



## World Forum for Democracy

**5-11 October 2012, Strasbourg  
Council of Europe**

### **“Bridging the gap” Democracy: between old models and new realities**

#### **PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

**- Names of speakers are subject to confirmation -**

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**Friday 5 October 2012**

**Palais de l'Europe**

**Session of the Youth Assembly**, organised by the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the Youth Directorate

**Saturday 6 October 2012**

**Salle de l'Aubette**

**Inauguration of the exhibition “Cartooning for peace”**

**Youth Assembly** [continued]

**Sunday 7 October 2012**

**Palais de l'Europe**

**Civil society debate** on the theme of the Forum organised by the Conference of INGOs with participatory status with the Council of Europe

**Launching of the festival of political films** in co-operation with Arte, in the presence of Mr Rémy Pflimlin, President of France Televisions

**Youth Assembly** [continued]

**Universal values, global challenges and regional realities**

**Morning Session**

9:00-9:30	Opening by:  Welcoming addresses by:	the Secretary General of the Council of Europe  the partner authorities of the Forum  the President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe  the Chair of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe (Albania)  Message by a participant of the Youth Assembly
9:30-11.00	Keynote addresses by:	His Majesty Abdullah II of Jordan  Mr Ban Ki-moon, Secretary General of the United Nations  Mr Moncef Marzouki, President of the Republic of Tunisia  Mr François Hollande, President of the French Republic
11:00-13:00	Plenary session:	<p><b>“Do markets need democracy and vice-versa?”</b></p> <p>Moderator: Mrs Anne Sinclair, Editorial Director, “Le Huffington Post”, Paris</p> <p>Speakers: Mr José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission Mrs Hillary Clinton, State Secretary of the United States of America Mr Masahiro Kawai, Dean and CEO, Asian Development Bank Institute, Tokyo Mr Alexey Kudrin, former Minister for Finance of the Russian Federation Mr Wolfgang Schäuble, Minister for Finance of the Federal Republic of Germany Mr Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament Mr Amartya Sen, Professor at the University of Harvard, Nobel Prize in Economics Mr Kenneth Wollack, President, National Democratic Institute (NDI), Washington D.C.</p>

## Lunch

13:00-14:30	<p>Lunch debate (upon invitation): <b>"What democracy after the Arab Spring?"</b></p> <p>Introduction by Ms Tawakkol Karman, Nobel Peace Prize 2011, Yemen and Ms Asmaa Mahfouz, Sakharov Prize 2011, Egypt</p> <p>Debate moderated by Mrs Sylvie Kauffmann, "Le Monde", Paris</p>
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## Afternoon Session

15:00-17:30	Thematic debates
Thematic debate A	<p><b>'Democracy: a universal value?'</b></p> <p>Chair: Mr Jorge Sampaio, High Representative of the United Nations Alliance of Civilisations, New York</p> <p>Speakers: Mr Alvaro Gil-Robles, former Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe, Lisbonne Mr Vladimir Lukin, Human Rights Ombudsman of the Russian Federation Mr Joseph Maïla, Director of Forecasting, French Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mr Moez Masoud, Egyptian radio and television host Mrs Nafis Sadik, Special Advisor to the Secretary General of the UN Mr Slavoj Žižek, Slovenian philosopher and psychoanalyst</p>
Thematic debate B	<p><b>'Virtual values? Democracy and new social networks'</b></p> <p>Chair: Mrs Kim Campbell, former Prime Minister of Canada, Chair of the World Movement for Democracy, Washington D.C.</p> <p>Speakers: Mr Peter Ackermann, founding President, International Center on Non-violent Conflict, Washington D.C. Mr Pavol Demeš, Transatlantic Fellow, German Marshall Fund, Bratislava Mrs Barbara Lochbihler, Chair of the subcommittee on Human Rights of the European Parliament Mr Nils Muižnieks, Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights Mrs Marina Weisband, German Pirate Party</p>

Thematic debate C	<p><b>'One size fits all? Democracy and globalisation'</b></p> <p>Chair: Mr Stefan Füle, European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy</p> <p>Speakers: Mr Etienne Davignon, former European Commissioner, Vice Chairman of Suez-Tractebel, Brussels Mrs Nawal El Saadawi, Egyptian writer Mr Vidar Helgesen, Secretary General of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA), Stockholm Mr Jose Muguel Insulza, Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS), Washington D.C. Mr Nikolay Mladenov, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria Mr Mario Soares, former President of the Republic of Portugal Representatives from Africa and Asia</p>	
17.30-18.00	Break	
18.00-19.00	Key note speech:	<p><b>"People v. money: the trust gap"</b> with an international personality to be clarified</p>

### Evening Session

<p>Public debates in the city with personalities attending the Forum</p> <p><i>Place: Salle Mozart, Salle Léon XIII (FEC), Auditorium de l'ERAGE, Salle Blanche (Kléber)</i></p>
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Morning: **Restricted consultation of the civil society leaders by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe**

*Place: Palais de l'Europe*

9.30 - 12.00: **Working sessions**

Parallel workshops on the main axes of the Forum

**A/ 'Democracy: a universal value?'**

- A.1. Public sector/private sector: religion in the democratic public domain
- A.2. Multiple identities and "living together"

**B/ 'Virtual values? Democracy and new social networks'**

- B.1. Democratisation: from the street to institutions
- B.2. Internet, new media and democratic (r)evolutions

**C/ 'One size fits all? Democracy and globalisation'**

- C.1. Consequences of the economic and financial crisis on democratic institutions
- C.2. The crisis threat to social cohesion?

12.30: Lunch

14.30 - 17.00: **Working sessions** [continued]

**A/ 'Democracy: a universal value?'**

- A.3. Can democracy be imposed?
- A.4. Testing democracy against extremism

**B/ 'Virtual values? Democracy and new social networks'**

- B.3. Participatory democracy: the citizen, an active political actor
- B.4. Becoming a citizen: education and democratic culture

**C/ 'One size fits all? Democracy and globalisation'**

- C.3. Which democratic governance in a globalised world?
- C.4. Towards a new democratic ethic?

**9.30 - 12.00: "Democracy in the 21st century" workshops**

Parallel round tables with international experts (academics, politicians, NGO representatives etc) (co)organised by partner organisations.

- Responsible media
- Local and regional democracy and transfrontier co-operation
- Education for democracy and citizen participation
- Is representative democracy in crisis?

12.30: Lunch

**14.30 - 17.00: "Democracy in the 21st century" workshops [continued]**

- Responsible leadership
- Money and Democracy (Fight against corruption and organised crime)
- Migrations: solidarity in crisis?
- Europe – a global actor?

Evening: **Public debates in the city**

**11.00 - 12.30: Closing session**

Concluding remarks by Mr Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe and an international personality (to be confirmed)