

INTERNATIONAL IDEA

Luxembourg's Objectives as Chair of the Council of Member States – 2024

Luxembourg is honoured to assume the role of Chair of the Council of Member States of International IDEA for the year 2024. This note provides an overview of the overall objectives, as well as the thematic focus and goals for Luxembourg's tenure.



Overarching Objectives

1.

Support the implementation of IDEA's mandate in close collaboration with the two Vice-Chairs, Norway and Uruguay, including by maintaining an approachable chairpersonship and by facilitating interactions during the Council meetings on issues of concern to the Institute.

2.

Promoting IDEA as a platform for dialogue between and among Member States, the Secretariat and other constituencies with a view to tackling the interlinked and transnational nature of today's global challenges and threats to democracy.

3.

Contribute to the development of IDEA's work streams on climate change and digitalisation by organising events that highlight the linkages between gender, climate change and digitalisation, in line with Luxembourg's thematic focus on gender.

4.

Support IDEA's effort to promote wider membership and the ratification of its Statutes.

Thematic Focus of Luxembourg's Tenure: Gender and democracy

For its presidency of the Council of Member States of International IDEA, Luxembourg has chosen to make gender its thematic priority. The thematic focus on "**gender and democracy**" stems from Luxembourg's long-standing commitment to gender equality, women's rights and the human rights of marginalised groups (e.g. LGBTQI+ people).

Acknowledging that democracy thrives on the active participation of all citizens in decision-making processes, Luxembourg's thematic focus aims to champion the inclusion and participation of women and/or people in situations of vulnerability across all facets of democratic engagement. This priority is not only a reflection of Luxembourg's national values but also aligns with International IDEA's commitment to gender equality and inclusion.

In pursuit of International IDEA's overarching mission to advance democracy globally, Luxembourg views the integration of gender perspectives, particularly in the contexts of **climate change** and **digitalisation**, as a strategic approach. The interconnected nature of gender equality, climate change, and digitalisation necessitates a comprehensive strategy to navigate the multifaceted challenges and opportunities that arise when these critical issues intersect.

In line with International IDEA's most recently added work streams, Luxembourg envisions playing a pivotal role in advancing the understanding of how climate change and digitalisation intersect with gender dynamics. Recognising the need for concerted efforts at both national and international levels to address gender inequality, Luxembourg is committed to promote dialogue among Member States with a view to enhancing the exchange of best practices and fostering synergies to tackle the multiple and intersecting forms of discrimination. This collaborative approach underscores Luxembourg's commitment to advancing gender equality and inclusive democratic processes on a global scale.

During Luxembourg's tenure, dedicated events will be organised in close collaboration with the International IDEA Secretariat and the Vice-Chairs to concretise the thematic focus on gender and democracy and the two sub-themes (climate change and digitalisation). More information on the content and dates of the events will be shared at the beginning of next year.

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