

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DEMOCRACY

15 SEPTEMBER 2022 – 9.30-16.00

European Committee of the Regions, room JDE 52

(101 Rue Belliard – 1040 Brussels)

AGENDA

09.00-9.30 *Registration and coffee*

9.30-9.35 Video Message by Jan Lipavský, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

9.35-9.55 Keynote speech by **Rana Ayyub, Journalist, Washington Post**

9.55-10.20 Context session: **Shada Islam** interviews **Richard Youngs**, Senior fellow, Carnegie Europe and **Jerzy Pomianowski**, Executive Director, European Endowment for Democracy

10.20-11.30 International panel on main theme of conference: **Democracy in era of geopolitics**

Speakers

Christina Kokkinakis, Deputy Managing Director and Director for Values and Multilateral relations, European External Action Service (EEAS)

Imad Daimi, President, Raqabah Observatory, Tunisia

Rana Ayyub, investigative journalist, India

David Salvo, Deputy Director, Alliance for Securing Democracy at the German Marshall Fund

Shada Islam (Moderator)

11.30-11.45 Coffee break

11.45-13.00 International IDEA session: **EU Presidencies and the EU External Democracy Agenda: Seizing momentum for democratic change**

Speakers:

Cecilia Ruthström-Ruin, Sweden's ambassador for Human Rights, Democracy and the Rule of Law

David Červenka, Director for Human Rights and Transition Policy, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic

Neal Mac Call, Head of Division Democracy and Electoral Observation, European External Action Service

13.00-14.00 Lunch break

14.00-16.00 EPD session: **The 50%'s Voice: Launch of the Youth Political and Civic Engagement Cohort**

Speakers

Jutta Urpilainen, European Commissioner for International Partnerships (video message)

Qyira Yusri, Education Director and Co-founder of UNDI18

Aisha Dabo, Co-founder and Coordinator of AfricTivistes

Valeriu Dragalin, President of the European Democracy Youth Network