

Córdoba, Argentine Republic, December 18, 2024

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am pleased to address you as Mayor of the city of Córdoba and President *pro tempore* of the International Observatory of Participatory Democracy (IOPD) in order to invite you to the **24th Annual Conference of the International Observatory of Participatory Democracy (IOPD)** entitled 'Connecting, Integrating and Humanising: Cities facing the challenge of building Community'. The meeting will be held on **21, 22 and 23 May 2025**, in the city of Córdoba.

Our city hosts dozens of congresses, exhibitions and summits every year. These meetings are fundamental not only because of the results they produce and the impact they have on the different communities, but also because of the movement they generate in our city.

I am sure that this 24th Conference to be held in our city is an opportunity to build solid bridges of brotherhood among the participants. We look forward to welcoming you to discuss and share experiences on citizen participation and decentralisation. In particular, the three axes around which the Annual Conference will be developed are: **Citizen Participation for Community Building; Administrative, Operational and Political Decentralisation of Cities; Citizenship; and Government in the digital era: new technologies and the challenges of artificial intelligence in public management.**

In the current times, when democracy and politics are called into question, our obligation is to reinforce our commitment to democratic values in the search for the common good. In the face of hate speeches, indifference and discarding, we must raise with more strength the culture of respect, solidarity and renew the commitment with those who have less, with those who suffer and with those who are still waiting for solutions.

Proposals for lectures and interactive workshops can be submitted to the Conference Scientific Committee by completing the following form: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1CPxuacqq88h15BwhdnC5_IM6fEarRej7kZ8LukBoH_k/viewform?edit_requested=true

If you have any doubts or queries, you may contact us at the following e-mail address: cordobaoidp2025@gmail.com or at the following number: +54 9 351 389-7531.



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We hope to count on your participation and presence,
and also the presence of your team.

Sincerely,

Daniel Passerini
Mayor of the City of Córdoba
President of the International Observatory on Participatory Democracy