

Agenda

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Day 1 : October 21, 2024

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REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE

Foyer Auditorium Testori

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Session 1: Opening Remarks

(Auditorium Testori, English/French interpretation, available via Livestream)

Moderator | **Axel Threlfall**, Editor-at-large, Reuters

Speaker | **Xavier Bettel**, Vice Prime Minister, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade, Minister for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Affairs, Luxembourg

Speaker | **Mathias Cormann**, Secretary-General, OECD

Speaker | **Paolo Zangrillo**, Minister for Public Administration, Italy

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Session 2: Keynote Dialogue: Post 2024 – What next for Democracy?

(Auditorium Testori, English/French interpretation, available via Livestream)

Speaker | **Mary Beth Goodman**, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD

Speaker | **Kevin Casas-Zamora**, Secretary-General, International IDEA

Speaker | **Dapo Oyewole**, Senior Special Assistant to the President on International Cooperation, Nigeria

Speaker | **Paola Severino**, President, National School of Administration (SNA) Italy

Speaker | **Renato Simões**, National Secretary of Social Participation, Brazil

Speaker | **Rares Voicu**, President, European Youth Forum

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Session 3: Trust and the resilience of our democracies – New evidence and the way forward

(Auditorium Testori, English/French interpretation, available via Livestream)

In the current context, strengthening trust is a priority for all governments. Successive global crises in recent years have tested confidence in government, and information ecosystems are being further challenged with rising mis and disinformation and the use of generative AI. At the same time, unmet rising citizen expectations around participation and representation, and concerns around government's ability to tackle complex policy issues in the public interest and in a transparent and accountable manner are driving trust levels down. The report OECD Survey on the Drivers of Trust in Institutions – 2024 Results delivers new evidence on the various ways governments can strengthen trust. This session will take stock of the evolution of trust in public institutions and discuss concrete actions governments can take in the future.

Speaker | **Toyin Akinniyi**, Vice President, Africa, Luminate

Speaker | **António Leitão Amaro**, Minister of the Presidency, Portugal

Speaker | **Francisco Gaetani**, Extraordinary Secretary for State Transformation, Ministry of Administration and Innovation in Public Services, Brazil

Speaker | **Kristin Lord**, President and CEO, IREX

Speaker | **Elsa Pilichowski**, Director for Public Governance, OECD

Speaker | **Franc Props**, Minister of Public Administration, Slovenia

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Session 4: Making peoples' voices count: Reinforcing representative democracy through meaningful citizen participation

(Auditorium Testori, English/French interpretation, available via Livestream)

Engaging citizens in public policy and decision making has evolved from a novelty to an established field of practice over the past decades. This doesn't mean that we are doing it well enough to meet the growing and evolving expectations of citizens in the digital age. Successive results of the OECD Trust Survey show that citizens feel that their voices are not heard, indicating that meaningful citizen engagement still needs to be further developed. Governments have not yet found the right balance between traditional representative mechanisms and participatory and deliberative processes. This session will offer an opportunity to

review countries' experiences and will discuss how the OECD can support them in pursuing more meaningful and measurable citizen participation processes beyond elections, including through the use of emerging civic technologies and artificial intelligence.

Moderator | **Axel Threlfall**, Editor-at-large, Reuters

Speaker | **Mircea Abrudean**, Secretary General of the Government, General Secretariat of the Government, Romania

Speaker | **Alicia Combaz**, CEO and Co-Founder, Make.org

Speaker | **George Papandreou**, General Rapporteur for Democracy, Council of Europe, f. PM, MP, Greece

Speaker | **Renato Simões**, National Secretary of Social Participation, Brazil

Speaker | **Leo Varadkar**, Former Prime-Minister of Ireland, Ireland

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Session 5: Growing apart? Women, Men, Youth and Democracy

(Auditorium Testori, English/French interpretation, available via Livestream)

Data shows growing divides along gender, education and age lines when it comes to democracy and trust in institutions. In countries as diverse as Germany, the Republic of Korea, Tunisia and the United States this gap is a growing phenomenon. But what does this mean?

Moderator | **Monika Queisser**, Senior Counsellor to the Director and Head of Social Policy, Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD

Speaker | **Obiageli "Oby" Ezekwesili**, President of Human Capital Africa and Senior Economic Advisor, Africa Economic Development Policy Initiative

Speaker | **Michelle Harrison**, Global CEO, Verian

Speaker | **Paola Profeta**, Dean for Diversity, Inclusion and Sustainability; Full Professor, Public Economics; Director, Axa Research Lab on Gender Equality, Bocconi University

Speaker | **Leo Varadkar**, Former Prime-Minister of Ireland, Ireland

Speaker | **Rares Voicu**, President, European Youth Forum

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Session 6: Unlocking citizen satisfaction with public services

(Sala Biagi, 1st Floor)

Better informed citizens now expect quality, accessible public administrative services which meet the standards of inclusive societies. This session will explore successful government experiences in meeting people's expectations for quality, accessible and tailored services. From enhancing user experiences to transforming service delivery using AI, the session will provide cutting-edge insights and discuss how to implement the new OECD

Recommendation on Human-centred Public Administrative Services.

Moderator | **Dustin Brown**, Chief Operating Officer and Acting Chief of Staff, Social Security Administration, United States

Speaker | **Dan Chenok**, Executive Director, IBM Center for the Business of Government

Speaker | **Theodore Livanios**, Minister of the Interior, Greece

Speaker | **Judit Rózsa**, Acting Director General, Structural Reform Support, European Commission

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Session 7: Engaging Citizens in the Green Transition

(Auditorium Testori, English/French interpretation, available via Livestream)

Successfully addressing climate change and other environmental goals is a challenge for democratic governments – they need to show that they are fit to handle long-term, complex, interconnected and systemic challenges, manage difficult trade-offs and achieve wider well-being outcomes. None of this can be done without the understanding and meaningful engagement of citizens. This parallel session will take an in-depth look at the range of concrete actions required to bring citizens on board with the green transition.

Moderator | **Jo Tyndall**, Director of Environment Directorate, OECD

Speaker | **Jolita Butkevičienė**, Director for Innovation in Science & Policymaking at the Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Speaker | **Erica Hope**, Director, Climate Governance Programme, European Climate Foundation

Speaker | **Mary Keenan**, Assistant Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister, Ireland

Speaker | **Lucia Reisch**, El-Erian Professor of Behavioural Economics and Policy, University of Cambridge

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Session 8: The new frontier for the Rule of Law and Access to Justice

(Sala Solesin, 1st Floor)

The rule of law and access to justice are foundational pillars for democratic governance – essential for the protection of human rights, law enforcement and the overall functioning of democratic societies. This session will highlight innovative strategies and collaborative efforts to strengthen a people-centered rule of law and enhance access to justice globally.

Moderator | **Tatyana Teplova**, Head of Division and Senior Justice Counsellor, OECD
Speaker | **Simona Granata-Menghini**, Director, Secretary, Council of Europe
Speaker | **Martha Karambu Koome**, Chief Justice & President of the Supreme Court, Kenya
Speaker | **Thuli Madonsela**, Law Faculty Trust Chair in Social Justice & former Public Prosecutor, Stellenbosch University, South Africa
Speaker | **Manuel Olmedo Palacios**, Secretary of State for Justice, Ministry of the Presidency, Justice and Parliamentary Relations, Spain
Speaker | **Heather Watts**, Deputy Assistant Deputy Minister, Policy Sector at the Department of Justice , Canada

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Session 9: Strengthening democratic governance in European Eastern Partnership (organised by SIGMA, an OECD-EU initiative)

(Sala Biagi, 1st Floor)

This parallel session will discuss the achievements and challenges of rebuilding and strengthening democratic governance systems, the importance of resilient public institutions, and the impact of Russia's on-going war of aggression for the future of democracy in the European Eastern Partnership Region.

Moderator | **Gregor Virant**, Head of Programme, SIGMA, OECD
Speaker | **Maria Karapetyan**, Member of Parliament, Republic of Armenia
Speaker | **Dace Melbarde**, Parliamentary Secretary , Latvia
Speaker | **Ekaterine Metreveli**, President, Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies (Rondeli Foundation)
Speaker | **Andrei Strah**, Deputy Secretary General of the Government, Moldova

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FORUM RECEPTION

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Day 2 : October 22, 2024

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Launch of the Africa Governance Platform (by invitation only)

(Sala Biagi, 1st floor)

Please register your interest to join this meeting via AfricaGovernancePlatform@oecd.org (attendance is subject to room capacity)

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Session 10: Governing with AI – Strengthening the case for democracy

(Auditorium Testori, English/French interpretation, available via Livestream)

AI can be a powerful tool for public institutions. This session will discuss how AI can transform the way governments design and deliver policies and public services to meet evolving societal needs and put people at the centre. It will draw on ongoing OECD work on AI implementation in the public sector to ensure the trustworthiness of AI supported by solid data infrastructure and data governance. Participants will also discuss the responsibilities and risks associated with AI in public governance, proposing strategies for citizens.

Moderator | **Jerry Sheehan**, Director for Science, Technology and Innovation, OECD

Speaker | **Damir Habijan**, Minister of Justice, Public Administration and Digital Transformation, Croatia

Speaker | **Luanna Roncaratti**, Digital Government Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Management and Innovation in Public Service, Brazil

Speaker | **Judit Rózsa**, Acting Director General. Structural Reform Support, European Commission

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Session 11: Public consultation on the draft OECD Recommendation on Information Integrity – how can we support a multi-stakeholder approach?

(Auditorium Testori, English/French interpretation, available via Livestream)

As disinformation continues to pose a significant threat to democratic societies, there is a growing recognition of the constructive yet transparent role that governments must play in strengthening information integrity. This session will explore how governments can contribute to promoting information integrity while preserving the open exchange of ideas essential to democratic discourse. This panel will focus on countries' priorities and actions that can help inform the development of the OECD's Information Integrity Recommendation.

Moderator | **Eileen Donahoe**, Special Envoy and Coordinator for Digital Freedom, U.S. Department of State, United States

Speaker | **Alberto Barachini**, Undersecretary of State for Information and Publishing, Italy

Speaker | **Paul-Joel Kamtchang**, Executive Secretary, ADISI-Cameroon

Speaker | **Elsa Pilichowski**, Director for Public Governance, OECD

Speaker | **Akis Skertsos**, Minister of State, Presidency of the Government, Greece

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Session 12: Public consultation on the draft OECD Recommendation on Information Integrity - what are the local challenges of a global issue?

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Experts will explore how information integrity policies can be designed and implemented to address the specific realities of local and national information environments. From varying technological capabilities to diverse social dynamics, our panel will examine the critical factors involved in developing effective policies that protect freedom of expression and foster public debates based on evidence and diversity of thought. Outcomes of this discussion will feed into the public consultation on the OECD's Information Integrity Recommendation.

Speaker | **Justin Arenstein**, Co-founder and CEO, Code Africa

Speaker | **Giedrė Balčytė**, Chancellor of the Government, Government of the Republic of Lithuania

Speaker | **Juanita León García**, Founder and Journalist, La Silla Vacía

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Session 13: Building resilience to address foreign interference in open societies

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Foreign interference activities are testing institutions in well-established democracies and beyond. Elite capture, disinformation campaigns, electoral interference and transnational repression are just a few types of the complex foreign interference phenomena, which can impact a broad set of policy sectors and destabilise political systems. Intensifying foreign interference activities are undermining decision-making in open societies and changing the landscape of international relations. This session will explore how to design civilian governance policy responses to build resilience against foreign interference in a globalised world. It will aim to initiate a global policy dialogue to achieve a common understanding of acceptable influence versus interference,

enabling countries to exercise their foreign influence in full transparency and accountability to tackle the global challenges effectively. Discussions will build on the OECD Action Plan on Stronger Open Democracies in a Globalised World.

- How can open societies build resilience to foreign interference without compromising the benefits of legitimate foreign influence?
- What are the policies and tools governments can design and utilise to develop a strategic response to the risks of foreign interference?
- How can the OECD support the opening of a global dialogue to reduce the threats of foreign interference and reinvigorate trust in international cooperation?

Moderator | **Julio Bacio Terracino**, Head of the Anti-Corruption and Integrity in Government Division, OECD

Speaker | **Elisabetta Belloni**, G7 Sherpa and Director of the Department of Information for Security, Italy

Speaker | **Caitlin Durkovich**, Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy Homeland Security Advisor for Resilience and Response, National Security Council, The White House, United States

Speaker | **Michel Andre del Rosario**, Assistant Secretary for OSEC Affairs, Presidential Communications Office, Philippines

Speaker | **Ruslan Stefanov**, Program Director, Center for the Study of Democracy, Bulgaria

Speaker | **Jeni Whalan**, First Assistant Secretary - Office of Community Cohesion and the Strengthening Democracy Taskforce, [Australian] Department of Home Affairs, Australia

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Session 14: Global High-Level Dialogue – Moving together

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In a globalised world, both democratic content and discontent, and some of the factors that shape them, transcend borders.

Reinforcing democracy cannot be achieved by one government alone. This session will bring together policymakers from all regions of the world to discuss how to together break new ground for reinforcing democracy.

Moderator | **Anthony Smith**, Chief Executive, Westminster Foundation for Democracy

Speaker | **Mary Beth Goodman**, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD

Speaker | **Kevin Casas-Zamora**, Secretary-General, International IDEA

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Speaker | **Tim Enderlin**, Ambassador / Head of Peace and Human Rights Division (PHRD) Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA), Switzerland

Speaker | **María del Pilar Garrido Gonzalo**, Director, Development Cooperation, OECD

Speaker | **Shannon Green**, Assistant to the Administrator, USAID, United States

Speaker | **Věra Jourová**, Vice-President for Values and Transparency, European Commission

Speaker | **Sanjay Pradhan**, Chief Executive Officer, Open Government Partnership

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Session 15: Closing Remarks and Looking Ahead: Global Forum 2026

(Auditorium Testori, English/French interpretation, available via Livestream)

Speaker | **Mary Beth Goodman**, Deputy Secretary-General, OECD

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