

25th Conference of the International Observatory on Participatory Democracy (OIDP)

Hope and Renewal in the Face of a Global Crisis of Democracy: The Future of Participatory Democracy from Local to International Governance

OIDP Preparatory Meeting for the General Assembly

Date: 15 September 2026

Time: 15:00–16:30 CEST

Registration: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/DWPEfCKIRMW-odBzN47PPQ>

Background and Context

The OIDP General Assembly is a key moment of the year when representatives of local and regional governments that are members of the network meet to discuss the program and actions to be carried out during the year. It is held every year as part of the Annual Conference and is chaired by the mayor of the host city – who assumes the OIDP Presidency – along with the Co-Presidencies and the General Secretariat. All cities, entities, and individuals that are part of the network are invited to participate, both as members (local and regional governments) and as collaborators.

This online preparatory meeting will bring together OIDP members ahead of the 25th OIDP Conference, to be held in Kraków (21–23 September 2026). The meeting will present the main milestones of the Conference, review the key documents to be submitted to the General Assembly, and introduce the candidacies for the OIDP leadership bodies and for hosting the 2028 OIDP Conference.

Draft Agenda

1. Opening and welcome

- OIDP Secretary General – City of Barcelona
- OIDP Co-Presidency – City of Córdoba

2. Presentation of the 25th OIDP Conference

- Welcome from the City of Kraków
- Main programme highlights
- Practical information

3. Celebrating 25 Years of OIDP

- Presentation of the 25th Anniversary video of OIDP

4. General Assembly documents

- Draft of the Kraków Final Declaration
- Management Report 2025
- Work Plan 2027

5. Leadership renewal: Presentation of candidacies

- Host City for the 2028 OIDP Conference
- OIDP Leadership:
 - Youth Council
 - Gender and Diversity Advisory Committee
 - Advisory Committee
 - Regional Offices
 - Promoter Members

6. Looking ahead and save the date: 26th OIDP Conference

- Presentation by the host: Niterói

7. Questions and discussion

8. Closing remarks

*All relevant and informative materials will be sent to participants prior to this meeting.