



Launch of
The Global State of Democracy Report 2019:
Addressing the Ills, Reviving the Promise

Conference Room 11
UN Conference Building, New York
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10:00 am to 12:30 pm

The Global State of Democracy 2019 – Addressing the Ills, Reviving the Promise is the second edition of International IDEA's flagship Report.

The *Global State of Democracy 2019* Report provides a health check of the state of democracy worldwide, analyzing democratic trends, opportunities and challenges that are seen across various regions and within regions. The analysis is based on the Global State of Democracy (GSoD) Indices, an index produced by International IDEA that measures democratic performance across 158 countries from 1975 to today.

The Indices are also of high relevance to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development as they contribute to tracking progress on several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The GSoD Report 2019 closely connects with the 2030 Agenda by providing global and regional outlooks on democracy and the implementation of SDG 16 (Peace, justice and accountable institutions) and SDG 5 (Gender equality), in particular, as measured by the GSoD Indices.

The Report aims to inform the global democracy debate with evidence and data. It provides a nuanced analysis of how opportunities and challenges to democracy play out in different ways around the world, shaped by different regional and country contexts. Beyond the diagnostic and in order to help rebalance the current democracy debate, the Report also seeks to provide policy recommendations, building on the good practices and cases which have shown resilience in the face of challenges. These have been collected through International IDEA's 24 years of regional and country-level technical assistance in democratic reforms throughout the world.

The Report is meant for policymakers and civil society organizations working at the national, regional or international levels, either implementing, supporting or advocating for democratic reforms. The Report is also relevant to those policymakers who, although they may not be directly working on democratic reforms, are involved in transformative change processes more broadly in the economic, social or digital domains.

The launch of the GSoD 2019 Report in New York seeks to highlight its key findings and discuss its relevance with policymakers from the United Nations system, to identify common approaches in order to address the global challenges to democracy, and to discuss effective ways to support country efforts at building democracy around the world.