

**REPORT OF THE SESSION “Participatory and Deliberative Democracy
in Brazil: challenges of inclusion, integration and real power”
22nd IOPD Conference Rio de Janeiro, 6 - 8 November 2023**

TITLE	Participatory and Deliberative Democracy in Brazil: challenges of inclusion, integration and real power
Participating Institutions	Prefeitura de Francisco Morato, Prefeitura de Niterói, IPAD Seja Democracia, Universidade Federal do Piauí (UFPI), NDAC/CEBRAP, Delibera Brasil e Rede Conhecimento Social.
Lists of the speakers	<p>Name: Olívia Cristina Perez Affiliation: Universidade Federal do Piauí (UFPI/Brasil)</p> <p>Name: Maira Rodrigues Affiliation: Collective Action Center (NDAC-CEBRAP)</p> <p>Name: Cleber Ribeiro de Souza Affiliation: UniPeriferias</p> <p>Name: Mariah Araujo Position and Affiliation: Subsecretária e Gerente do programa de gestão colaborativa da Prefeitura de Niterói</p> <p>Name: Ildo Gusmão Position and Affiliation: Vice-Prefeito de Francisco Morato</p>
Summary of the session <i>Please share in a maximum of 500 words a summary of the session: what was the discussion, the experiences presented and the most important messages that were shared during the session.</i>	<p>The session has flown from a general reflection about the challenges and opportunities of participation in the current Brazilian context to the sharing of a specific and very interesting experience, the Citizens’ Assembly of Francisco Morato.</p> <p>Bringing the feminist, youth and peripheral movements, experiences and strategies, Olivia and Cleber have provoked the discussion about inclusive, plural and horizontal forms of political and collective action.</p> <p>Mariah shared the trajectory and numbers achieved with the digital participatory democracy in Niteroi, as well as the challenges to further inclusion and representativity.</p> <p>With a different and complementary approach, the potential of Citizens’ Assemblies were presented and discussed by Maira and Ildo Gusmão, based on the Brazilian CA’s experiences of “Decidania: o clima na pauta legislativa” program.</p>
Conclusions	

<p><i>In a single sentence, state the element that stands out in your session.</i></p>	<p>Good quality government and political decision depend on participatory combined with deliberative processes that assure at the same time deeper, larger, horizontal and more inclusive citizenship wisdom.</p>
<p>Recommendations for IOPD <i>Share with IOPD your priorities and recommendations in order to advance in the topic of your session</i></p>	<p>Further exchange and collaboration among different formats and approaches of citizen participation to build common understanding about the most promising “mixs” for democratic cities.</p>