

## 24th Conference of the International Observatory on Participatory Democracy (OIDP)

**“Connect, Integrate and Humanize: Cities facing the challenge of generating  
Community”**

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### **CONCEPT NOTE**

### **Closing Ceremony**

**Date:** 23 May 2025

**Time:** 16:15 - 17:00

**Venue:** UNC Auditorium, Córdoba, Argentina

### **CONTEXT**

The 24th edition of the Conference of the International Observatory on Participatory Democracy (OIDP) has been a vital space for exchanging ideas, experiences, and strategies on how to **strengthen democracy from local territories**. Over these three days, Córdoba became a global meeting point where visions and debates on the **challenges faced by contemporary cities in generating community, guaranteeing rights, and renewing the democratic contract were shared**. The conference has reaffirmed the urgency of **putting citizen participation, local autonomy, and multi-level cooperation at the center of the public agenda**, and the transformative role of cities as **spaces of proximity, political innovation, and democratic construction**.

This closing event is both a conclusion and an opening: an invitation to continue building, from the local level, collective responses to global challenges with more community, more participation, and more democracy.

## OBJECTIVES

The closing event aims to **summarize the learnings, agreements, and strategic horizons that emerged during the conference**, as well as to project the **next steps of the OIDP and its annual Conference** in the construction of a closer, participatory, and resilient democracy.

The specific objectives of this event are to:

- Recognize the key role of local governments as guarantors of democracy in a transforming world and reaffirm the political and institutional commitment of cities to the importance of participatory democracy.
- Summarize the main themes, reflections, and experiences shared during the conference.
- Project the next steps of the OIDP and its annual Conference.

## AGENDA

- Presentation of the conference conclusions by the OIDP scientific committee
- Reading of the Final Declaration of the 2025 OIDP Conference
- In preparation for the next steps of the OIDP, introduction of Krakow, the host city for the 2026 OIDP Conference
- Announcement of the host city for the 2027 OIDP Conference

## SPEAKERS

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- Conference scientific committee
- Sebastian Kowalski (Krakow)
- Representative of the 2027 host city?