of access to the mechanisms of participation. In this context, International IDEA presents two new products under the Global State of Democracy Initiative:

- **The Global State of Democracy 2022 Report: Forging social contracts in a time of discontent**
- **Democracy Tracker**, a new qualitative database, updated monthly, monitoring democracy and human rights developments in 173 countries.

Forging social contracts in a time of discontent

The report is the fourth edition of International IDEA's Global State of Democracy series, which began in 2017. The report is based on a rigorous methodology that combines research expertise with on-the-ground experience to evaluate the state of democracy in 173 countries. This year's report focuses on the importance of social contracts in the advancement of democracy, including evidence-based analysis of both global and regional trends in democracy, complemented by case studies and a set of actionable recommendations for policymakers.

Democracy Tracker

Together with the report, International IDEA is launching the new Democracy Tracker, a unique online tool that will monitor democratic progress and challenges around the world on a monthly basis. The Democracy Tracker features country profiles, key monthly updates on democratic developments, an Early Warning System, and multiple other features. The Democracy Tracker has been designed to support decision-makers and democracy actors in their important work to strengthen and support democracy.

The event will be livestreamed and can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/8rY7JfPLMrk>



Master of Ceremonies: **Dr Alexander Hudson**, Democracy Assessment Specialist at International IDEA

16:00 - 16:05

Opening remarks

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

16:05 - 16:15

Keynote Addresses

- **Ms Jutta Urpilainen**, European Commissioner for International Partnerships

(pre-recorded video)

- **Mr Michael O’Flaherty**, Director, EU Agency for Fundamental Rights

(pre-recorded video)

16:15 - 16:30

Presentation of the Global State of Democracy 2022 Report & Democracy Tracker platform

Dr Seema Shah, Head of Democracy Assessment Unit, International IDEA

16:30 - 17:10

High-level panel discussion

- **Dr Delia Ferreira**, Chair of Transparency International *(via video link)*
- **Prof Azza Karam**, Secretary General, Religions for Peace International *(via video link)*
- **Dr Julia Leininger**, Head of “Transformation of Political (Dis-)Order”, Institute of Development and Sustainability, formerly German Development Institute
- **Dr Massimo Tommasoli**, Director of Global Programmes and Permanent Observer for International IDEA to the United Nations
- Moderator: **Sarah Crowe**, Senior Consultant, UN Communication

17:10 - 17:20

Questions and Answers

- Discussion and questions from the audience

17:20 - 17:30

Closing remarks

- **Hon. Robert Oliphant**, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada
- **Mr Tobias Billström**, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden *(pre-recorded video)*

17:30 - 18:00

Reception: Light snacks and beverages will be available.



Speakers

Dr Alexander Hudson, Democracy Assessment Specialist at International IDEA

Dr Alexander Hudson is a Democracy Assessment Specialist in the Democracy Assessment Unit of International IDEA's Global Programmes in Stockholm. As part of the team that produces the Global State of Democracy Indices and Global State of Democracy Report, he contributes to IDEA's data collection, analysis and visualization work. Prior to joining International IDEA in 2021, he was a researcher at the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity in Göttingen, Germany. He also brings skills gained through work at the University of Texas at Austin, the Comparative Constitutions Project, and the Centre for International Governance Innovation. He is the author of *The Veil of Participation* (Cambridge University Press, 2021), as well as articles in peer-reviewed academic journals. He earned a PhD in political science from the University of Texas at Austin.

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

Dr Kevin Casas-Zamora is the Secretary-General of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) and a Senior Fellow at the Inter-American Dialogue. Previously, he was Costa Rica's Second Vice President and Minister of National Planning; Secretary for Political Affairs at the Organization of American States; Senior Fellow at the Brookings Institution; and National Coordinator of the United Nations Development Program's Human Development Report. He holds a Law degree from the University of Costa Rica, a Masters in Government from the University of Essex, and a PhD in Political Science from the University of Oxford.

Michael O'Flaherty, Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

Michael O'Flaherty is Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights since 2015. He is a former Professor of Human Rights at the University of Nottingham and the National University of Ireland, Galway. From 2004 to 2012 he was a member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee, latterly as Vice-Chair. O'Flaherty has held a variety of other positions at the United Nations, both at headquarters and in the field, in which connection he witnessed, reported on, and sought to mitigate human rights abuses in such places as Bosnia and Herzegovina and Sierra Leone. He has also served as Chief Commissioner of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, as Chairperson of the Irish Penal Reform Trust, and as Vice-Chair of the Universal Rights Group. A solicitor of the Irish Courts, O'Flaherty received the Higher Doctorate of Laws from the National University of Ireland and also holds degrees in international relations, philosophy, and theology.



Speakers

Jutta Urpilainen, European Commissioner for International Partnerships

Jutta Urpilainen is Finland's first female European Commissioner. From 2011 to 2014, she served as Finland's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance. Commissioner Urpilainen has been a Member of Parliament since 2003, with a professional career in education before moving into politics. She was the first female chairperson of the Social Democratic Party of Finland, which she led from 2008 to 2014.

Dr Seema Shah, Head of Democracy Assessment Unit, International IDEA

Dr Seema Shah is the Head of International IDEA's Democracy Assessment Unit (DA), which produces a biennial Global State of Democracy report, annually updated Global State of Democracy Indices and an EU co-funded Democracy Tracker. Dr Shah previously served as the research and strategy lead for the International Rescue Committee's humanitarian innovation department in the Middle East region. Prior experience also includes leading electoral integrity-related research and advocacy for a coalition of Kenyan civil society organizations in Nairobi. Dr Shah has also worked on election violence, media development, campaign finance reform, human rights research and advocacy, and standard setting for electoral integrity with civil society organizations.

Dr Delia Ferreira, Chair of Transparency International

Dr Delia Ferreira Rubio is the Chair of Transparency International (elected in October 2017 and re-elected in November 2020). She is a Lawyer who graduated from Córdoba National University (Argentina) and graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Ph.D. degree in Law from Madrid's Complutense University (Spain). She is a Member of the Vanguard Committee of the WEF Partnership Against Corruption Initiative (PACI) and a Member of the Board of the UN Global Compact. She served as a Member of the Steering Committee of Open Government Partnership (2018-2021), and as Co-chair of the Global Future Council on Anticorruption of the World Economic Forum (2019-2022). She was Chief Advisor for several Representatives and Senators at the Argentine National Congress from 1990 to 2005 and she also served as Advisor at the National Accounting Office. She has consulted on political finance, anti-corruption and transparency related issues with various international organizations and NGOs around the world. She was President of Poder Ciudadano in Argentina (2008-2010). She has authored numerous publications on transparency and anti-corruption, political corruption, public and parliamentary ethics and comparative politics, among other subjects.



Speakers

Prof Azza Karam, Secretary General of Religions for Peace International

Prof. Azza Karam serves as the Secretary General of Religions for Peace - the largest multireligious leadership platform with over 99 national and regional Interreligious Councils. She served for nearly two decades in the United Nations, including as a Coordinator of the Arab Human Development Reports, a Senior Advisor on Culture, and Lead Facilitator/Trainer for the UN Strategic Learning Exchanges on Religion, Development and Diplomacy. During her time in the UN, she founded and was Convenor of the United Nations Inter-Agency Task Force on Religion and Development as well as the Multi-Faith Advisory Council of that Task Force. She is also a Professor of Religion and Development at the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam. She previously worked for International IDEA from 1996-1999, where she developed the work on "Women in Parliaments: Beyond Numbers" and initiated the work on democracy in the Arab world.

Dr Julia Leininger, Head of "Transformation of Political (Dis-)Order", Institute of Development and Sustainability, formerly German Development Institute

Dr Julia Leininger leads the research department, "Transformation of political (dis-) order", at IDOS, the German Institute of Development and Sustainability (formerly German Development Institute). IDOS is a world-leading research institute and think tank for global development and international cooperation. Dr Leininger is an outstanding expert on international support to democracy, whose work covers numerous aspects at the interface of political regimes, social cohesion and sustainability.

Dr Massimo Tommasoli, Director of Global Programmes and Permanent Observer for International IDEA to the United Nations

Dr Massimo Tommasoli previously worked as Head of the Good Governance and Conflict Prevention Unit in the Development Cooperation Directorate at the OECD in Paris. He held positions at the Directorate General for Development Cooperation of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rome, and at UNESCO in Addis Ababa. Visiting scholar at the LUISS University in Rome, he lectured at the Colin Powell School for Civic and Global Leadership at the City College of New York, the UN System Staff College in Turin, and various Italian Universities (Bergamo, Chieti, Milan, Pisa).



Speakers

Sarah Crowe, Senior Consultant, UN Communications

Sarah Crowe is a moderator, writer, and former broadcast journalist with extensive global experience in the UN system as senior communications expert for UNICEF working across Africa, South Asia and in New York HQ as spokesperson for the Executive Director. During the COVID period, she established Leading Minds conferences for UNICEF Innocenti in Florence, Italy. From 2015-2018 she led UNICEF's communication outreach on the European Refugee and Migrant Crisis. Based in New Delhi from 2008 to 2012, her brief included emergencies in Afghanistan and Pakistan, girls' education, and public health. She was based in South Africa both as a democracy activist, a journalist covering 46 African countries creating visual content for UNICEF; on the Angolan refugee repatriation for UNHCR and on sustainable Development for the World Bank. Before joining the UN, Crowe worked as an international correspondent for Sky News, BBC, London Sunday Times, The Independent, Christian Science Monitor, freelancing for CNN, and for Reuters and Radio Sweden on Nordic affairs. Sarah Crowe is an Irish-South African and speaks French, Swedish and some South African languages.

Hon. Robert Oliphant, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada

The Rev. Dr. Robert Oliphant was elected to the House of Commons of Canada on 19 October 2015, and re-elected on 21 October 2019, representing the federal riding of Don Valley West. In December 2019, he was appointed as the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Foreign Affairs by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. He is also the Vice-Chair of the Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association and the Canada-Pakistan Friendship Group.

Tobias Billström, Sweden Minister for Foreign Affairs

Tobias Billström is the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden since October 2022. Previously, Billström served as Minister for Migration and Asylum Policy from 2006 to 2014 and briefly as Minister for Employment in 2010 in the cabinet of Fredrik Reinfeldt. Minister Billström was the group leader of the Moderate Party in the Riksdag 2017 to 2022. He served as First Deputy Speaker of the Riksdag from 2014 to 2017.