

Pre-Summit for Democracy Dialogue
In Defense of Democracy – Citizens Summit On Democracy

**March 27-28,
Urban Hotel, Lusaka, Zambia.**

Objectives

The objectives of the pre-S4D2 Civil Society Citizens Summit are:

1. To facilitate the contextualization and localization of S4D2 conversations by providing a platform for African civil society actors to connect, jointly reflect on the YoA, various elements of elections in Africa, and input into S4D2 commitments from civil society and citizens' perspectives.
2. To provide a platform for civil society, international organizations, academic institutions, think tanks, philanthropic organizations, and the private sector to make their voices heard in the Summit discussions and in the global democracy debate.
3. To coordinate civil society's construction of a coordinated program of action around S4D2 commitments and build sustainable learning coalitions and connections to improve the African continent's prospects of democratization.
4. To use the S4D2's focus on elections as an opportunity to highlight some of the challenges around the region's democratization through an information campaign that spotlights issues and countries to watch.

Social media Hashtags:

#SummitForDemocracy
#S4D2
#FreedomMatters
#DemocraciesRising
#CitizensS4D
#Partners4Democracy
#P4D

Program

Day 1		
Time	Topic	Presenters
0800-0900	Registration & welcome teas	Organizers
Session 1: Opening Session: Introduction, welcome remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Session Chair: Dr McDonald Lewanika, Regional Director, Accountability Lab 		
0900-0915	Introduction to the Citizens Summit	GDC/Hosts Dr. McDonald Lewanika – Accountability Lab
0915-0940	Welcome remarks – S4D2 Zambia	Proposed Speakers <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Vice President of Zambia – Government Official (<i>to be confirmed</i>) 2. Jacek Jankowski, Head of EU Delegation, Lusaka.
Session 2: Setting the tone Moderator: Dr Roba D. Sharamo, Regional Director, Africa and West Asia, International IDEA		
0940-1030	The Democracy renewal challenge in Africa: Where we are since S4D1, where we need to go, and how?	Main Speaker: Professor Olukoshi Adebayo- Wits Discussants: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Tiseke Kasambala, Africa Director, Freedom House 2. Dr. Sarah Bireete, Chairperson, Eastern and Horn of Africa Election Observers Network 3. Mr. Arnold Tsunga, Chairperson, Southern Defenders 4. Mr George Kegoro, Policy Director, OSF Africa
1030-1100	Plenary Discussion	International IDEA
1100-1130	Tea break	

Session 3: Youth Inclusion and Participation in Democratic Processes		
Moderator: Samson Itodo – Executive Director, YIAGA Africa		
1130-1230	Youth Inclusion: Beyond tokenism, towards meaningful inclusion and participation in democratization and electoral processes of youth	<p>Lead Organisation: European Partnership for Democracy (Youth Democracy Cohort)</p> <p>Proposed Speakers:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Andrew Songa, EPD 2. Marwa Galaleldin, Compass Creative Productions 3. Merveille Gozo, Elykia Institute 4. Doudou Sankhare, Ministry of Youth of Senegal
1230-1300	Plenary: Q and A	
Lunch Break		
Session 4:		
3 Specialized Mini summits: 1.) Money in Politics, (2.) Civic space, and (3.) Media, freedoms, and technology in elections		
1400 -1730	Session 4.1: Money in Politics: Financing political parties and election campaigns for democratic renewal in Africa.	<p>Lead Organisation: African Election Observers Network (AfEONet/ACFIM).</p> <p>Moderator: Mulle Musau, ELOG Kenya</p> <p>Speakers & Participating organisations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Henry Muguzi, Executive Director, ACFIM – Uganda 2. Dr. Kojo Asante, Executive Director, CDD - Ghana 3. Mr. Baidessou Soukolgue, EISA 4. Tanja Hollstein, Head of Practice – Elections, WFD 5. Peter Mwanangombe, CCMG, Zambia

	<p>Session 4.2: Media freedom, freedom of expression and the technology in elections</p>	<p>Lead Organisation: Media Institute of Southern Africa</p> <p>Speakers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Dr. Tabani Moyo 2. Jessica Uiras – Namibia Media Trust 3. Richard Mulonga – Bloggers of Zambia 4. Nalenhle Moyo – Magamba Africa 5. Boyd Chibale, BBC Media Action 6. Accountability Lab #HACKCORRUPTION Hackathon Winners 2022
	<p>Session 4.3: The state of Civic space, its impact on peaceful and democratic elections and transitions in Africa.</p>	<p>Lead Organisation: Southern Africa HR Defenders Network</p> <p>Participating Organizations/Key Speakers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arnold Tsunga - Southern Defenders 2. Arthur Muyunda- SACCORD 3. Bhekumusa Moyo - We Effect Southern Africa 4. Linda Kasonde - Chapter One Foundation 5. Mary Pais -Human Rights Activist 6. Gift Trapence - Centre for the Development of People 7. Samukeliso Khumalo- Women’s Institute for Leadership Development Trust
<p>Day 2</p>		
<p>Session 5: Spotlight on Nigeria: Some Reflections and insights from Africa’s Largest Election: the 2023 Nigeria elections</p>		
<p>Session Chair: Tiseke Kasambala</p>		
<p>0900-1000</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Good, the bad, and the ugly – Implications for Democratic Renewal in Africa. 	<p>Suggested speakers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Odeh Friday -Country Director AL Nigeria 2. Samson Itodo - YIAGA Africa

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Key Electoral Accountability Issues 3. Insights into inclusion and exclusion 	Respondent <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Dr. Kojo Asante, Executive Director, CDD - Ghana
1000-1030 Health Break		
Session 6: Summit resolutions, consolidation and closing		
Session Chair: Gram Matenga		
1030-1130	Mini-Summit Report back	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Youth Democracy cohort 2. African Election Observers Network 3. MISA 4. Southern Defenders
1130-1200	Communique Read-out & resolutions	Summit Technical Committee
Closing reflections		
Moderator: Professor Adriano Nuvunga – Executive Director Centre for Democracy & development – Mozambique & Chairperson Southern Defenders		
1200-1240	Closing Panel	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. USG Official (TBC) 2. Karine Kakasi, Coordinator for Democracy and Elections Unit, AU 3. William Carew, ECOSOC Secretariat
1240-1300	Vote of Thanks	
1300-1400 Lunch & Networking		