



## REGULATIONS FOR THE CHOICE OF THE IOPD PRESIDENCY 2018

### 1. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of these regulations is to regulate the choice of the city which is to be the host for the conference organised on an annual basis by the International Observatory for Participatory Democracy, the IOPD.

The IOPD is a space open to all cities, local bodies and organisations which wish to find out about, exchange and apply experiences in participatory democracy at the local level. This main objective materialises in the holding of an annual conference which enables progress to be made in the debate about participation in local democracies and provides knowledge about the projects of the various cities concerned.

### 2. PARTICIPANTS

All local governments which are members of the IOPD may submit a bid.

In accordance with the principle of alternation in the cities where the conference is held, each year the host city must be on a different continent. So as the host for the 2017 International Conference is a Canadian City (Montreal), **the host for the 2018 should preferably not be a North-American City.**

### 3. CHOICE OF HOST

**During the 17<sup>th</sup> International Conference the host cities for the 18<sup>th</sup> conference shall be chosen. Candidates shall have the opportunity during the internal meeting of IOPD members (to be held next June 18<sup>th</sup> in Montreal) to present their bids.**

The choice shall be made by consensus; if this consensus not be achieved, there shall then be a vote. The electors shall be the IOPD members who are present at the conference and there shall be one vote per member.

### 4. BID SUBMISSION AND PERIOD

Cities wishing to present a bid must email the following documentation to the Technical Secretariat of the IOPD:

1. Letter from the political head of the local government presenting the bid.
2. General description of proposed contents of the Conference (maximum two pages).



3. General description of the technical and financial resources of the local government submitting the bid (maximum two pages).

**The period for submitting bids shall close two weeks before the General Assembly (June 4<sup>th</sup> 2017).**

## **5. ACCEPTANCE**

The city which coordinates the Conference shall also be appointed the President of the IOPD for that year. Likewise it shall undertake to defray financial costs, preparation of contents, event logistics in partnership with the Technical Secretariat, and to participate in IOPD activities which require the presence of the Presidency of the network.