



# International IDEA

## Value for Partnership

Democracy is a long-term process which cannot be achieved through elections alone. There is no universal form of democracy applicable to all nations, instead democracy must be attuned to each society and its citizen.

International IDEA is the only intergovernmental organization solely dedicated to supporting sustainable democracy worldwide.

### Preferred partner for democracy support

- **We engage political actors, institutions and processes.** Being impartial in terms of political ideologies, we work with political actors in support of democratic transitions and consolidation. Our work enables us to give relevant advice on democracy to policy-makers.
- **We are a global democracy support actor.** Our intergovernmental status, global membership and permanent observer status to the UN General Assembly make us a preferred partner for governments, electoral management bodies, parliaments, political parties, constitutional commissions and civil society actors.
- **We convene for change.** We channel the lessons learnt from Member States, academics, practitioners and civil society to enrich national, regional and global debates on democracy.
- **We develop comparative knowledge resources and tools.** We are a leading developer of global knowledge resources and a source of research on electoral processes, political participation and representation, constitution building processes, democracy and development, mainstreaming gender, diversity and a conflict-sensitive approach.
- **We seize opportunities.** With systems made for rapid responses, we are able to quickly mobilize to address political needs and democratic openings around the world.

### Partner with us

- **Access our democracy experts and networks.** Interact with key partners and peers active in democracy building around the world, such as our Member States, governments, partner organizations, UN agencies, civil society actors, academics and the private sector.
- **Build alliances and add our voice to your advocacy on democracy.** Build strategic partnerships with us to support joint agendas in multilateral forums.
- **Support democracy as a central element of peacebuilding efforts.** Contribute to our programme to strengthen conflict resolution efforts in fragile countries transitioning to democracy.
- **Influence our knowledge innovation.** Partner with us and influence our democracy research agenda.
- **Support democracy to contribute to the rights-based development approach by developing democratic institutions and processes.** Partner with us to complement your strategic priorities.
- **Raise the profile of democracy in national and global debates.** Work with us to reach a global audience for your democracy messages.
- **Implement joint programmes.** Collaborate with us to implement joint programmes in support of democracy at regional or country-level or focused on joint knowledge development.



### Key Partnerships

- **Netherlands Institute for Multi-Party Democracy (NIMD)** and International IDEA cooperation on fostering political environments for equal participation and leadership of women in political parties.
- **Key partner in top knowledge hubs.** ACE, Agora Portal, ConstitutionNet and iKNOW Politics.
- **African Union**, Department of Political Affairs and IDEA leads a joint initiative to support the implementation of the ERMTTool in African states.
- **Natural Resources Governance Institute (NRGI)** and International IDEA have developed knowledge and practical tools to strengthen political parties' capacity to draft and agree on policies for the governance of natural resources.
- **Electoral Management Bodies**, International IDEA continued to support the Instance Supérieure Indépendante pour les Élections (ISIE) of Tunisia ahead of the 2016 municipal elections.
- **Leading a consortium to support Myanmar's transition** through the EU-funded STEP Democracy programme. Partners include Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Democracy Reporting International, Danish Institute for Parties and Democracy and the Canadian Parliamentary Centre.
- **Bringing** together legal experts from across West Asia and North Africa, creating the Arab Association of Constitutional Law.

### Actions in 2016

- **Global Campaign on Money in Politics** with a community of practice and national programmes.
- **Supporting Peru** ahead of the presidential elections to counter illicit funding in politics and support programmatic parties through the policy position tool—GPS Politico.
- **Wider Europe Programme** in response to the developments of the past years with turbulent changes in European democracies.
- **Support in Myanmar** to the parliament and the Election Management Body in implementing electoral reforms, building capacity of national actors to manage transition toward parliamentary democracy.
- **Implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda**, working with Member States to build democratic and people-centred monitoring and accountability frameworks, focusing on goal 5 and 16.
- **Support to democratic transitions** making use of lessons learned by leaders of successful transitions.
- **Increased collaboration with the African Union** through the Africa and West Asia Programme.
- **The Inter-Regional Dialogue on Democracy** with AU, ASEAN, CoE, EU, LAS, OAS, PIF and SAARC in a dialogue on gender equality and the political empowerment of women.

*Chile is an active and founding Member State of International IDEA and we are proud to work together.*

**Michelle Bachelet**

President of Chile and former Executive Director of UN Women, visit to International IDEA's Haiti programme in 2012

*I am proud to have been part of, during my service in Sweden, the creation of International IDEA in the 1990s. You have over the years become a respected actor, voice and feature in the discourse on democracy around the world.*

**Jan Eliasson**

Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations  
Keynote address to the Annual Democracy Forum 2015