



2018 Tbilisi Declaration

We are some of the 1.8 billion young people between the ages of 15 and 30 in the world today—the largest generation of youth the world has ever known. We know first-hand the ways in which youth are affected by global political, social and economic developments and believe that positive youth engagement in civic and political processes is more important than ever.

Generation Democracy is a global network of more than 400 young people and organizations located in 75 countries around the world, united by the desire to give voice to the aspirations and needs of young people, and to ensure that the world's youth are better served by local, national, regional and international institutions.

We, as young leaders from nine countries across Eurasia, are dedicated to advancing the voices of young people in civic and political processes and recognize that there are different challenges facing youth across the region, including:

- Lack of familiarity with political processes and avenues to meaningfully participate;
- Generational divides that make reform difficult;
- Absence of economic opportunities and financial resources for youth that hinder participation;
- Political apathy, lack of confidence and trust in political processes and leaders;
- Repressive environments that censor and punish dissident voices; and
- Absence of online and offline platforms to share success stories and ideas to promote youth engagement.

In order to overcome these challenges, we, the youth of Generation Democracy – and as part of the #UnitingYouth campaign – commit ourselves to the following steps:

- **Leverage** social media and other platforms to increase access to information and advance civic education among young people;
- **Identify** opportunities to bring all generations together to push for democratic reform;
- **Encourage** youth-driven initiatives to address economic challenges;
- **Bridge** the gap between government and youth through in-person dialogues to ensure that the government represents and champions issues important to youth;
- **Invest** in the next generation of leaders to ensure that they are committed to democratic reform, and work together to advocate for universal human rights and create institutions committed to more accountable governance; and
- **Create** online and offline platforms that help young leaders share successes and ideas as well as identify opportunities to build solidarity and unite youth to advance democratic values in the region.

Positive change for better government starts with us. We are the generation that will solve these challenges.

We are Generation Democracy!