



## World Forum for Democracy

### **Satellite Events of the World Forum for Democracy**

#### **What is the World Forum for Democracy?**

The World Forum for Democracy is an annual event which brings together leaders, opinion-makers, activists, and representatives of business, academia, and media to debate key challenges for democracies worldwide. Each year, over 2000 participants from about 100 countries attend the World Forum in Strasbourg.

The exchange is triggered by inspirational ideas by exceptional speakers and nourished by concrete initiatives which seek to address democracy challenges in a positive and innovative way. General guiding principles are drawn up in the wake of the Forum to encourage and support future policy responses and field action.

#### **What is a Satellite event?**

Since its first edition in 2012 the World Forum for Democracy has gained recognition as an arena for seminal discussions on issues of modern democracy. In order to reach out to a wider range of contributors and enrich the debate, the Forum welcomes the organisation of “satellite events” by universities renowned in the sphere of political studies and international relations, non-governmental organisations, municipalities and other institutions.

The organising institutions are free to decide independently about the dates and format of the event, the speakers and the specific topic(s). The satellite events can take place any time during the year. Possible formats include seminars or a seminar series, lectures in schools, surveys, social media campaigns, hackathons, local implementation of innovation initiatives presented in previous Forums, radio/TV debates, or lightening talks with public at large (at NGOs, schools, community centres, etc.).

The outcome of the satellite events will be included in the Forum’s final report.

The Forum Secretariat is open to discuss any other format that the organising institution would like to propose. The key for any satellite events and initiatives should be innovative, progressive ideas, models, prototypes, that are realistic, addressing current issues and problems, having a potential to be

replicated in various countries, universities, various environments, something that can lead to a positive change and to improvement of democracies worldwide.

### **Financing**

The funding for the satellite events should be provided by the organising institution.

### **Benefits for organising institutions**

- The WFD secretariat accompanies you during the preparations for your event, and helps with facilitation of speakers, programming and content development.
- Relevant ideas expressed at the satellite events can be discussed by the Forum's participants
- The conclusions from your event will be featured in the WFD's Final Report.
- Opportunities for establishing collaborations and networks with other universities and/or institutions; creating lasting partnerships

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