

JOIN THE OBSERVATORY ON

INFORMATION AND DEMOCRACY

STEERING COMMITTEE

**Forum on
Information
& Democracy**

CALL FOR NOMINATION

OPEN FROM JUNE, 2nd UNTIL JULY, 3rd 2023

The Forum on Information and Democracy - the society-led implementation body of the Partnership on Information and Democracy signed by 50 governments - is accepting applications and recommendations to compose the first Steering Committee (SC) of the International Observatory on Information and Democracy's (IOID).

The Observatory seeks to become the equivalent of the IPCC for the communication and information space. It thrives to evaluate this ecosystem's impact on democracy through trans-disciplinary research. It will provide a meta-analysis and a research/policy interface informing more evidence-based regulation.

The SC of the Observatory will be composed of 10 - 20 academics and experts mandated for a period of two years with the important role of overseeing its inaugural research cycle including its report's editorial process.

Role and responsibilities

The SC will drive the Observatory's strategic decisions

Define the thematic priorities, research questions and chaptering.

Resource the working groups (selection of authors and rapporteurs).

Ensure the acceptability of sources and a robust editorial process.

Membership benefits

International policy and academic exposure.

Opportunity to author the Observatory's inaugural report.

Interaction with renowned experts on digital policy and safeguarding democracy.

SC members are expected to participate voluntarily in 5 to 7 online meetings per year to discuss and steer the Observatory's strategy and roadmap.

Support mechanism

Activities will be facilitated by the Forum's team.

Discussions might be informed by the Observatory's Stakeholders Advisory Group's recommendations.

Decisions will be shared with the Forum's Board of Directors.

Nomination criteria

- ✓ Ideal candidates will be published academics from diverse disciplines on relevant issues (intersection of tech and democracy, press freedom, digital regulation, AI, studying the impact of social media on society...)
- ✓ Having a relevant University or think tank affiliation is considered a must.
- ✓ Being available for a 2-year mandate or until the publication and promotion of the first report is wrapped up (end of 2024).
- ✓ National or worldwide recognition (awards, fellowship affiliations...) will be valued.
- ✓ Geographic, disciplinary and gender diversity will be highly considered.

How to express interest in joining the Steering Committee ?

If you are interested in applying to the role of Steering Committee member, please fill this [online application](#) form **before July 3rd**

If you wish to recommend someone, please forward them this call for nomination and/or send us an email at observatory@informationdemocracy.org

Selection process

The call for nomination is published on the Forum's website on **June, 2nd 2023** and remains open until **July, 03rd 2023**.

The Nomination Committee composed of the 8 members of the Observatory prefiguration group, selects a shortlist of candidates with the Forum's staff support on **July, 7th 2023**.

Shortlisted candidates are shared with the Board of Directors during a meeting on the week of **July 10**.

Selected members get notified and the composition of the SC will be announced by the Nomination Committee on the week of **July 17**.