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Council of Europe Forum for the Future of Democracy:

Call for applications for the next forum which will take place in Kyiv, Ukraine, from 21 to 23 October 2009

The Council of Europe is calling for applications for the annual session of its Forum for the Future of Democracy, the main theme of which is "**electoral systems**". Three workshops will be proposed to participants :

- Elections at the national level
- Elections and local democracy
- Media and NGOs in times of elections

The Council of Europe and the host country attach great importance to having civil society appropriately represented at this meeting.

Applicants should primarily be from national NGOs competent in the areas covered by the programme of the forum. International NGOs are invited to bring this call for applications to the attention of their member organisations in different countries.

Interested NGOs are invited to refer to the attached background note for information on the themes and the programme of the session. Please return the application form **by Monday 15 June 2009 at the latest**.