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# Resource List:

## Donor Organizations, Other Democracy Support Organizations and Election Assistance and Observation Organizations

Accompanying the Third Wave of global democratization we have witnessed a new tide of needs for ideas and funding. Nongovernmental democracy activists seeking to establish and consolidate democratic institutions have knocked on doors of embassies seeking that help from representatives of democratic governments as well as from foundations and international organizations. To meet the complex and growing demand for assistance an array of new organizations have emerged to join the ranks of traditional sources of help.

The following list of organizations is provided as a guide to diplomats. The list provides answers to the question: what advice can I give to a representative of a lawyer's organization, a women's association, a group of journalists seeking to establish a press association or any other representative of a civic organization on sources of help beyond that assistance my own government might provide through its Foreign Ministry or official assistance programs? This list seeks to be the source of some answers. It does not intend to be exhaustive. We plan to expand upon it in future. It does not include major official governmental assistance programs. The list does not seek to include the many thousands of nongovernmental organizations; many of which courageously and against great odds, are participating in the struggle for democracy. Many are grouped together in such organizations as the World Movement for Democracies (WMD). Through such formal or informal networks democracy organizations learn from each others' experiences. This list seeks to link those organizations to ideas, information and resources that will help them in their struggle.

The resource list provides a brief description of institutional goals of each organization and a link to their websites where detailed information can be found.

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### **DONOR ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **Alfred Mozer Stichting**

<http://www.alfredmozerstichting.nl/>

At the beginning of 1990 the Dutch Labour Party (PvdA) established a foundation to make and maintain contacts in Central and Eastern Europe. The foundation was named after Alfred Mozer, the first international secretary of the PvdA. The aim of the AMS is to support the development of democracy through the training and schooling of (social) democratic political parties. We are a demand driven organisation and we are sponsored by the MATRA programme of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Netherlands. Interested political parties and organisations can send in applications for projects. The Alfred Mozer Foundation has now shifted its focus slightly, concentrating less on Central Europe and rather more on Eastern and South-Eastern Europe. The Foundation's work is intended to help in developing stable democracy. A fully democratic political system is one of the main preconditions for EU membership.

#### **Balkan Trust for Democracy**

<http://www.gmfus.org/balkantrust>

The Balkan Trust, which opened its office in Belgrade in June 2003, is a ten-year funding project of the German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF), in partnership with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. It is a \$27 million grantmaking initiative to support good governance in South East Europe. The Balkan Trust works in the Western Balkans, Romania and Bulgaria. Its aim is to strengthen democratic political institutions through two main programmes: Linking Citizens with Government - supporting local and national organizations working to improve citizen engagement with government, monitoring government performance, and improving citizens' understanding of their rights and responsibilities; and Cooperation and Collaboration - supporting sub-national and trans-Balkan collaboration among governments, NGOs, civic initiatives, and other institutions working to improve understanding and cooperation throughout the region.

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### **Robert Bosch Stiftung**

<http://www.bosch-stiftung.de/>

The foundation uses a variety of methods to have an impact on society and its practices, trigger development, and bring about change....Since its founding over forty years ago, in 1964, the Robert Bosch Stiftung has spent 735 million Euros on funding. Among its many program areas regarding Germany's linkages with the world is its "International Relations Central and Eastern Europe" program: Promoting relations between Germany and the countries of Central and Eastern Europe is the main focus of this program area. Our work in this area is based on four pillars: promotion of language and culture, dialog with the media, politics and civil society, and international exchange. In the future, our activities will be extended to include the countries of Southeastern Europe.

### **Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation (Lisbon, Portugal)**

<http://www.gulbenkian.org/>

The Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation is a Portuguese private institution of public utility whose statutory aims are in the fields of arts, charity, education and science. It also organises international conferences, meetings and courses, awards subsidies and scholarships for specialist studies and doctorates in Portugal and abroad. It also fosters co-operation projects with Portuguese-speaking African countries and East Timor pursuing the Millennium goals, promotes Portuguese culture abroad, and operates a programme to preserve evidence of the Portuguese presence in the world.

### **Carnegie Corporation**

<http://www.carnegie.org/>

Carnegie Corporation of New York was created by Andrew Carnegie in 1911 to promote «the advancement and diffusion of knowledge and understanding.» Under Carnegie's will, grants must benefit the people of the United States, although up to 7.4 percent of the funds may be used for the same purpose in countries that are or have been members of the British Commonwealth, with a current emphasis on Commonwealth Africa. As a grant making foundation, the Corporation seeks to carry out Carnegie's vision of philanthropy, which he said should aim «to do real and permanent good in this world.»

### **Charles Stewart Mott Foundation**

<http://www.mott.org/>

The mission of the Mott Foundation's Civil Society program is to support efforts to assist in democratic institution building, strengthen communities, promote equitable access to resources, and ensure respect of rights and diversity. The program is organized into four program areas: Central/Eastern Europe and Russia, South Africa, United States, Special Initiatives – International. Three broad themes unite grantmaking within the program: strengthening the nonprofit sector; promoting people's rights, responsibilities and participation; and improving race and ethnic relations.

### **European Foundation for Democracy through Partnership (the Hague, Netherlands)**

<http://www.efdp.eu> (Site opens in April 2008)

Launched in 2008, the EFDP is part of an effort to enhance Europe's profile and identity in democracy assistance. The EFDP will act as a portal to Europe for those engaged in democratic reform processes outside Europe, who wish to access European knowledge and resources to enhance the impact of their efforts. The EFDP aims to become a European knowledge hub in the complex field of democracy building. Finally, the EFDP has the potential to function as a catalyst for the EU in meeting the challenges of the often messy democratization processes and in increasing the coherence between democracy assistance, development and security in the envisioned EU foreign policy.

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### **Ford Foundation**

<http://www.fordfound.org/>

The Ford Foundation is a resource for innovative people and institutions worldwide. Its goals for are to strengthen democratic values, reduce poverty and injustice, promote international cooperation, and advance human achievement.

### **Freedom House**

<http://www.freedomhouse.org/>

Freedom House, a non-profit, nonpartisan organization, is a clear voice for democracy and freedom around the world. Through a vast array of international programs and publications, Freedom House is working to advance the remarkable worldwide expansion of political and economic freedom.

### **Friedrich Ebert Foundation**

<http://www.fes.de/>

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) was founded in 1925 as a political legacy of Germany's first democratically elected president, Friedrich Ebert. The foundation was established to further political and social education of individuals from all walks of life in the spirit of democracy and pluralism; facilitate access to university education and research for gifted young people by providing scholarships; and contribute to international understanding and cooperation.

### **Friedrich Naumann Foundation**

<http://www.fnst.de/>

The Friedrich Naumann Foundation is an independent, nonprofit, nongovernmental organization that is committed to promoting liberal policy and politics. Originating in Germany, the Foundation has won a reputation for promoting freedom in human dignity as the ultimate precondition of a society where people can live freely and in peace. It carries out intensive work in political education, advice, training and dialogue. In Africa it supports various projects in co-operation with partner organizations and is similarly active in over 50 countries worldwide.

### **German Marshall Fund of the United States**

<http://www.gmfus.org/>

The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) is a nonpartisan American public policy and grantmaking institution dedicated to promoting greater cooperation and understanding between the United States and Europe. GMF does this by supporting individuals and institutions working on transatlantic issues, by convening leaders to discuss the most pressing transatlantic themes, and by examining ways in which transatlantic cooperation can address a variety of global policy challenges. In addition, GMF supports a number of initiatives to strengthen democracies.

### **Hanns Seidel Foundation**

<http://www.hss.de/>

Since its establishment on April 11, 1967, the Hanns Seidel Foundation has been practicing political education work with the aim of supporting "the democratic and civic education of the German people with a Christian basis." Beginning with the first development aid project in Togo in 1977, the Foundation's Institute for International Contact and Co-operation has steadily expanded its geographical and conceptual framework with a focus on promoting a sense of democratic community while preserving traditions which deserve to be preserved.

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### **Heinrich Böll Foundation**

<http://www.boell.de/>

The Heinrich Böll Foundation is a non-profit organization affiliated with the German Green Party striving to promote democracy, civil society, human rights, international understanding and a healthy environment internationally. Headquartered in Berlin, it has 25 offices worldwide and cooperates worldwide, with over 200 partner organizations in more than 60 countries.

### **IFES (formerly the International Foundation for Election Systems)**

<http://www.ifes.org/>

IFES is a nonprofit democracy development organization that works to give people a voice in the way that they are governed. It is a leading election assistance organization, providing countries with the technical advice and tools required to run democratic elections.

### **Jean Jaures Foundation**

<http://www.jean-jaures.org/>

Foundation of the French Socialist Party dedicated to the study of the international workers and socialist movements and the promotion of democratic and humanist ideals through research and debate and to contribute to the knowledge of man and his environment and carry out economic, cultural and assistance activities that contribute to the growth of pluralism and democracy in the world.

### **Konrad Adenauer Foundation**

<http://www.kas.de/>

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung offers political education, conducts scientific fact-finding research for political projects, grants scholarships to gifted individuals, researches the history of Christian Democracy, and supports and encourages European unification, international understanding, and development-policy cooperation.

### **The National Endowment for Democracy (NED)**

<http://www.ned.org/>

The National Endowment for Democracy (NED) is a private, nonprofit organization created in 1983 to strengthen democratic institutions around the world through nongovernmental efforts. With its annual congressional appropriation, it makes hundreds of grants each year to support pro-democracy groups in Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, and the former Soviet Union. The NED family of organizations includes the American Center for International Labor Solidarity, the Center for International Private Enterprise, the International Republican Institute, and the National Democratic Institute.

### **National Democratic Institute (NDI)**

<http://www.ndi.org/>

The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) is a nonprofit organization working to strengthen and expand democracy worldwide. Calling on a global network of volunteer experts, NDI provides practical assistance to civic and political leaders advancing democratic values, practices and institutions. NDI works with democrats in every region of the world to build political and civic organizations, safeguard elections, and to promote citizen participation, openness and accountability in government.

### **International Republican Institute (IRI)**

<http://www.iri.org/>

A nonprofit, nonpartisan organization, the International Republican Institute (IRI) advances freedom and democracy worldwide by developing political parties, civic institutions, open elections, good governance and the rule of law.

**American Center for International Labor Solidarity (ACILS)**

<http://www.solidaritycenter.org/>

The Solidarity Center is a non-profit organization that assists workers around the world who are struggling to build democratic and independent trade unions. It works with unions and community groups worldwide to achieve equitable, sustainable, democratic development and to help men and women everywhere stand up for their rights and improve their living and working standards.

**Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE)**

<http://www.cipe.org/>

The Center for International Private Enterprise is a non-profit affiliate of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and one of the four core institutes of the National Endowment for Democracy. CIPE has supported more than 1,000 local initiatives in over 100 developing countries, involving the private sector in policy advocacy and institutional reform, improving governance, and building understanding of market-based democratic systems. CIPE provides management assistance, practical experience, and financial support to local organizations to strengthen their capacity to implement democratic and economic reforms. CIPE programs are also supported through the United States Agency for International Development.

**Center for International Media Assistance**

<http://www.ned.org/cima/cima.html>

The Center for International Media Assistance (CIMA), an initiative of the National Endowment for Democracy, aims to strengthen the support, raise the visibility, and improve the effectiveness of media assistance programs throughout the world. The Center approaches its mission by providing information, building networks, conducting research, and highlighting the indispensable role independent media play in the creation and development of sustainable democracies around the world.

**Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (The Hague, Netherlands)**

<http://www.nimd.org/>

The mandate of NIMD is to encourage the process of democratization in young democracies by providing support to political parties as the core pillars of a multiparty democracy. NIMD works in a strictly non-partisan and inclusive manner.

**Nordic Council**

<http://www.norden.org/>

Nordic co-operation is outward-looking. The parliamentarians in the Nordic Council and the governmental co-operation within the Nordic Council of Ministers have established close contacts, especially in the Baltic Sea Region. Since the enlargement of the EU regional co-operation takes place within a new European framework.

The Nordic Council of Ministers opened its office in St. Petersburg in 1995 and since then smaller information points have been opened in Archangel, Murmansk and Petrozavodsk. Most recently a Nordic office was opened in Kaliningrad in 2006. At the same time the Nordic Council maintains close contacts with parliamentary colleagues, both centrally in Moscow and regionally in Northwest Russia.

**The Oak Foundation (London, UK)**

<http://www.oakfnd.org/>

Since 1998, the Oak Foundation has made over 1000 grants to not-for-profit organisations throughout the world. The Oak Foundation's International Human Rights Programme focuses on three human rights enshrined in international law: the right to liberty and security of the person; freedom from torture; and the right to asylum. The programme seeks to, inter alia, place human rights squarely on international and national agendas, especially in the global south, through influential coverage in opinion-making media; effective advocacy in centres of political leverage; defend the right to truth through the construction, preservation

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and popular presentation of the historical narrative of human rights violations in societies emerging, or yet to emerge, from authoritarian or repressive rule; and build the capacity of local human rights activists, communities and networks.

**Open Society Institute (*independent offices operate in Budapest, Brussels, London, New York and Paris*)**

<http://www.soros.org/>

The Open Society Institute (OSI), a private operating and grant-making foundation, aims to shape public policy to promote democratic governance, human rights, and economic, legal, and social reform. On a local level, OSI implements a range of initiatives to support the rule of law, education, public health, and independent media.

**Pablo Iglesias Foundation (Madrid)**

<http://www.fpabloiglesias.es/>

The Pablo Iglesias Foundation is a cultural institution that focuses on research and dissemination of socialist ideology and on recovering and compiling historic and contemporary documentation of Spanish socialism. The Foundation also promotes cooperation with political, economic and cultural entities both from Spain and abroad, aiming to promote and support the values and culture of democracy and to defend human rights.

**People in Need (Prague, Czech Republic)**

<http://www.clovekvtisni.cz>

People in Need is a Czech nonprofit, nongovernmental organization that has implemented relief and development projects in crisis regions around the globe and has supported human rights and democracy in countries repressed by totalitarian regimes over its twelve-year history. PIN is one of the largest organizations of its kind in post-communist Europe, and has administered projects in thirty-seven countries over the past fourteen years.

**Pontis Foundation (Bratislava, Slovakia)**

<http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/>

The Pontis Foundation was established in 1997 as the successor to the Foundation for a Civil Society, and is one of the largest grantmaking and operational foundations in Slovakia. The name of the foundation is taken from the Latin word for “bridge” and expresses the foundation’s purpose: to connect the sectors of Slovak society with one another and to link sources of financial support with those who need it. We encourage individuals and businesses to take responsibility for those in need and for the world around them, contribute to the building of democracy in non-democratic countries, create awareness about this need in Slovakia, and advocate for values-oriented Slovak and EU foreign policies.

**Rights & Democracy (Montreal, Canada)**

<http://www.dd-rd.ca/>

Rights & Democracy works with individuals, organizations and governments in Canada and abroad to promote the human and democratic rights defined in the United Nations’ International Bill of Human Rights. Rights & Democracy enjoys partnerships with human rights, indigenous peoples’ and women’s rights groups, as well as democratic movements and governments around the world with whom it cooperates to promote human rights and democracy.

**Rockefeller Foundation**

<http://www.rockfound.org/>

The Rockefeller Foundation was established in 1913 by John D. Rockefeller, Sr., to “promote the well-being” of humanity by addressing the root causes of serious problems. The Foundation works around the world to expand opportunities for poor or vulnerable people and to help ensure that globalization’s benefits are more widely shared. With assets of more than \$3.5 billion, it is one of the few institutions to conduct such work both within the United States and internationally.

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**Rockefeller Brothers Fund**

<http://www.rbf.org/>

The Rockefeller Brothers Fund was founded in 1940 as a vehicle through which the five sons and daughter of John D. Rockefeller Jr., could share a source of advice and research on charitable activities and combine some of their philanthropies to better effect. The RBF's grantmaking is organized around four themes: Democratic Practice, Sustainable Development, Peace and Security, and Human Advancement.

**SILBA – Support Initiative for Liberty and Democracy (Copenhagen, Denmark)**

<http://www.silba.dk/>

SILBA is a Danish cross-political NGO founded in 1994 by Bertel Haarder, today Minister of Education, as a result of the strong wish among Danes to assist in developing the new democracies in Eastern Europe. The main goal of SILBA is to assist democratic political parties, youth organisations and NGO's in the new EU East European Member Countries and new Neighbouring Countries, with a strong focus on projects with youth. SILBA today mainly works in and with Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Kaliningrad, Azerbaijan, Armenia and Georgia.

**Taiwan Foundation for Democracy (Taiwan)**

<http://www.tfd.org.tw/>

Domestically, the TFD strives to play a positive role in consolidating Taiwan's democracy and fortifying its commitment to human rights; internationally, the Foundation hopes to become a strong link in the world democratic network, joining forces with related organizations around the world. The TFD's international grants program is designed to assist organizations based outside of Taiwan to carry out projects to promote democracy and human rights. International nongovernmental organizations, academic institutions or think tanks, and other related organizations are eligible to apply. Geographically, the program places a priority on support for projects that address the Asian region, but projects in other regions occasionally receive funding.

**U.S. State Department: Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor**

<http://www.state.gov/g/drl/democ>

The State Department promotes democracy as a means to achieve security, stability, and prosperity worldwide; assist newly formed democracies in implementing democratic principles; assist democracy advocates around the world to establish vibrant democracies in their own countries; and identify and denounce regimes that deny their citizens the right to choose their leaders in elections that are free, fair, and transparent.

**Westminster Foundation for Democracy (London)**

<http://www.wfd.org/>

WFD, based in London, was founded in 1992 to provide flexible and imaginative funding assistance to countries managing the difficult transition to democracy in Central and Eastern Europe and sub-Saharan Africa. Throughout the 1990s WFD's work expanded to support countries emerging from conflict and authoritarian rule and to support the consolidation and effectiveness of existing democratic regimes. The Foundation now invests a substantial proportion of its resources in supporting projects and developing programs in wider Europe, sub-Saharan Africa, and the Middle East and North Africa.

**INTERGOVERNMENTAL BODIES****The Commonwealth (London)**

<http://www.thecommonwealth.org/>

The Commonwealth is an association of 53 independent states consulting and cooperating in the common interests of their peoples and in the promotion of international understanding and world peace. The

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Commonwealth's 1.8 billion citizens, about 30 per cent of the world's population, are drawn from the broadest range of faiths, races, cultures and traditions. Emphasizing equality, trust and understanding, the Commonwealth facilitates the advancement of democracy, human rights and sustainable economic and social development within its member countries and beyond.

### **European Commission for Democracy through Law (Venice Commission)**

<http://www.venice.coe.int/>

Created by the Council of Europe, the European Commission for Democracy through Law, better known as the Venice Commission, is the Council of Europe's advisory body on constitutional matters. The work of the European Commission for Democracy through Law aims at upholding the three underlying principles of Europe's constitutional heritage: democracy, human rights and the rule of law - the cornerstones of the Council of Europe.

### **The European Democracy Caucus (Brussels)**

<http://www.democracycaucus.org/>

The European Democracy Caucus was set up in 2005 as an informal, all-party group of Members of the European Parliament, committed to the promotion of democracy worldwide, but primarily in the EU's "Neighbourhood." The Neighbourhood is a formal definition of the arc of countries from Russia to Morocco which are now identified as a strategic priority for the EU after its enlargement in May 2004 to the eight ex-Soviet bloc countries, Cyprus and Malta.

### **European Parliamentarians for Africa**

<http://www.awepa.org/>

The Association of European Parliamentarians for Africa (AWEPA) is an international nongovernmental organization that supports parliaments in Africa and works to keep Africa high on the political agenda in Europe. It has some 1500 current and former parliamentarians as members from the European Parliament and almost all EU member states, plus Norway and Switzerland.

### **International IDEA**

<http://www.idea.int/>

Created in 1995, the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) is an intergovernmental organization that seeks to nurture and support sustainable democracy worldwide. Working in concert with policy makers, donor governments, UN organizations/agencies, regional organizations, and others engaged in democracy building, IDEA acts as a catalyst for democracy building by providing knowledge, resources, expertise, and a platform for debate on democracy issues.

### **North-South Centre of the Council of Europe (Lisbon, Portugal)**

<http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/>

The North-South Centre has a twofold task: to provide a framework for European co-operation designed to heighten public awareness of global interdependence issues, and to promote policies of solidarity complying with the Council of Europe's aims and principles - respect for human rights, democracy and social cohesion.

### **Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe: Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) (Warsaw, Poland)**

<http://www.osce.org/odihr/>

The OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights is based in Warsaw, Poland. It is active throughout the OSCE area in the fields of election observation, democratic development, human rights, tolerance and non-discrimination, and rule of law.

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### **Organization of American States**

<http://www.oas.org/>

The Organization of American States (OAS) works to strengthen democracy, justice, peace and prosperity in the Americas by bringing together the nations of the Western Hemisphere. The OAS acts as the Americas' principal multilateral forum for furthering democratic values, promoting human rights, and confronting shared problems such as, poverty, terrorism, illegal drugs, and corruption.

### **Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE, Vienna)**

<http://www.osce.org/>

The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) is the world's largest regional security organization. It is active in early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation. It is dealing with a wide range of security-related issues including arms control, preventive diplomacy, confidence- and security-building measures,

### **Permanent Secretariat of the Community of Democracies (Warsaw, Poland)**

**(Website not currently available)**

The Permanent Secretariat of the Community of Democracies will be established in Warsaw, Poland in 2008. The Community of Democracies is an intergovernmental organization of democratic governments in the world, dedicated to a core set of democratic principles and cooperation among democracies worldwide.

### **United Nations Development Program**

<http://www.undp.org/>

At the United Nations Millennium Summit, world leaders put development at the heart of the global agenda by adopting the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which set clear targets for reducing poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy, environmental degradation and discrimination against women by 2015. On the ground in 166 countries, UNDP focuses on helping countries build and share solutions to many challenges including democratic governance, crisis prevention and recovery, the environment, and HIV/AIDS.

### **United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF) (United Nations)**

<http://www.un.org/democracyfund>

The United Nations Democracy Fund was created in 2005 as a means to support democratization throughout the world. It provides assistance to governmental, nongovernmental, national, regional, and international organizations, including relevant UN departments, offices, funds, programs, and agencies. The Fund will complement current UN efforts to strengthen and expand democracy worldwide.

## **OTHER DEMOCRACY PROMOTION ORGANIZATIONS**

### **African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies**

<http://www.acdhrs.org/>

Established by the Government of The Gambia by an Act of Parliament in 1989, The Centre's main objective is to give meaning to Article 25 of the African Charter, which requires States Parties to, "promote and ensure, through teaching, education and publication, respect of the rights and freedoms contained in the Charter and to see to it that these freedoms and rights, as well as corresponding obligations are understood."

### **African Democracy Forum (Nairobi, Kenya)**

<http://www.africandemocracyforum.org/>

The African Democracy Forum (ADF), launched in Abuja, Nigeria, in October 2000, is an African regional

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network of democracy, human rights, and governance organizations. The ADF seeks to consolidate democracy in Africa by providing opportunities for democrats to openly express their views while also acting as a platform for mutual support and the sharing of resources. Over 300 organizations and individuals working on democracy issues in Africa currently participate in the ADF activities. The ADF provides opportunities for democrats to speak with one voice as well as a platform for mutual support and the sharing of resources. The ADF is an Africa regional network of the World Movement for Democracy.

### **Albert Einstein Institution**

<http://www.aeinstein.org/>

The Albert Einstein Institution is a nonprofit organization advancing the study and use of strategic nonviolent action in defense of freedom, democracy, and the reduction of political violence in conflicts around the world. Their goals are “to understand the dynamics of nonviolent action in conflicts, to explore its policy potential, and to communicate this through print and other media, translations, conferences, consultations, and workshops.”

### **The Albert Shanker Institute**

<http://www.shankerinstitute.org/>

The Albert Shanker Institute is a nonprofit organization established in 1998 to honor the life and legacy of the late president of the American Federation of Teachers. The organization’s by-laws commit it to four fundamental principles—vibrant democracy, quality public education, a voice for working people in decisions affecting their jobs and their lives, and free and open debate about all of these issues.

### **Alianza Civica (Mexico City)**

<http://www.alianzacivica.org.mx>

A Mexican citizen organization devoted to advancing citizen participation in support of democracy established before the 1994 elections.

### **American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative**

<http://www.abanet.org/rol/>

The Rule of Law Initiative is a public service project of the American Bar Association dedicated to promoting rule of law around the world. The Rule of Law Initiative believes that rule of law promotion is the most effective long-term antidote to the pressing problems facing the world community today, including poverty, economic stagnation, and conflict. The Rule of Law Initiative promotes legal reform efforts in over 40 countries in the following regions: Africa, Asia, Europe and Eurasia, Latin America and the Caribbean, and the Middle East and North Africa. The Rule of Law Initiative has over 400 professional staff working in the United States and abroad, including a cadre of short and long-term expatriate volunteers who typically spend between three months to two years in the field providing technical assistance. The Rule of Law Initiative concentrates its technical legal assistance efforts in the following substantive areas: anti-corruption, criminal law reform and human trafficking, gender issues, human rights and conflict mitigation, judicial reform, legal education reform, and legal profession reform.

### **Amnesty International (London)**

<http://www.amnesty.org/>

Amnesty International is a worldwide movement that works to promote the human rights inscribed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international agreements. With more than 2.2 million members and subscribers in over 150 countries and regions, it coordinates support of justice on a variety of issues.

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### **The Arab Democracy Foundation (Qatar)**

<http://www.arabdemocracyfoundation.org>

The Arab Democracy Foundation (ADF) is an independent initiative by peoples of the Arab region to channel resources to causes that strengthen their democracy transitions. The mechanism by which ADF accomplishes its aims is strategic grant-making, augmented by advocacy, networking and knowledge transfer. The Foundation believes that its primary impact lies in stimulating and supporting innovation in the programs of Arab civil society organizations (CSOs) and citizens' initiatives. Qualified groups will be assisted to strengthen their institutional capacities, engage in promoting democratic values, and awareness-raising, participate in important public policy debates to prepare their societies for a transition to democratic governance, work against all forms of social and political exclusion, and increase their ability to serve their communities.

### **The Arab Human Rights Fund (Beirut, Lebanon)**

<http://ahrfund.org>

The process of establishing the Arab Human Rights Fund (AHRF) started in 2002 with the formation of a four-member Preparatory Committee, with financial and administrative support from the Ford Foundation. The Committee initiated a series of studies exploring the feasibility of establishing an endowed and sustainable funding agency devoted to supporting long-term efforts to promote human rights and the rule of law in the Arab region.

### **ARTICLE 19**

<http://www.article19.org/>

ARTICLE 19 is a London-based human rights organisation with a specific mandate and focus on the defence and promotion of freedom of expression and freedom of information worldwide. ARTICLE 19's work is organised into five Regional Programmes – Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East – and a Law Programme. ARTICLE 19 also works on global issues of concern that cut across national boundaries. To make freedom of expression a reality all over the world, we undertake the following: Working in Partnership, Monitoring and Research, Advocacy and Campaigning, Standard-Setting, Legal Development, Litigation, Capacity-Building, Lobbying, Cutting Edge Research and Policy Development

### **Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (Regional offices in Brussels, Beirut, Moscow, Beijing)**

<http://www.ceip.org/>

The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing cooperation between nations and promoting active international engagement by the United States. Founded in 1910, its work is nonpartisan and dedicated to achieving practical results.

### **The Carter Center**

<http://www.cartercenter.org/>

In collaboration with Emory University, the Center is a not-for-profit organization committed to advancing human rights and alleviating human suffering. By working side by side with high-ranking government officials, as well as the general population, the Center has strengthened democracies in Asia, Latin America, and Africa. It has been very active in the monitoring and strengthening of elections in both emerging and established democracies.

### **The Center for Civic Education**

<http://www.civiced.org>

The Center for Civic Education is a nonprofit, nonpartisan educational corporation dedicated to promoting an enlightened and responsible citizenry committed to democratic principles and actively engaged in the practice of democracy in the United States and other countries.

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### **Center for Democracy and Citizenship**

<http://www.publicwork.org/>

The work of the Center for Democracy and Citizenship draws on a rich heritage of people and institutions doing public work to achieve things of lasting importance. Part of the University of Minnesota, the CDC's philosophy is forged around the fundamentals of democracy and public work.

### **Centre for Democracy and Development**

<http://cddwestafrica.org>

The Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD) was established in the United Kingdom in 1997 as an independent, not-for-profit, research, training, advocacy and capacity building organisation. The purpose was to mobilise global opinion and resources for democratic development and provide an independent space to reflect critically on the challenges posed to the democratisation and development processes in West Africa. The CDD's mission is to be the prime catalyst and facilitator for strategic analysis and capacity building for sustainable democracy and development in the West African sub-region.

### **Committee to Protect Journalists**

<http://www.cpj.org/>

The Committee to Protect Journalists is an independent, nonprofit organization founded in 1981. We promote press freedom worldwide by defending the rights of journalists to report the news without fear of reprisal. By publicly revealing abuses against the press and by acting on behalf of imprisoned and threatened journalists, CPJ effectively warns journalists and news organizations where attacks on press freedom are occurring. CPJ organizes vigorous public protests and works through diplomatic channels to effect change. CPJ publishes articles and news releases; special reports; a biannual magazine, *Dangerous Assignments*; and *Attacks on the Press*, the most comprehensive annual survey of press freedom around the world.

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### **Center for Democracy and Election Management – American University**

<http://www.american.edu/cdem/>

The Center for Democracy and Election Management (CDEM) was established by American University in 2002 to fill the gap between abstract academic research on democracy and the work of the many practitioners administering or monitoring elections all over the world. CDEM has three goals – education, research, and public engagement – on the full gamut of democracy and election-related issues. We are determined to fill the gap between abstract academic research on democracy and the work of the many practitioners administering or monitoring elections all over the world.

### **Center for the Protection of Journalism**

<http://www.cpj.org/>

The Center is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that promotes press freedom worldwide by defending the rights of journalists to report the news without fear of reprisal.

### **Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy**

<http://www.csidonline.org/>

The Center for the Study of Islam & Democracy (CSID) is a non-profit organization, based in Washington DC, dedicated to studying Islamic and democratic political thought and merging them into a modern Islamic democratic discourse. The organization was founded in March 1999 by a diverse group of academicians, professionals, and activists--both Muslim and non-Muslim--from around the USA who agree on the need for the study of and dissemination of reliable information on this complex topic.

### **The Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law (CDDRL)**

<http://cddrl.stanford.edu/>

Stanford University's Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law seeks to promote innovative and practical research on the design and implementation of policies to foster democracy, to promote balanced and sustainable growth, and to advance the rule of law in countries undergoing dramatic change.

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**Centre for Democratic Institutions (Canberra, Australia)**

<http://www.cdi.anu.edu.au/>

CDI responds to the needs of developing countries in the field of good governance and democratic institutions. The centre was established as an Australian Government initiative and receives its core funding through the Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID). Its geographic focus is the Asia-Pacific region.

**Children's Resources International**

<http://www.childrensresources.org/>

Children's Resources International, Inc. (CRI) is a non-profit educational and training organization whose mission is to promote democratic educational practices for children, their families, and their teachers around the world.

**CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation (Johannesburg, South Africa)**

<http://www.civicus.org/>

CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation is an international alliance of members and partners which constitute an influential network of organizations at the local, national, regional and international levels, and span the spectrum of civil society including: civil society networks and organizations; trade unions; faith-based networks; professional associations; NGO capacity development organizations; philanthropic foundations and other funding bodies; businesses; and social responsibility programs. CIVICUS has worked for over a decade to strengthen citizen action and civil society throughout the world, especially in areas where participatory democracy and citizens' freedom of association are threatened.

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**CIVITAS International**

<http://www.civnet.org/>

CIVITAS International, a world-wide nongovernmental organization for civic education, aims to strengthen effective education for informed and responsible citizenship in emerging and established democracies around the world. CIVITAS International is composed of individuals, nongovernmental associations, and governmental institutions from many countries as well as international organizations.

**Council for a Community of Democracies**

<http://www.ccd21.org/>

The Council for a Community of Democracies (CCD) is a nongovernmental organization that seeks a community of nations working together to strengthen democracy especially the inter-governmental Community of Democracies across a wide spectrum of cultural and religious traditions and transparency of government processes, sound electoral systems, respect for human rights and the rule of law, active civic education, prevention of official corruption and related core values basic to democratic governance. Its aim is to foster awareness of the importance of democracy both as a central organizing principle of official government foreign policy and as the basis of international alliances of nongovernmental organizations devoted to the strengthening of democracy.

**Democracy Coalition Project**

<http://www.demcoalition.org/>

The Democracy Coalition Project is a nongovernmental organization that conducts research and advocacy relating to democracy promotion policies at the national, regional and global levels. Begun in June 2001 as an initiative of the Open Society Institute, the Democracy Coalition Project relies on an international network of civil society organizations, scholars, foreign policy experts and politicians committed to democracy promotion as an essential element of international peace and human development.

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**Democracy Digest**  
<http://www.demdigest.net/>

Democracy Digest provides news, analysis and information on democracy promotion and related matters. The Digest is produced at the *National Endowment for Democracy* and published by the Transatlantic Democracy Network, which aims to inform and convene democratic and civil society activists committed to promoting democracy. The Network is affiliated with the *World Movement for Democracy*.

**Democracy International**  
<http://www.democracyinternational.us/>

Democracy International, Inc. (DI) designs, evaluates, implements, and provides technical assistance for democracy and governance programs worldwide. DI offers expertise in election processes and election monitoring, political party organizing, local government and decentralization, legislative strengthening, civil society development, strategic communications, and rule of law programming. The firm has extensive experience with assessments, evaluations, project designs, and survey research.

**A Diplomat's Handbook for Democratic Development Support**  
[www.diplomatshandbook.org](http://www.diplomatshandbook.org)

Commissioned by the Community of Democracies and produced by the Council for a Community of Democracies (CCD), this publication (in print and online) is a project led by former Canadian Ambassador Jeremy Kinsman and provides practicing diplomats with a toolbox of resources and case studies to assist civil society with democratic development.

**Forum of Federations (Ottawa, Canada)**  
<http://www.forumfed.org/>

The Forum of Federations is an independent organization that was initiated in Canada and is supported by many countries and governments. The Forum is concerned with the contribution federalism makes and can make to the maintenance and construction of democratic societies and governments. It pursues this goal by: Building international networks and fostering the exchange of experience on federal governance; enhancing mutual learning and understanding among practitioners of federalism; and disseminating knowledge and technical advice of interest to existing federations and of benefit to countries seeking to introduce federal elements into their governance structures and constitutions.

**Front Line**  
<http://www.frontlinedefenders.org/>

Front Line is the International Foundation for the Protection of Human Rights Defenders. It was founded in Dublin in 2001 with the specific aim of protecting human rights defenders at risk, people who work, non-violently, for any or all of the rights enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Front Line aims to address some of the needs identified by defenders themselves, including protection, networking, training and access to international bodies that can take action on their behalf. Front Line seeks to provide rapid and practical support to at-risk human rights defenders, including through a 24 hour emergency response phone line, and to promote the visibility and recognition of human rights defenders as a vulnerable group. Front Line runs a small grants program to provide for the security needs of defenders, and mobilizes campaigning and lobbying on behalf of defenders at immediate risk. In emergency situations Front Line can facilitate temporary relocation.

**Freedom Forum**  
<http://www.freedomforum.org/>

The Freedom Forum is a non-profit, international organization dedicated to ensuring free press, free speech and free spirit for all people.

**The Fund For Peace**

<http://www.fundforpeace.org/>

The Fund for Peace exerts two main efforts to affect decision makers: the promotion of scholarship to define problems and the provision of competent answers, and the use of knowledge and information obtained to participate in debates and inform the public of the facts.

**The Global Network for Good Governance (Yaounde, Cameroon)**

<http://www.gngg.org>

The network is a non-profit, nongovernmental, independent research, information and training organization registered under Cameroon Law. It is dedicated to practical and country-tailored strategies and mechanisms to combat corrupt practices and to foster popular participation and transparency in the management of public affairs and honesty in private business transaction as a prelude to sustainable development.

**Human Rights Watch**

<http://www.hrw.org/>

Human Rights Watch is a nongovernmental organization dedicated to protecting human rights of the people around the world, standing with victims and activists to prevent discrimination, upholding political freedom, protecting people from inhumane conduct in wartime and bringing offenders to justice.

*For issues of human rights, Human Rights Watch has an extensive list of resources organized by issue, in many cases including links to additional organizations, at [www.hrw.org/advocacy/](http://www.hrw.org/advocacy/)*

**Ibn Khaldun Center for Development Studies (Egypt)**

<http://www.eicds.org/>

The Center's Director is Saad Eddine Ibrahim. Named after the great Arab thinker Abdel-Rahman Ibn Khaldun (1332-1406), who was the founder of Arab Social Science. ICDS has distinguished itself through quality research and effective advocacy around issues deemed relevant to Egypt and the Arab world. ICDS pioneered many of these programs, typically beginning with activities in Egypt, and then branching out to other countries of the Arab World. In future, the Center will concentrate its efforts in the following areas: civil society and democratization; sects, ethnic and minority groups; and gender and human development.

**IJTIHAD**

<http://www.ijtihad.org/>

IJTIHAD seeks to promote freedom of thought, rational thinking, and the quest for truth through an epistemology covering science, rationalism, human experience, and critical thinking among Muslims everywhere.

**Institute for Democracy in South Africa (Pretoria, South Africa)**

<http://www.idasa.org.za/>

IDASA is an independent public interest organization committed to promoting sustainable democracy based on active citizenship, democratic institutions, and social justice. Formed in 1987, IDASA maintains international links with many similar organizations through the World Movement for Democracy.

**Institute of Social Sciences (New Delhi)**

<http://www.issin.org/>

Institute of Social Sciences is dedicated to systematic study of social issues and problems that confront India, in trans-disciplinary perspective. Its finding and recommendations are made available to the members of the decision-making organization such as government bodies, trade unions, people's organization and corporate bodies and scientific communities to encourage them to enlarge the options for action. The evolution of an informed and action-oriented public opinion is our primary aim.

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### **International Center for Journalists**

<http://www.icfj.org/>

The International Center for Journalists, a non-profit, professional organization, promotes quality journalism worldwide in the belief that independent, vigorous media are crucial in improving the human condition. Since 1984, the International Center for Journalists has worked directly with more than 40,000 journalists from 176 countries. Aiming to raise the standards of journalism, ICFJ offers hands-on training, workshops, seminars, fellowships and international exchanges to reporters and media managers around the globe.

### **International Centre for Democratic Transition (Budapest, Hungary)**

<http://www.icdt.hu/>

International Centre for Democratic Transition (ICDT), based in Budapest, promotes democracy worldwide by drawing on the experiences of those who have taken the road to democracy and helping apply what they have learned to the needs of those seeking to take this route or who need practical assistance in consolidating democracy in their own countries and societies.

### **International Center on Nonviolent Conflict (Washington DC)**

<http://www.nonviolent-conflict.org/>

The International Center on Nonviolent Conflict is an independent, non-profit, educational foundation that develops and encourages the study and use of civilian-based, nonmilitary strategies to establish and defend human rights, democracy and justice worldwide. Acting as a catalyst to stimulate interest in nonviolent conflict, the Center collaborates with likeminded educational institutions and nongovernmental organizations to educate the global public, influence policies and media coverage, and educate activists.

### **International Institute for Democracy (Seattle, Washington)**

<http://www.civilsoc.org/elctronic/ngo-devl/iid.htm>

Created in 1987 at the Second Strasbourg Conference on Parliamentary Democracy, the IID conducts training programs, holds conferences, and issues publications that contain a variety of resources pertaining to a wide range of democratic areas.

### **International PEN (London, UK)**

<http://www.internationalpen.org.uk/>

International PEN, the worldwide association of writers with 145 Centres in 104 Countries, exists to promote friendship and intellectual co-operation among writers everywhere, to fight for freedom of expression and represent the conscience of world literature.

### **International Steering Committee (nongovernmental) of the Community of Democracies**

<http://www.ccd21.org/>

The ISC is a 21-member committee of civil society leaders from all regions of the world that represents the positions and concerns civil society in the Community of Democracies. The Council for a Community of Democracies (CCD) serves as the secretariat for the ISC.

### **Journal of Democracy**

<http://journalofdemocracy.org/>

Founded in 1990, the Journal of Democracy is an influential quarterly journal which focuses on analyzing democratic regimes and movements around the world. The Journal is a branch of the International Forum for Democratic Studies at the National Endowment for Democracy, and is published by The Johns Hopkins University Press.

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**Kawakibi Democracy Transition Center (Tunis, Tunisia)**

<http://www.kawakibi.org/>

The Kawakibi Democracy Transition Center is a technical nongovernmental regional organization, specialized in transferring knowledge, sharing experiences, and building capacity in the field of democratic transition. The Centre was founded on the principle of partnership between organizations and experts in the Arab region and in the Middle East.

**League of Women Voters**

[www.lwv.org](http://www.lwv.org)

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, has fought since 1920 to improve our systems of government and impact public policies through citizen education and advocacy. The League's enduring vitality and resonance comes from its unique decentralized structure. The League is a grassroots organization, working at the national, state and local levels. The Global Democracy Program is the League's integrated program for activists and nongovernmental organizations worldwide. Working with groups abroad to increase their voice in demanding transparency, accountability, and good government in their societies, Global Democracy assists in expanding community influence in public policy-making processes while building leadership skills through interactive, hands-on training and exchange programs.

**openDemocracy (London)**

<http://www.opendemocracy.net>

openDemocracy is the leading independent website on global current affairs - free to read, free to participate, free to the world...offering stimulating, critical analysis, promoting dialogue and debate on issues of global importance and linking citizens from around the world. It is committed to human rights, democratization, election monitoring and economic and environmental security.

**Pact, Inc.**

<http://www.pactworld.org/>

Pact's mission is to build empowered communities, effective governments and responsible private institutions that give people an opportunity for a better life. We do this by strengthening the capacity of organizations and institutions to be good service providers, represent their stakeholders, network with others for learning and knowledge sharing, and advocate for social, economic and environmental justice. Interdependence, responsible stewardship, inclusion of vulnerable groups, and respect for local ownership and knowledge are core values across all of our programs.

**PARTICIPA (Santiago, Chile)**

<http://www.participa.cl/>

PARTICIPA, based in Santiago, works on domestic and international initiatives that seek to advance the knowledge and exercise of fundamental principles of democracy and human rights, so that citizens can participate in the public sphere in a more informed and organized manner.

**Partners for Democratic Change**

<http://www.partnersglobal.org/index-flash.html>

Partners for Democratic Change (Partners) is an international organization committed to building sustainable local capacity to advance civil society and a culture of change and conflict management worldwide. For over a decade, Partners has developed and strengthened institutions, trained and taught, built consensus, resolved conflict, promoted public policies, and developed curricula, as well as provided other services to representatives from more than 50 countries and provinces throughout the world.

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### **Politeia (Amsterdam, Netherlands)**

<http://www.politeia.net/>

Politeia is a partnership among European NGOs that works to strengthen active European citizenship and democracy participation. Current goals include: creation of a structure that sets civic participation and education higher on the European and national agenda, the strengthening of capacities of partner organizations through the exchange of methods and practices, increasing visibility on the European-NGO scene, and creation of a pool of potential partners for European projects as well as being able to profit from European funds.

### **PASOS (Czech Republic)**

<http://www.pasos.org>

PASOS supports the development and strengthens the outreach and impact of its 28 member policy centers (and six Associate Members). PASOS builds upon the work undertaken by the Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative (LGI) of the Open Society Institute (OSI) since 1999 to upgrade the institutional capacities of the OSI-related policy centers which operated until 2004 within a collaborative and supportive network known as the Related Centres Network (RCN).

### **Reporters sans frontières (Reporters without borders)**

<http://www.rsf.org/>

Reporters sans frontières, based in Paris, was founded in 1985. Reporters Without Borders: defends journalists and media assistants imprisoned or persecuted for doing their job and exposes the mistreatment and torture of them in many countries; fights against censorship and laws that undermine press freedom; gives financial aid each year to 100 or so journalists or media outlets in difficulty (to pay for lawyers, medical care and equipment) as well to the families of imprisoned journalists; and works to improve the safety of journalists, especially those reporting in war zones.

### **Robert Schuman Foundation (Paris)**

<http://www.robert-schuman.org/>

The Robert Schuman Foundation works to promote the construction of Europe both with regard to its ideas and in the field alongside the citizens themselves. The Foundation, which is a centre renowned for its research on the European Union, has provided itself with the task of maintaining the spirit and inspiration of one of the “Founder Fathers” of Europe, namely Robert Schuman and of promoting European values and ideals both within the Union’s frontiers as well as beyond.

### **Robert Schuman Institute for Developing Democracy in Central and Eastern Europe (Budapest)**

<http://www.schuman-institute.eu/>

Based in Budapest, the basic objectives of the Schuman Institute are to promote the idea of a United Europe; support and foster the process of democratic transformation in the CEE/EE/SEE countries on the basis of European Christian Democratic values in the spirit of Robert Schuman; and promote the development of civil societies in the CEE/EE/SEE countries.

### **Search for Common Ground**

<http://www.sfcg.org/>

Founded in 1982, Search for Common Ground works to transform the way the world deals with conflict - away from adversarial approaches and towards collaborative problem solving. They work with local partners to find culturally appropriate means to strengthen societies’ capacity to deal with conflicts constructively: to understand the differences and act on the commonalities. Search for Common Ground is engaged in Angola, Burundi, Cote d’Ivoire, Guinea, Indonesia, Liberia, Macedonia, the Middle East, Morocco, Nepal, Sierra Leone, Ukraine, USA, on US-Iran relations, and in West Africa in general.

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### **Stefan Batory Foundation (Warsaw, Poland)**

<http://www.batory.org.pl/english/index.htm>

The Foundation's mission is to support the development of an open, democratic society in Poland and other Central and East European countries. The key priorities of the foundation are to enhance the role and involvement of civil society, promote civil liberties and the rule of law, and develop international cooperation and solidarity.

### **Street Law**

<http://www.streetlaw.org/>

Street Law is practical, participatory education about law, democracy, and human rights. A unique blend of content and methodology, Street Law uses techniques that promote cooperative learning, critical thinking, and the ability to participate in a democratic society.

### **Students for Global Democracy**

<http://www.sfgd.org/>

SGD is a nonpartisan organization that works to support those, especially students, who are fighting dictatorship worldwide.

### **TEAM (Copenhagen, Denmark)**

<http://www.teameurope.info>

The European Alliance of EU-critical movements (TEAM) is an information network connecting 57 EU critical organizations in 23 countries across Europe. TEAM brings together civil society organizations and political parties from all parts of the spectrum in the fight against the emerging EU State and the ongoing erosion of democracy in Europe.

### **World Movement for Democracy**

<http://www.wmd.org/>

The World Movement for Democracy is a global network of democrats, including activists, practitioners, academics, policy makers, and funders, who have come together to cooperate in the promotion of democracy. The World Movement offers new ways to give practical help to democrats who are struggling to open closed societies, challenge dictatorships, democratize semi-authoritarian systems, consolidate emerging democracies, and strengthen established democracies.

### **World Forum for Democratization in Asia (Taiwan)**

<http://www.wfda.net/>

The World Forum for Democratization in Asia (WFDA) was inaugurated in 2005 to advance the democratic agenda in Asia. WFDA serves to reaffirm and revalidate the core values of Asian democrats and expand the awareness of them among Asian peoples. It does this not primarily through discussion of the merits of democracy, but through a focus on facilitating concrete measures and strategies to assist the democratization process in Asian societies; proposals for action plans to achieve identified goals and targets take precedence.

## **ELECTION ASSISTANCE AND OBSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS**

Leading organizations in this field are:

**International Human Rights Law Group**

**National Endowment for Democracy**

**National Democratic Institute for International Affairs**

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International Republican Institute  
Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe: Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)  
International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA)  
The Carter Center  
IFES (Formerly the International Foundation for Electoral Assistance)  
La Federation Internationale des Droits de l'Homme  
International Commission of Jurists  
Inter-Parliamentary Union  
Center for Democracy

In addition, two cooperative partnerships provide information and support for the conduct of elections. These are:

**The ACE Project: [www.aceproject.org](http://www.aceproject.org).**

The ACE *Electoral Knowledge Network* provides comprehensive and authoritative information on elections, promotes networking among election-related professionals and offers capacity development services. ACE is a joint endeavor of eight partner organizations, including Elections Canada, EISA, Instituto Federal Electoral - Mexico, IFES, International IDEA, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) and United Nations Electoral Assistance Division. All are long-term supporters of the Administration and Cost of Elections Project and leaders in the provision of targeted technical assistance in elections management.

**BRIDGE Project (Melbourne) [www.bridge-project.org](http://www.bridge-project.org)**

The past 15 years has seen a rapid increase in the number of democratic states. As a result, the number of elections worldwide has increased dramatically. Capable and professional election administrators are essential for organizing elections, and without the right skills in place election processes can be undermined. The Bridge Project maintains that to achieve effective, sustainable electoral administration professional election administrative staffs must be developed.