

# THE CONCERT

1ST WORLD FESTIVAL OF DEMOCRACY

**TOGETHER**  
for a liveable world

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# THE IDEA

We are the first generation in the history of mankind to have both freedom and means to knowingly shape and create our future on this planet. In this quest, the voice of every man, woman and child must be heard and democratically taken into consideration for major decisions.

THE CONCERT is the first world festival of democracy, a live music event taking place on all continents, overcoming cultural and language boundaries to pave the way for a global and sustained dialogue between all humans about our common future and wealth.

THE CONCERT will summon and raise awareness that we hold the power to create our future in our own hands. We understand global change as an opportunity to join hands and forces to turn this vision into global reality.

Once citizens, NGOs, corporations, politics and science meet on friendly terms, old gaps can be bridged by means of joint local and global exchange.

Regardless of where we live, music has always been a peaceful key to overcome cultural and geographic boundaries. Music both holds and forges a bond of unity and has eminent potential to attract and focus global attention on this common issue of all humankind.

The festival will be presented by the next generation:  
Our children.

They have the right to a world worth living in.

# THE FESTIVAL

THE CONCERT, the first world festival of democracy, will simultaneously take place for 48 hours on all continents and bring together people of all cultures - open-air, in stadiums, concert halls, theatres and cinemas. The festival will comprise contributions of artists from all cultures and stage performances of international stars of various music genres.

THE CONCERT will be broadcast live via TV and radio stations, via the internet and on innumerable public spaces. Central viewing areas will be linked by satellite transmission.

By sending out video messages, children, artists and selected opinion formers and -leaders from all over the world will voice their worries, problems and desires. They will address global challenges and discuss the necessary re-appraisal of today's values. They will appeal to mankind to extend their minds and hands to be joined together in a global community of shared responsibility. They will call upon all world citizens to engage into an equal dialogue at local and global level.

THE CONCERT was initially designed for the United Nations in 2000. Under the name „The Worldconcert“ the project received significant positive acclaim of many nations and ambassadors.

THE CONCERT will be an annual global event for world citizens of all ages. It is vital to establish continuity to ensure that we never again lose sight of the need for global dialogue to master the challenges we are faced with and to bring into life what mankind has been lacking for decades:

u n i t e d n a t i o n s.



# the global agora



THE CONCERT is a kick-off event for a worldwide dialogue about the future of humankind. To bring this goal within reach, a unique internet project for a decentral web infrastructure for civic engagement and participatory democracy will be launched simultaneously with the first World Festival of Democracy: echo.

## What is echo?

echo facilitates constructive mass dialogs for the formation and expression of opinion. The discussions provide a fast and clear overview on alternative views, pro/contra arguments and multimedia background information. The position of different social groups is made transparent and easily comprehensible. Knowledge, opinions and their advocates become connected beyond the borders of different websites, communities and languages.

In this way, echo brings together people sharing the same purposes worldwide and supports them in creating joint actions. Wherever we are in the virtual or real world, echo gives us the proof: We are no longer alone with our opinion and convictions - the echo of our voice can change the world.

## Common property of all mankind

echo is designed to be a self-organising system. Its novel discussion functions enable decision making over its own rules and functions. Once self-administration is stable, platform management of echo will be passed into the hands of all its users at any given point of time.

In this way, echo will become the quasi property of humanity:

You decide what happens on echo.  
You define how echo works.

**You are echo.**

<http://echo.to>