

Caux Forum 2023

# Trust and Integrity in Democracy

23 – 26 JULY, 2023

In countries across the world operating diverse forms of governance, including those adopting democratic principles, there seems to be increasing evidence of a decline in the trustworthiness and integrity of those holding official roles.

Pressures associated with current global challenges, such as the Covid pandemic, seem to be accelerating and exacerbating this decline.

Trustworthiness, tolerance, and transparency are key to supporting the revival of good governance and integrity in public life. These are easy to advocate but so much harder to personally embrace and embody in practice, in social and institutional settings.

How can we see a resurgence of trust in our political systems?

And what can ordinary citizens do to reverse this trend and strengthen democracy in their respective countries?

This forum will provide a stretching yet compassionate community context in which individual introspection and collective inquiry can support radical dialogue and mutual contextual learning.

It will create a supportive context in which participants can engage in courageous, honest conversation – paving the way for re-establishing trustworthiness, tolerance and transparency.

Each day, some elements of the Caux Forum will be made available online.



Caux, high above Montreux overlooking the Lake of Geneva, is the site of the Swiss Initiatives of Change conference centre.

Further information is available [here](#)

Participants are asked to [arrive from 2.00pm on Sunday 23 July](#) in time for the introductory session after dinner. The forum will end at 6.30pm on Wednesday 26 July.