

July-September 2015



## International IDEA Celebrates its 20th Anniversary



Nearly 400 people gathered in the Swedish Parliament on 16 September to celebrate the 20th anniversary of International IDEA.

As well as representatives from all 28 Member States, the event was attended by Her Royal Highness Crown Princess Victoria of Sweden, Foreign Minister Margot Wallström, and Kofi Annan, Chair of the Kofi Annan Foundation and former Secretary-General of the United Nations. The event was co-hosted by the Speaker of the Parliament Urban Ahlin and International IDEA Secretary-General Yves Leterme.

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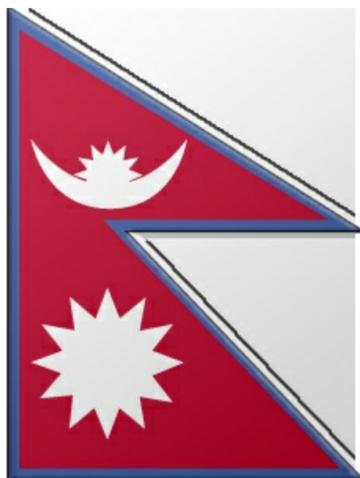
For video, photos and speeches from the event visit the [anniversary website](#)

## Upcoming Events in 2015

- **Annual Democracy Forum (ADF)**, 25-26 November, Bern, Switzerland  
- **Inter-Regional Dialogue on Democracy (IRDD)**, 15-16 October, Addis Ababa

- **Second Member State EMB Dialogue**, 13 November, Addis Ababa,  
- **Electoral Risk Management Conference**, Dec 1-3, Addis Ababa,

For more information on the ADF or IRDD, email Eleonora Mura at [e.mura@idea.int](mailto:e.mura@idea.int)



### Asia & the Pacific

**Nepal approves new constitution**  
International IDEA welcomes the result of the vote and congratulates Nepal's Constituent Assembly. IDEA also encourages government to bring all disaffected groups to the table, and do its utmost to prevent further violence.

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**Myanmar letting observers in**  
STEP Democracy, an initiative supported by the EU and International IDEA, is assisting the Union Election Commission to make the elections the most inclusive in recent history. Letting observers in is an essential part of that job.

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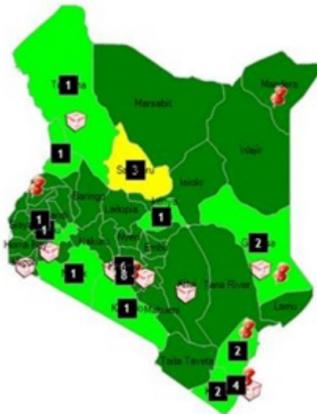
### Africa

**Electoral Risk Management**  
The ERMTool provides a new standard for conducting credible elections. The tool will be demonstrated at two separate events in Addis Ababa in December.

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**Nigeria evaluate ERMTool**  
Was used in the Nigeria elections earlier this year. Following an evaluation workshop, Professor Attahiru Jega, Chairman of INEC recommended the tool to all countries interested in preventing election related violence.

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## Latin America and the Caribbean

The Global Conference on Money in Politics in Mexico City was successful in raising awareness and offering solutions. During the three-day event, participants discussed topics such as anonymous donors, concentration of wealth, the influx of dirty money into politics, and the gender funding gap.

In his closing remarks International IDEA Secretary-General Yves Leterme emphasized the importance of a solution-oriented approach. View [video of the event here](#).

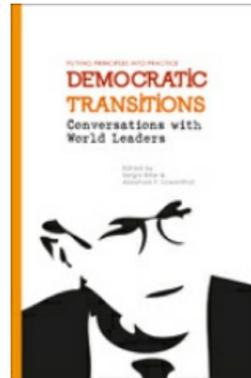
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## Publications

### Democratic Transitions

**Democratic Transitions: Conversations with World Leaders** is an unique exploration of how some countries became democracies. The book presents personal reflections, both on ending authoritarian rule and on building democracy, by former presidents who have played key roles in such transformations over the past 30 years. It is now available in English, and will soon be available in French, Spanish, Arabic and Dutch.

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### Oil and Natural Gas: Constitutional Frameworks for the Middle East and North Africa

This report examines how a constitution can contribute to increased transparency and efficiency in the oil and gas sector specifically looking at the Middle East and North Africa. It also looks at how to ensure that revenues derived from the sale of natural resources are distributed fairly within a country.

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### Introducing Electronic Voting: Essential Considerations (Arabic)

Electronic voting is often seen as a tool for making the electoral process more efficient and for increasing trust in its management. This policy paper outlines contextual factors that can influence the success of e-voting solutions and highlights the importance of taking these fully into account before choosing to introduce new voting technologies.

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## IDEA in the News:

[Dirty money, damaged democracy: what to do?](#)  
[Letter to the editor of the Myanmar Times](#)  
[Democratic Transitions book review, Huffington Post](#)  
[Money in Politics: Is There Hope? A Global Take](#)

[El dinero y la política: relaciones peligrosas](#)  
[Las debilidades de Guatemala en política](#)

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