

თინათინ ობოლაძე აშშ-ს პრეზიდენტის ჯო ბაიდენის ინიციატივით გამართულ დემოკრატიის სამიტზე სიტყვით გამოვიდა



თინათინ ობოლაძე საქართველოს ახალგაზრდობის წარმომადგენელია დემოკრატიათა თანამეგობრობაში რომელიც 106 ქვეყანას აერთიანებს. იგი უკვე სამი წელია ჩართულია გლობალურ კამპანიებში როგორიცაა ბრიტანეთის მთავრობის კამპანია “This is Democracy”, და ფორუმებში რომელიც ახალგაზრდა ლიდერებს აერთიანებს მსოფლიოს სხვადასხვა ქვეყნიდან.

თინათინის ინიციატივა იყო საქართველოს კონსტიტუციაში მე-5 მუხლის მე-7 პუნქტის შემუშავება რომელიც შეეხება ახალგაზრდობას, აღსანიშნავია რომ ეს ჩანაწერი ერთადერთია კონსტიტუციაში რომელიც პირდაპირ შეეხება ახალგაზრდების ინტერესებს. თინათინი ჩართული საქართველოს ახალგაზრდობის სფეროს კონცეფციის დოკუმენტის შემუშავებაში. 2023 წელს თინათინმა ევროპული საჯარო სამართლის ორგანიზაციის ეგიდით საქართველოს პარლამენტთან ითანამშრომლა და წარადგინა საკანონმდებლო ცვლილებების პაკეტი, რომლის მიღებაც უახლოეს მომავალშია დაანონსებული.





სამოქალაქო ჩართულობის და საკანონმდებლო პროცესში აქტიური ჩართულობის პარალელურად, თინათინი იუსტიციის სამინისტროს გუნდის წევრია და წარმოადგენს სახელმწიფოს საერთაშორისო სასამართლოებში, მათ შორის სტრასბურგის და ჰააგის სასამართლოებში.

გასულ კვირას, კოსტა რიკის დედაქალაქ სან-ხოსეში ჯო ბაიდენის ინიციატივით გამართულ დემოკრატიის სამიტზე თინათინი სიტყვით გამოვიდა, როგორც მიწვეული ახალგაზრდა ლიდერი საქართველოდან.

სამიტის ფარგლებში, მონაწილეობა მიიღო მაღალი დონის ორმხრივ შეხვედრებში ამერიკის სახელმწიფო დეპარტამენტის სპეციალურ წარმომადგენელთან ახალგაზრდობის საკითხებში, ასევე ამერიკის ელჩთან გაეროში, USAID-ის ხელმძღვანელთან ახალგაზრდობის საკითხებში და სხვა.



აღსანიშნავია, რომ სამიტის ფარგლებში ამერიკის სახელმწიფო დეპარტამენტმა ახალი ინიციატივა “Global Youth Network”-ის დაარსების შესახებ გააჟღერა, რომელიც თინათინის მონაწილეობით დაანონსდა და ამასთან იგი მიწვეულ იქნა მრჩეველთა საბჭოში, როგორც ახალგაზრდა ლიდერი. ამის შესახებ სახელმწიფო დეპარტამენტის და მისი პარტნიორების მხრიდან ოფიციალური ინფორმაცია გავრცელდა სხვადასხვა არხებით.



“Global Youth Network” სახელმწიფო დეპარტამენტის და პარტნიორი ქვეყნების უპრეცედენტო მასშტაბის ინიციატივაა, რომელიც ახალგაზრდებს მისცემს საშუალებას კონკრეტულ საგანმანათლებლო პროგრამებში ჩაერთონ. თინათინის ამ პლატფორმაში პირდაპირი მონაწილეობა განსაკუთრებით

მნიშვნელოვანია ქართველი ახალგაზრდების ინტერესების რეალიზებიდათვის და პროექტების დაგეგმარებისას რეგიონის კონტექსტის გასათვალისწინებლად. [გამოსვლის ვიდეო იხილეთ აქ](#)



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**THE COMMUNITY OF DEMOCRACIES' EVENT IN THE
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**"HOW TO INCREASE YOUTH
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IN DEMOCRACIES"**

Date: March 30, 2023

Time: 8:00 -9:30 a.m. CST

**Place: Supreme Electoral Tribunal, C. 15, El
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Biographies



Mr. Thomas E. Garrett, Secretary General, Community of Democracies

Thomas E. Garrett has worked in the field of politics and advocacy for more than three decades. Elected as the Secretary General of the Community of Democracies in September 2017, he was reappointed Secretary General in 2020.

Prior to the CoD, he supported reformers and democrats across the world with his work at the International Republican Institute a nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that supports democracy, civil society, women and youth political empowerment and democratic governance in more than 80 countries. Over the past 23 years, Garrett directly led more than 325 training programs on topics relating to political participation. He has worked on election observation missions in Afghanistan, Albania, Azerbaijan, Egypt, Mali, Mongolia, Pakistan, Russia, the Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Tunisia and Ukraine.

In 2017, the Government of Mongolia conferred the Order of Friendship on Garrett for his work in support of Mongolian democracy. His master's degree is in diplomacy and international relations and his undergraduate degree is in political science.



Ms. Kristel Ward Hudson, Vice Minister, Ministry of Culture and Youth, Costa Rica

Ms. Ward is the Vice Minister of Youth at the Ministry of Culture and Youth. Professional in Social Work, with more than 8 years of experience in the public sector, promoting the integral development of communities and supporting the strengthening of the leadership of social actors and young entrepreneurs in the province of Limón, a predominantly Afro-descendent community.

She is a social activist and promoter of the rights of young people for more than 10 years. In 2012, she participated as an assembly member of the National Consultative Network for Young Persons, appointed to the Board of Directors of the National Council for Young Persons in the period 2013-2015 and President of the Cantonal Committee for Young Persons in Limón in 2014- 2018.

She has represented the youth of Costa Rica in international meetings in Panama, El Salvador and Brazil; Furthermore, she has represented the Afro-Costa Rican populations in international meetings in Nicaragua, Panama and Colombia.



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Ms. Lourdes Argueta, CoD YouthLead

For over a decade, Lourdes has distinguished herself in humanitarian work and in the strengthening of democracy in the Latin American and Caribbean region, and as a specialist in international development projects pertaining to social, educational, and political impact. Aside from being the Executive Secretary of the Latin American Youth Network for Democracy (Juventud LAC), she is the Founder and first Director of Transparency of the political party, Nuestro Tiempo in El Salvador, and taught history and politics at the Dr. José Matías Delgado University for 7 years.

In 2022, she was elected to the Advisory Board of the International Republican Institute's (IRI) Generation Democracy program; she is an alumni member of the Global Shapers Community (a World Economic Forum initiative) and the Community of Democracies. Lourdes is an internationalist with degrees from universities in New York, Israel and is currently pursuing her Master's degree in government and public administration in Chile.



H.E. Ms. Elizabeth Williams, Ambassador of Canada to Costa Rica

Ambassador Elizabeth Williams was appointed as Ambassador of Canada to Costa Rica, Honduras and Nicaragua in September 2021. Ms. Williams joined the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade in 2001. At Headquarters, she has worked in the UN, Human Rights and Humanitarian Law Section in the Legal Affairs Bureau and served as director of the Gender Equality Division and as chief of staff and executive director in the Office of the Deputy Minister of International Development.

Abroad, Ms. Williams has served in 6 assignments: as second secretary, political, in Amman from 2004 to 2005; as head of aid in Baghdad from 2005 to 2007; as first secretary, congressional and legal affairs, in Washington, D.C., from 2009 to 2011; as first secretary, political, in Damascus from 2011 to 2012 and in Beirut from 2012 to 2014; and most recently as counsellor at the Permanent Mission to the United Nations in

Geneva from 2014 to 2016. Ms. Williams was also the chief of staff and director of outreach at the Canadian Human Rights Commission from 2016 to 2019. Ambassador Williams received a Bachelor of Education from the University of Alberta in 1995; and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Moncton in 1999.



Ms. Abby Finkenauer, Special Envoy for Global Youth Issues, United States Department of State

U.S. Special Envoy Abby Finkenauer grew up in a working class family in rural Iowa and was a first generation college graduate. At the age of 24 she successfully ran for the Iowa House of Representatives and served her community and her state in the Iowa House from 2015-2019. She was the Ranking Member of Government Oversight while also serving on Economic Development, Ways & Means, Transportation, and Labor. She led the fight against attacks on collective bargaining and workers rights and was an advocate for legislation addressing equal pay, public education, infrastructure funding, voting rights and women's reproductive health access.

At the age of 28, Abby successfully ran for the U.S. House of Representatives. In 2018 she became the youngest woman in history to flip a Congressional seat as well as one of the first of two congresswomen from the state of Iowa. In 2019, within her first two weeks as a Congresswoman she became the youngest woman in history to pass a bill through the U.S. House of Representatives. She served as Democratic Caucus Assistant Whip, Vice Chair of Highways and Transit on the Transportation Committee, and was the youngest woman to chair a subcommittee with her role as Chairwoman of Rural Development, Agriculture, Trade, and Entrepreneurship Subcommittee as part of the Small Business Committee. Abby also founded the Endometriosis Congressional Caucus, and doubled the NIH research funding for the disease, which affects 1 in 9 women worldwide.

In November 2022, Abby was appointed as the U.S. Special Envoy for Global Youth Issues and is focusing her energy on lifting up the voices and stories of young people across the globe and fostering relationship for the United States that will span generations advancing and protecting democracy.

Moderator:



Mr. Andrea Venzon

Andrea is a political activist passionate about bringing people together behind a new vision for the planet. He is currently advising the Community of Democracy on youth related matters.

He also serves as the co-founder of Atlas, a global community he built from the ground up by deploying innovative techniques of community organizing in tens of countries. He worked to advance the movement's philosophy, both on the ground and by collaborating with high profile politicians and activists.

He was previously the main founder of the first pan-European political movement Volt Europa, and was elected its first President. As such, he drew 60000 people to join this endeavour, and led the party to its first electoral success at the European elections of 2019. Before being converted to politics and activism in 2017, Andrea used to work as a “boring” management consultant, as he likes to say.

Speakers:



Mr. Walter Corzo, CoD YouthLead

He is currently Executive Director of Diálogos, a second-generation think tank founded by a group of academics and researchers in Guatemala that promotes the exchange of ideas and proposals regarding public problems in the northern triangle of Central America based on the use of available evidence. He has led different projects and initiatives in civil society on Youth, Citizen Violence Prevention, Anticorruption and the Response to Covid-19 for almost 10 years at local, national, and regional level.

He has represented Guatemala in the Human Rights Council in Geneva, Switzerland; the General Assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS); the Meeting of Ministers Responsible for Public Security of the Americas of the OAS; the CIVICUS International Civil Society Week; and the Global Summit of the Open Government Alliance (OGP). He has a bachelor's degree in International Relations, a master's degree in Public Management and Leadership, and studies from different academic institutions in Brazil, Lithuania, Argentina, and the United States of America. He is a member of the Youth Leads initiative organized by the Community of Democracies (CoD) that engages young democracy leaders from across the world.



Mr. Dennis Sankale, Director General at the Youth Senate Kenya

Mr Dennis Sankale Keis is currently the Director General at the Youth Senate Kenya, an independent, non-partisan development and advocacy organization created specifically to spearhead a Youth Led Development model in Kenya with a mandate to enrich a democratic dialogue and ensure youth engagement in national and regional affairs. Mr Sankale sits at the Executive Council of the African Youth Commission as Commissioner for Peace and Security, an organization founded in 2013 as the African Union Youth Working Group (AUYWG) with the objective of organizing all young people in Africa and Diaspora to support the work of African youth, Youth structures (Pan African Youth Union & Youth Division of the African Union Commission) in their quest to effective service delivery and advocacy activities on the African Youth Charter. He is also the elected Chairman of the Horn of Africa

Youth Network, an independent, non-partisan development and advocacy organization that exists to harness the productive energies of the youth towards peace, equity and prosperity within and across communities in the Horn of Africa.

Sankale's work and life reflect his commitment to making a positive impact on young people and the Kenyan society at large having played a key role in the promotion of employment programs at the Youth Senate Kenya through youth and women social enterprise development, empowering them through innovative opportunities. Mr Sankale has also been invited to represent the young people in regional and international forums such as the High Level Political Forum in New York City USA, at the African Union courtesy of the African Youth Division and a key speaker at the parliamentary roundtable on young people's participation in politics across East Africa featuring African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (ACDEG) in Lusaka Zambia courtesy of Westminster Foundation for Democracy. He holds a Bachelor of Arts (Development Studies) Degree from Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology and Certified Public Accountants (CPA) by the Kenya Accountants and Secretaries National Examinations Board.