

Geneva Democracy Dialogue Programme

Thursday 23 May

14.00-16.00

EU Delegation to the United Nations Rue du Grand-Pré 66, 1202 Genève

14.00-14.15 Welcome

- Welcome remarks by **Ambassador Thomas Wagner, Deputy Head of EU Delegation to the United Nations, Ignacio Packer, Executive Director, Caux Initiatives of Change Foundation, and Corinne Momal-Vanian, Executive Director, Kofi Annan Foundation**

14.20-15.40 Core discussion led by Ignacio Packer. Guest discussants will serve as conversation starters and will focus on:

- ***What the research shows us on positive/negative narratives and democracy*** from **Maryna Hovorukhina, Expert in strategic communications at Common Sense Communications**
- ***Role of empathy in narratives and revitalizing democracy*** from **Elizabeth Laskar, Creators of Peace**
- ***Civil society perspectives on why narrative matters for democracy*** from **Declan O'Brien, Head, Democracy, Kofi Annan Foundation and Rilli Lappalainen, President CONCORD and Director of Sustainable development at Fingo**
- Representative from Peace and Human Rights Division of Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs

15:40 – 16:00 Wrap-up and Next Steps followed by networking coffee/pastries