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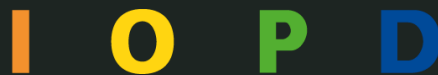
Listening to

**Citizens,
Local
Democracy
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An in-depth discussion: to include citizens in the measurement and improvement of local democracy, especially from the point of view of local officials.

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AGENDA FOR LOCAL DEMOCRACY



The IOPD and city networks

Goals



To promote
the drafting of a
**World Charter of
Local Self-
Government** that
incorporates citizen
participation as a
key element.

**To take into
account**

regional diversity
of local
governments



To improve

digital platforms
for participation

To pay special attention



to investigation
and innovation in
this area

**To defend
participatory
democracy**

and local autonomy





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Local Democracy as an Ecosystem

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Inclusiveness

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Public Goods, Community and Citizen
Enhancement

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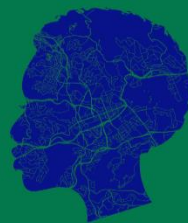
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with Other Levels of Government

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Strategic Plans for the Improvement of
Democratic Quality





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Local Democracy as an Ecosystem

Local governments must guarantee the structure of this system and its development



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It must take into account three dimensions: the **representative democracy**, the **deliberative democracy** and the **direct democracy**

Local governments must promote the collaboration with citizens in the co-production, co-design and co-implementation of policies and services



Its channels and processes must be able to be activated from local governments or through citizen initiative

"Effective participation and collaboration among all relevant stakeholders [...] in order to identify opportunities for urban economic development" (Section 48)

"To broaden inclusive platforms [...] that allow meaningful participation in decision-making [...] processes" (Section 41)

"To promote participatory age and gender-responsive approaches at all stages of the urban and territorial policy and planning processes" (Section 92)





02 Inclusiveness

Communities with
notorious identity

People with
functional
diversity

Heterogeneity

Equity

Freedom of expression

Equality

Gender
perspective

Childhood and
adolescence

03

**Public Goods,
Community and
Citizen Enhancement**

*Public may
also be
considered
as communal*

Local governments must
promote models for the
governance of public property
that guarantee **transparency**
in the management thereof,
along with **universality of
access**



Local governments have to
develop indicators that
accredit the public function,
community impact and social
return of the activity



Local governments have to be
able to expedite the
implementation of community
projects for citizens and
the enhancement of the
capacity of citizens and their
resilience



Local governments have to
draw up programs and plans
for the **advancement of
"associativism"** and promote
community work in the
services that they provide for
the population



04 Digital Infrastructures

The development of infrastructures to
promote a more inclusive participation must
include digital tools that can be used in
addition to face-to-face channels

- Available for all citizens
- Part of an hybrid model
- Free and open software
- Accessible
- It expedites the use of electronic
signatures and votes



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Evaluation of Policies and Programs



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Local Self-Government and its Relationship with Other Levels of Government

Local governments undertake to collaborate with others and to promote spaces for collaboration at regional and state level

Local governments have to seek coordination with regional, sub-state and state tiers of government

07

Strategic Plans for the Improvement of Democratic Quality

- ✓ There must be a promotion, in a participatory way, of the approval of plans of action aimed at improving the democratic quality of towns and cities
- ✓ They will have to contribute to the diagnosis and definition of existing channels of participation, as well as boosting specific programs and actions aimed at the implementation of this agenda

- ✓ They must incorporate programs of training and enablement in order to provide knowledge and know-how in their use
- ✓ They will have to dispose of an administrative organisation
- ✓ They will have to anticipate indicators and systems of evaluation and revision





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