



## ***Thematic Focus for the 2023 Global Forum on Modern Direct Democracy***

*27 February-4 March 2023, Mexico City*

### ***1. Origins, development and future of direct democracy and its discussion. The Global Forum on Modern Direct Democracy's role.***

Take up the origins, findings, contributions and future projection themes of the Global Forum on Modern Direct Democracy, with the purpose of identifying advances and perspectives on direct democracy around the world in the short, medium and long term.

### ***2. Direct democracy and its mechanisms, how have they worked?***

A starting point according to the world experience, particularly in Latin America, to determine the scope that direct democracy mechanisms have had, as well as the role that the autonomous electoral bodies, governments and civil society organizations have in the implementation of these mechanisms.

### ***3. Direct democracy, complement or replacement of representative democracy?***

In an increasingly adverse context for democracy, the aim is to trigger a debate in the degree of institutionalization or optimal implementation of direct democracy mechanisms that strengthen representative democracy.

### ***4. Scope and limits of direct democracy, is it applicable and pertinent in diverse contexts?***

There are reasons to question the role, functionality and performance of democratic institutions and mechanisms in a world with a strong promotion of anti-political rhetoric, leaderships with clear authoritarian drive and attacks on international democratic institutions. However, there is an undeniable need to provide citizens with more and more tools for democracy to improve their lives, taking in account its scope and limits.

### ***5. Democratic resilience in the 21st century: how to make participation a tool for strengthening democracy?***

It is possible to think that direct democracy and its mechanisms could help strengthen a resilient democracy that responds to current issues such as: transnational issues, inclusion, climate crisis, protection of new rights and technological innovations in a world in constant evolution.