
**Youth Forum
CoD High Level Meeting
“Young Leaders in Support for Democracy: Challenges and Possibilities”**

Draft Program
29-30 June
Vilnius, Lithuania

29 June, Wednesday

Venue: Crowne Plaza, 84 M. K. Čiurlionio Street, Vilnius

14:30 – 15:00 Registration and coffee

15:00 - 15:30 Opening and welcoming remarks

- **Audronis Ažubalis**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania
- **Viktorija Bražiūnaitė**, Chairwoman of Young Leaders Forum (Lithuania)
- **Cynthia Romero**, Young Diplomats for Democracy (USA)
- **Tapera Kapuya**, South Africa Office of the National Constitutional Assembly (Zimbabwe)

15:30 – 16:30 Session I: Before and After the Democratic Transition: How to Ensure Youth Engagement in Democracy Building

- **Moderator: Maja Micic**, Youth Initiative for Human Rights (Serbia)

Panelists:

- **Mantas Adomėnas**, Member of Parliament (Lithuania)
- **Diana Arteaga Carreno**, White Rose Institute (USA)
- **Basem Fathy**, Egyptian Democratic Academy (Egypt)

16:30 – 17:00 Discussions and comments

17:00 – 17:15 Coffee break

17:15 – 18:15 Session II: Democracy Lessons: Young Leaders and Diplomats Sharing Best Practices through Cross-Border Projects

Moderator: Katarzyna Pisarska, European Academy of
Diplomacy (Poland)



Panelists:

- **Joshua Baker**, U.S. Department of State (USA)
- **Sergei Lisichonek**, Assembly of Pro-Democratic NGOs (Belarus)
- **Dhruv Sanghavi**, International law student in Leiden University (India)
- **Tetiana Gostieva**, Chairman of Central European Youth Cooperation (Ukraine)

18:15 – 18:45 Discussions and comments

19:00 **Dinner**
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10:00-11:00 **Session III: E-Democracy: Packaging Your Message through New Technologies**

Moderator: **Ahmed Samih**, Andalous Institute for Tolerance and Anti-Violence (Egypt)

Panelists:

- **Monika Sargsyan**, International Center for Human Development (Armenia)
- **Darko Brkan**, Leader of “Dosta!” (Enough!), the leading Bosnian pro-democratic youth movement (Bosnia)
- **Emin Huseynov**, Institute for Reporter Freedom and Safety (Azerbaijan)

11:00 – 11:30 Questions and comments

11:30-12:00 Coffee break

12:00-13:00 **Session IV: “Democratic Diplomacy: Tools for Diplomats to Support Young Activists”**

Moderator: **Ronan Farrow**, U.S. State Department (USA)

Panelists:

- **Adilah R. A. Nasir**, International Law student at Leiden University (Malaysia)
- **LT (Lithuania)**
- **Lida Vackova**, PIN - People in Need Human Rights Department (Czech Republic)

13:00 – 13:45 **Comments and discussions**

14:00 – 15:00 Lunch



15:00 – 16:15	<i>Preparation of the “Young Leaders Action Plan for Democracy” in working groups</i>
16:15 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 16:45	Presentation of the final results of the “Young Leaders” project in Lithuania. Schoolchildren and students present their joint work as an example of increasing awareness of democracy and strengthening active citizenship among youth.
16:45– 17:30	Presentation of the results from the working group. Final debates and adoption the “Young Leaders Action Plan for Democracy.” The ceremony of the extended signing of the Vilnius Declaration (optional for diplomats). Family photo.

