Panel Discussion

The Global State of Democracy: Money, Influence, Corruption and Capture - Can Democracy Be Protected?

Friday 10 November 2017, 1.30 p.m.- 3 p.m.
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Corruption scandals fuel distrust in democracy and undermine the integrity of political systems in every region. The Global State of Democracy 2017 reports that corruption is as big a problem today as it was in 1975. Drawing from the findings of this report, the panel will explore actions to protect democracy from the pervasive influence of illicit money.

Agenda:

- The global state of democracy: money, influence, corruption and capture - can democracy be protected?
  – Catalina Uribe-Burcher, Programme Officer Democracy, Conflict and Security; International IDEA

- OECD Framework on Financing Democracy as a guideline to support implementation of UNCAC
  – Yukihiko Hamada, Policy Analyst, Public Sector, Integrity Division; OECD

- What additional areas of international policy innovation could be explored to tackle the influence of illicit interests over politics?
  – Jean-Luc Lemahieu, Director, Division for Policy Analysis and Public Affairs; UNODC

- What are the main challenges and opportunities for law enforcement agencies in dealing with corruption cases related to political finance?
  – Sebastian Bley, Head of Anti-Corruption Unit; Interpol

- Q&A

Moderator: Jorge Valladares, Senior Programme Manager, Political Participation and Representation; International IDEA

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