

The annual **Athens Democracy Forum** was held on 14-19 September 2018, organized by *The New York Times* in partnership with the City of Athens and Athens City Hall. As in previous years, the forum was held at the National Day of Democracy.

The Mayor of Athens also presented the annual City of Athens Democracy Award to Joaquim Chissano, former President of U

This year's programme centred around the theme *Democracy in Danger: Solutions for a Changing World*, featuring discussions such as *The Allure of the Illiberal: Are there flaws in the classic models of democracy?*; *When Technology Collides with Citizenship: How are rapid technological advances changing the nature of politics?*; *Identity, Diversity and Inclusion: How can democracies preserve human rights amidst pervasive populist backlashes?*; and *The Business of Business: Do companies today have a greater responsibility to society, and when is engagement good for business?* Venues

included the Ancient Agora of Athens – the very birthplace of democracy; the Acropolis Museum; and Costa Navarino, a sustainable Peloponnese.

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Secretary-General approves almost 50 new UNDEF project proposals

The UN Secretary-General has approved a short list of 49 project proposals for UNDEF's 12th Round of Funding, following the Democracy Fund Advisory Board. UNDEF has an annual call for project proposals was open from 20 November 2017 to 20 December