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## **Assembly of the International Observatory of Participatory Democracy for Africa**

### **FRAMEWORK PAPER**

#### **I. Background and rationale**

The International Observatory of Participatory Democracy (IOPD) is a space open to cities and human settlements, international, national and local institutions and organizations, universities and research centers that wish to know, exchange or deepen the reflection on participatory democracy at the local level with the aim of improving democracy and local governance. Its world headquarters are in Barcelona and the IOPD works in collaboration with UCLG, Metropolis and various international institutions.

The African Office of the International Observatory of Participatory Democracy (OIDP Africa) was launched on December 7, 2012 in Dakar, under the chairmanship of the Minister of Regional Planning and Local Governments of SENEGAL, the Director of Programs of UN Habitat (Nairobi-KENYA), the Secretary General of the International Observatory (Barcelona-SPAIN), the President of the Union of Associations of Local Elected Officials (UAEL) of SENEGAL, and with 156 attendees from 13 African countries.

Since its creation, IOPD Africa, in collaboration with Enda ECOPOP, has organized several activities: international training sessions on the themes of local leadership, local economic development, participatory budgeting and the fight against corruption in several cities of Africa ( *Abidjan, Brazzaville, Dakar, Grand Popo, Kinshasa, Nouakchott, Ouagadougou, Rabat, Tunis, etc.*), international conferences on the themes of participatory democracy, etc.

Similarly, IOPD Africa has regularly taken part in international meetings: General Assembly of the United Nations Human Settlements Program (UN Habitat), World

Urban Forum, AFRICITES Summits, IOPD Conferences, Smart Citizenship Academy, etc.

The International Observatory of Participatory Democracy in Africa has also organized caucuses for the establishment of its political bodies. This process was endorsed by the choice of two local elected representatives in each sub-region of Africa. To finalize this process, IOPD Africa is organizing its Assembly in virtual format, which will bring together selected local authorities, civil society actors and academics.

## **II. Objectives of the General Assembly of the IOPD Africa**

The objective of the Assembly is to share information on the statutory documents and work prospects of IOPD Africa. Specifically, this will be:

- Introduce the designated representatives in the five (5) sub-regions of Africa,
- Validate the status of the organization, based on the observations received,
- Present the management report of the IOPD Africa 2020-2021
- Discuss the work prospects of IOPD Africa.

## **III. Organizational Modalities**

The Assembly will be held on Thursday **February 17, 2022 from 10 a.m. GMT** by videoconference, via the link: [webinaire.oidp-afrique.org](https://webinaire.oidp-afrique.org) according to the following agenda:

- **Introduction, framing and speeches.**
- **Presentation of the members of the Assembly and the Board of Directors**
- **Collection of observations on the status,**
- **Presentation of IOPD Africa Work Perspectives**
  - o Action platforms,
  - o Presentation of the 2020-2021 management report,
  - o Launch of the call for applications for the organizing city of the 2023 IOPD Africa Conference,
  - o Appointment of the Interim President of IOPD Africa,
- **Exchanges between participants**
- **Closing of the Assembly**

**Moderator:** Mr. Bachir KANOUTE, IOPD Africa Coordinator.

**Languages:** French and English.