



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

Final 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**

- **Audronius Ažubalis**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania (Lithuania)
- **Emanuelis Zingeris**, Parliament of Lithuania (Lithuania)
- **Viktorija Bražiūnaitė**, Chairwoman, Young Leaders Forum (Lithuania)
- **Cynthia Romero**, Young Diplomats for Democracy (USA)
- **Tapera Kapuya**, World Youth Movement for Democracy (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:

- **Joshua Baker**, U.S. Department of State (USA)
- **Mantas Adomėnas**, Member of Parliament (Lithuania)
- **Diana Arteaga**, White Rose Institute (USA) / **Eriberto Liranza Romero**, President of the Cuban Youth for Democracy Movement (Cuba)
- **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. Protecting Young Human Rights Defenders in Closed Societies**

Moderator: Wojtek Borodzicz, Center for International Relations (Poland)

Panelists:

- **Oleg Kozlovsky**, Vision of Tomorrow Foundation (Russia)
- **Enira Bronitskaya**, Committee for the Support of the Repressed “Solidarnast” (Belarus)
- **Dhruv Sanghavi**, International law student in Leiden University (India)
- **Sergei Lisichonek**, Assembly of Pro-Democratic NGOs (Belarus)

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 Farag, Andalous Institute for Tolerance and Anti-Violence (Egypt)

Panelists:

- **Monika Sargsyan**, International Center for Human Development (Armenia)
- **Darko Brkan**, Movement Dosta! and Civic Association “Why not?” (Bosnia and Hercegovina)
- **Emin Huseynov**, Institute for Reporter Freedom and Safety (Azerbaijan)

11:00 – 11:30 **Questions and comments**

11:30 – 12:00 **Coffee break**



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- 12:00 – 13:00** **Session IV. Democratic Diplomacy: Tools for Diplomats to Support Young Activists**
- Moderator: Michal Safianik**, Permanent Secretariat, Community of Democracies (Poland)
- Panelists:**
- **Ronan Farrow/Andrew Cedar**, U.S. State Department (USA)
 - **Tinatin Khidasheli**, Georgian Young Lawyers Association (Georgia)
 - **Zulfikor Zamonov**, Bureau of Human Rights and Law (Tajikistan)
- 13:00 – 13:45** **Comments and discussions**
- 14:00 – 14:45** **Lunch**
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- 14:45 – 15:45** **Preparation and Presentation of the “Young Leaders Action Plan for Democracy”**
- 15:45 – 16:00** **Coffee break**
- 16:00 – 16:15** **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.
- 16:15 – 16:30** **Extended signing of the Vilnius Declaration (optional for diplomats).**
Family photo
- 18:00 – 19:30** **Strategic Dialogue with U.S. Secretary of State, Hillary Clinton**
- 20:00 – 22:00** **Reception** hosted by H.E. Mr. Audronius Ažubalis, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Lithuania

