

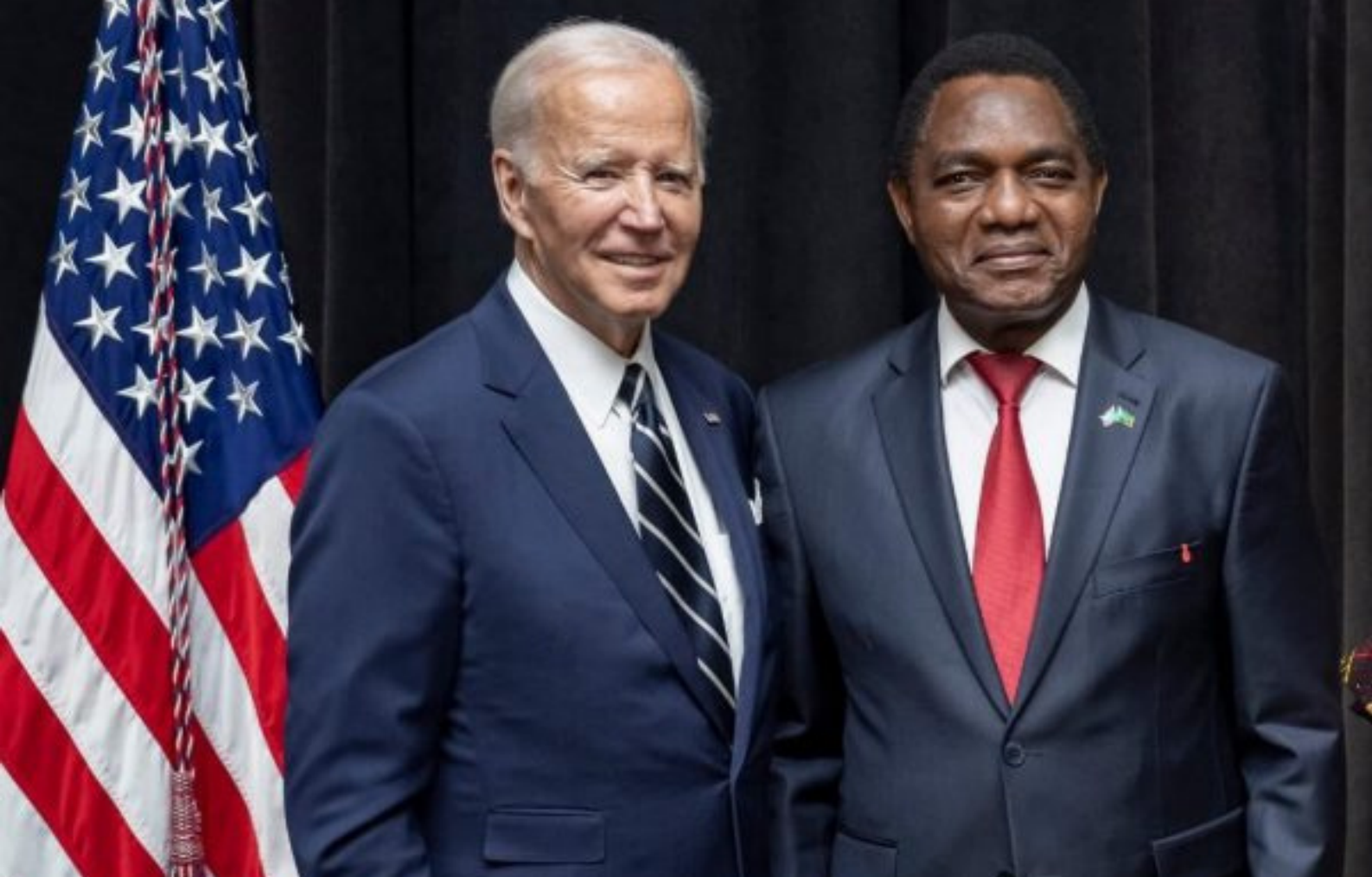
Pre-S4D2 Africa Citizens Summit in Defence of Democracy

Partners for Democracy Day

Event Information Booklet

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INTRODUCTION

On March 29 and 30, the Government of the Republic of Zambia will co-host the Second Summit for Democracy with the governments of the United States of America, Costa Rica, the Netherlands, and South Korea. This government-led convening is a global follow-up to the first Summit for Democracy hosted by the US Government in 2021 as part of the USA's renewed commitment to democracy at home and confronting autocracies abroad.

It also follows a Year of Action (YoA) based on over 750 commitments from participating countries. The second S4D summit is an opportunity for the states and other democracy partners to take stock of the journey so far and assess how to further the intentions of the summit. The Zambia lag of the convening on Day 2 of the summit will focus on "free, fair, and transparent elections" as the central theme.

Civil Society organizations globally have continued to accompany the process through participation in different cohorts and working groups. Some of this work can be seen through the Global Democracy Coalition work led by International IDEA, and the Accountability Lab administered **Summit4Democracy.org** website and newsletter.

Following several consultations in February 2023, civil society organizations, coordinated by the African chapters of members of the Global Democracy Coalition and other actors, are staging the pre- S4D2 Citizens Summit in Defense of Democracy & Freedom as a precursor to the Summit for Democracy 2.



This event is part of the global Partners for Democracy Day and gathers cooperation and support from civil society organizations with interest in S4D2 through historical participation, leadership, and participation in S4D cohorts and working groups, and organizations interested in pushing forward the democratization and governance question in Africa, with a particular accent on elections.

The pre-S4D2 Citizens Summit in defense of Democracy is an opportunity for civil society to:

- shape and share their aspirations around the nature and form of democratization,
- discuss how to make democracy deliver socio-economically, and
- push back on resurgent authoritarianism on the content.

In this respect, the Citizens Summit in defense of Democracy & Freedom is also an opportunity for non-state actors who may or may not be part of the formal S4D2 proceedings to add their voices and influence state parties around S4D commitments, especially on elections, based on context. The summit presents a unique catalytic moment for enhancing Civil Society in Africa's network density and ability to create sustainable partnerships and learning coalitions that outlast the summit.





High-Level Overview on the State of Democracy & freedom in Africa

International IDEA's 2022 Global State of Democracy Report 2022 reveals that many African countries are drifting towards hybrid and authoritarian regimes. Freedom House's 2022 Freedom in the World report designates only eight African countries as Free. Civic space across the continent is shrinking, with Civicus categorizing most states as falling into the repressed or obstructed categories.

The need for democratic renewal and authoritarian pushback is urgent in Africa. It requires multistakeholder efforts that bring the conversation and the fight to levels where citizens can access and participate. While there were over 120 events and extensive civil society engagement online during the 2021 Summit, civil society, and citizens, in general, needed more opportunities to engage in or link to the formal summit process. Through the Global Democracy Coalition, efforts continue apace to bring country-level civil society/community voices into decision-making processes.

The devolved nature of the second summit for democracy offers some possibilities for increasing citizen engagement with the summit and devolving civil society participation in the cohorts from being exclusively international. The proposed Partners for Democracy Day, an independent initiative to bring together a global multistakeholder coalition for democracy through dialogues and events held worldwide during 24 hours on 27 March and 28 March 2023, presents a channel for the preceding. The theme focusing on elections is more than apt. It offers an opportunity for cross-sectoral reflections on electoral processes on the continent, bearing in mind that at least 24 African countries, including some S4D Countries, will hold elections in 2023.

Objectives & Outcomes

The objectives of the pre-S4D2 Civil Society Citizens Summit are:

- To facilitate the contextualization and localization of S4D2 conversations by providing a platform for African civil society actors to connect, jointly reflect on the YoA, various elements of elections in Africa, and input into S4D2 commitments from civil society and citizens' perspectives.
- To provide a platform for civil society, international organizations, academic institutions, think tanks, philanthropic organizations, and the private sector to make their voices heard in the Summit discussions and in the global democracy debate.
- To coordinate civil society's construction of a coordinated program of action around S4D2 commitments and build sustainable learning coalitions and connections to improve the African continent's prospects of democratization.
- To use the S4D2's focus on elections as an opportunity to highlight some of the challenges around the region's democratization through an information campaign that spotlights issues and countries to watch.

The pre-S4D Citizens Summit in Defense of Democracy & Freedom should assist with achieving the following outputs:

1. Effective local, national, and international CSO participation in the S4D2 process.
2. Detailed resolutions from participating organizations on the various elements of democratization and elections discussed at the forum.
3. A substantive communique from CSOs submitted to the official S4D2 process and shared through standing information and communication tools like the GDC website, the www.summit4democracy.org website, and other outlets.
4. Inclusion of local and pan-African organizations into the S4D working groups and cohorts.

The following outcomes are expected:

1. Shared consciousness on the challenges and possible solutions around democratic elections across the continent and organizations.
2. Commitment to building sustainable campaigns, learning, and sharing communities amongst African CSOs and international organizations interested in the continent's elections and democratization.
3. Established commitment to monitoring government commitments from S4D2 and popularizing and localizing the process to include citizen's voices.

SOCIAL MEDIA HASHTAGS

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#DemocraciesRising	#S4D	#P4D	



SUMMIT PROGRAM

Day 1 Time	Topic	Presenters
0800-0900	Registration & welcome teas	Organisers
Session 1: Opening Session: Introduction, welcome remarks • Session Chair: Dr. McDonald Lewanika, Regional Director, Accountability Lab		
0900-0915	Introduction to the Citizens Summit	GDC/Hosts Dr. McDonald Lewanika - Accountability Lab
0915-0940	Welcome remarks - S4D2 Zambia	Speakers 1. Vice President of Zambia/Government Official (TBC) 2. Jacek Jankowski, Head of EU Delegation, Lusaka
Session 2: Setting the tone Moderator: Dr. Roba D. Sharamo, Regional Director, Africa and West Asia, International IDEA		
0940 - 1030	The Democracy renewal challenges in Africa: Where are we since S4D1, where we to go, and how?	Main Speaker: Professor Olukoshi Adebayo Discussants: 1. Tiseke Kasambala, Africa Director, Freedom House 2. Dr. Sarah Bireete, Chairperson, Easter and Horn of Africa Election Observers Network 3. Mr. Arnold Tsunga, Chairpreson, Southern Defenders 4. Mr. George Kegoro, Policy Director, OSF Africa
1030-1100	Plenary Session	International IDEA
1100 - 1130	Tea break	
Session 3: Youth Inclusion and Participation in Democratic Processes Moderator: Samson Itodo - Executive Director, YIAGA Africa		
1130-1230	Youth Inclusion: Beyond tokenism, towards meaningful inclusion and participation in democratization and electoral processes of youth	Lead Organisation: European Partnership for Democracy (Youth Democracy Cohort) Proposed Speakers: 1. Andrew Songa, EPD 2. Marwa Galaleldin, Compass Creative Productions 3. Merveille Gozo, Elykia Institute 4. Doudou Sankhare, Ministry of Youth of Senegal

Day 1 Time	Topic	Presenters
1230-1300	Plenary Session	
Lunch Break		
Session 4		
3 Specialized Mini summits: 1) Money in Politics, 2) Civic Space, and 3) Media, Freedoms, and Technology in Elections		
1400-1730	<p>Session 4.1: Money in Politics: Financing political parties and election campaigns for democratic renewal in Africa</p>	<p>Lead Organisation: African Election Observers Network (AfEONet/ACFIM). Moderator: Mulle Musau, ELOG Kenya Speakers & Participating organisations</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Henry Muguzi, Executive Director, ACFIM – Uganda Dr. Kojo Asante, Executive Director, CDD - Ghana Mr. Baidessou Soukolgue, EISA Ellen Dingani, Programme Director, ZESN – Zimbabwe Tanja Hollstein, Head of Practice – Elections, WFD Peter Mwanangombe, CCMG, Zambia
	<p>Session 4.2: Media freedom, freedom of expression and the technology in elections</p>	<p>Lead Organisation: Media Institute of Southern Africa Speakers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Tabani Moyo Jessica Uiras – Namibia Media Trust Richard Mulonga – Bloggers of Zambia Nalenhle Moyo – Magamba Africa Boyd Chibale, BBC Media Action Accountability Lab <p>#HACKCORRUPTION Hackathon Winners</p>
	<p>Session 4.3: The state of Civic space, its impact on peaceful and democratic elections and transitions in Africa.</p>	<p>Lead Organisation: Southern Africa HR Defenders Network Participating Organizations/Key Speakers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Arnold Tsunga - Southern Defenders Arthur Muyunda- SACCORD Bhekumusa Moyo - We Effect Southern Africa Linda Kasonde - Chapter One Foundation Mary Pais -Human Rights Activist

		6. Gift Trapence - Centre for the Development of People 7. Samukeliso Khumalo- Women’s Institute for Leadership Development Trust
Day 2 Time	Topic	Presenters
Session 5: Spotlight on Nigeria: Some Reflections and Insights from Africa's Largest Election: The 2023 Nigeria Elections Session Chair: Tiseke Kasambala		
Lunch Break		
0900-1000	1. The Good, the bad, and the ugly – Implications for Democratic Renewal in Africa. 2. Key Electoral Accountability Issues 3. Insights into inclusion and exclusion	Speakers 1. Odeh Friday -Country Director Accountability Lab Nigeria 2. Samson Itodo - YIAGA Africa Respondent 3. Dr. Kojo Asante, Executive Director, CDD - Ghana
	Plenary Session	
1000-1030	Health Break	
Session 6: Summit Resolutions, Breakaway Session Report Backs and Consolidation Session Chair: Mr. Maurice Nyambe - Transparency International Zambia		
1030-1130	Mini-Summit Report Back	1. Youth Democracy cohort 2. African Election Observers Network 3. MISA 4. Southern Defenders
1200-1230	Communique Read-out and Resolutions	1. Youth Democracy cohort 2. African Election Observers Network 3. MISA 4. Southern Defenders
Closing Reflections Moderator: Professor Adriano Nuvunga - CDD Mozambique		

1230-1300		<i>USG Official (TBC)</i> <i>Karine Kakasi, Coordinator for Democracy & Elections - Africa</i> <i>William Carew, ECOSOCC Secretariat</i>
1300-1400	Lunching & Networking	

Detailed Breakaway Session details.

Breakaway Session 4.1: Money in Politics: Financing political parties and election campaigns for democratic renewal in Africa.

Introduction

The subject of money in politics has over the past five years gained attention in the political discourse in many African countries. It is also one of the sub-themes for the second Summit for Democracy official convening here in Lusaka.

Money is a necessary and growing component in modern competitive elections. However, the absence of effective legal and institutional mechanisms to regulate it in many African countries has created an 'arms race' of campaign spending resulting in an astronomical rise in the cost of running for elections.

Consequently, political parties and candidates find themselves forking out huge amounts of money to canvass for votes.

As such, contesting elective positions has increasingly become a preserve of the super-rich who have the capacity to amass a sizeable war chest for campaign financing. Too much money flows into Africa's elective politics and its source remains undeclared, and unknown.

Women and youth are excluded from contesting in the elections because they cannot access campaign finance. When politics is highly monetized and commercialised, electoral results cease to reflect the free expression of the will of the electors and become an expression of the power of money. In a nutshell, African governments and civil society must address the lack of transparency and accountability in financing political parties, election campaigns and other democratic processes to achieve democratic elections and participatory democracy.

<p>Moderator: Mr. Mulle Musau, Executive Director, Election Observation Group (ELOG-Kenya).</p>	<p><u>14:30-15:30</u></p>
<p>Presentation 1: Commercialization and monetization of politics in Africa. How money controls voter consent in Africa.</p>	<p><i>Henry Muguzi, ACFIM</i></p>
<p><i>Key Discussion Questions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What form does commercialisation and monetization of elections take?</i> • <i>What explains the inability of voters to take the money but vote the political party or candidate of their choice?</i> • <i>What is 'dirty money'? And how does it find its way into financing Uganda's 2021 general elections?</i> • <i>How does money control voter consent in Africa?</i> • <i>What do you propose as solutions to this challenge?</i> 	
<p>Presentation 2: Cost of politics in many African countries is soaring. What explains this trend?</p>	<p><i>Ms Tanja Hollstein, WFD</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>More women and youth on the ballot papers in coming elections?</i> 	
<p><i>Key Discussion Questions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Westminster Foundation for Democracy has conducted studies on the cost of politics in many African countries. What was the motivation for these studies? What are some of the key findings that are common in African countries?</i> • <i>What did you find as the major reason for why funding election campaigns in Africa is costly?</i> • <i>How does the cost of politics impact on democracy in Africa?</i> • <i>What do you propose as solutions to curbing the rising cost of elective politics to level the electoral playing field and get</i> 	

<p>Presentation 3: Compliance with political finance regulations in Africa</p>	<p><i>Dr. Kojo Asante, Executive Director CDD-Ghana</i></p>
<p><i>Key Discussion Questions</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What are the main issues and challenges regarding financing political parties in Africa?</i> • <i>Some countries have enacted “progressive” political finance laws, the issue is enforcement. Take Nigeria for example, the new Electoral Act has comprehensive political finance provisions, that were not enforced in the recent election. What explains this?</i> • <i>Lack of transparency in political finance is an issue of concern. What do you propose as feasible solutions for this?</i> • <i>What do you propose as the solution to the challenges?</i> 	
<p>Q&A Session led by interventions, reflections, and questions by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mr. Baidessou Soukolgue, EISA 2. Ellen Dingani, Programme Director, ZESN – Zimbabwe 3. Peter Mwanangombe, CCMG, Zambia 	<p><u>1530-1630</u></p>
<p><i>Developing Recommendations and Agreeing on an Action Agenda on what civil society is going to do collectively post- S4D2</i></p>	<p><u>1630-1730</u></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">End</p>	

Breakaway Session 4.2: Media freedom, freedom of expression and the technology in elections

Main Discussions	Time	Speaker
Session chair : Magamba Africa Network		
<p>Catalyst presentation: Challenges around shrinking civic space, media in elections and receding media freedoms & how the media fraternity is responding: Some lessons from Southern Africa.</p>	<p>1400-1430</p>	<p><i>Tabani Moyo, Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA)</i></p>
<p>Catalyst presentation: Journalists' harassment before, during and after elections, and associated impunity: How the media has been and can push back, particularly during elections</p>	<p>1430-1500</p>	<p><i>Jessica Uiras, Namibia Media Trust</i></p>
<p>Tea</p>	<p>1500-1515</p>	
Session chair : MISA ZAMBIA		
<p>Internet shutdowns & the role of the internet and social media in promoting civic participation and engagement during elections + The impact of technology on the civic space and digital repression: some insights from the past for future elections.</p>	<p>1515 -1545</p>	<p><i>Richard Mulonga</i></p>

<p>AI, Surveillance & tech in Elections: Thoughts on strengthening electoral integrity in the digital age.</p>	<p>1515-1545</p>	<p>Accountability Lab #HACKCORRUPTION Hackathon Winning team 2022 (Zambia)</p>
<p>Presentation Topic: Genuine inclusion: Enhancing the participation of female journalists in reporting on electoral issues online and offline & capturing authentic citizen voices in reportage during elections.</p>	<p>1545-1620</p>	<p><i>Women in News, Boyd Chibale, BBC Media Action & Kibo Ngowi</i></p>
<p>Session Chair: PANOS</p>		
<p>Country Digest: Emerging issues on media freedoms and free expression on and off-line ahead of major elections in 2023 and 2024 in Africa</p>	<p>1630-1700</p>	<p><i>All</i></p>
<p>Space of Solidarity resolutions & Communique development on S4D & 2023 and 2024 elections in Africa</p>	<p>1700-1730</p>	<p><i>All</i></p>

Breakaway Session 4.3: The state of Civic space, its impact on peaceful and democratic elections and transitions in Africa.

Overall objective	<i>To improve the role of HRDs in safeguarding the civic space, both on and offline and holding authorities to account throughout the entire electoral cycle processes in Africa</i>
Key components to be covered during the workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>Reflections on the current state of Civic Space, on and offline in Africa and how to expand and protect this space in the context of electoral cycle processes.</i>• <i>Unpacking the role of HRDs as election observers</i>• <i>Raising costs for civic space and human rights violations during electoral cycle processes</i>

Facilitator : Dr Musa Kika

Monday, 27 March 2023

1400-1405 Welcoming Remarks

1405-1430 Arnold Tsunga (SouthernDefenders) (20 mins)

- Reflections on the state of civic space in Africa
- The role of HRDs as election observers against the backdrop of elections in Southern Africa
- Impact of elections against the increasing pattern of authoritarianism in Africa
- Recommendations

1430-1435 Q & A

1435 -1455 Linda Kasonde (Chapter One Foundation) (20 mins)

- Reflections on the impact of the Zambian elections on the civic space in Zambia. Where we were vs where we are now
- Reflections on whether there has been an expansion in the civic space in Zambia, if yes why. If not why.
- Recommendations

1455–1500 Q & A

1500–1520 Mary Pais (Swazi Human Rights Activist) (20mins)

- Reflections on the current state of the civic space in Swaziland and challenges arising therefrom
- Violence against HRDs and its impact on the civic space
- Recommendations

1520–1525 Q & A

1525–1540 Break

1540 -1600 Gift Trapence (Centre for the Development of People) (20mins)

- Reflections on the impact of the Malawian elections on the civic space in Malawi. Where we were vs where we are now
- Reflections on whether there has been an expansion in the civic space in Malawi, if yes why. If not why.
- Challenges currently being faced by HRDs
- Recommendations

1600–1605 Q & A

1605–1625 Samukeliso Khumalo (Women’s Institute for Leadership Development Trust)
(20mins)

- Reflections on the impact of the incoming elections on the civic space in Zimbabwe.
- Current and imminent challenges
- Effect of PVO Bill and other state influenced regulations on HRDs
- Recommendations

1625 – 1630 Q & A

1630–1650 Bhekumusa Moyo (We Effect Southern Africa) (20mins)

- Reflections on the role of the youth as HRDs ahead of the elections in Southern Africa
- The role of art and culture as a tool of activism at every stage of the electoral cycle
- Current challenges being faced by HRDs and recommendations on how to expand and protect this space
- Recommendations

1650–1655 Q & A

1655–17:15 Arthur Muyunda (SACCORD) (20 mins)

- Rethinking the role of HRDs with regard to elections at every stage of the electoral cycle
- Reflections on the current capacity of human rights defenders to protect themselves
- The need for solidarity and networks to increase local agency and resilience of HRDs to do more work and stand in solidarity
- Recommendations

About the Global Democracy Coalition

The Global Democracy Coalition was formed in October of 2021, convened by International IDEA and other democracy and democracy assistance organizations from around the world. The goal was to create an informal group of organizations committed to the advancement of democracy, working together to engage constructively with the Summit for Democracy, hosted by United States government, in December 2021. It is a multi-stakeholder alliance of more than 90 democracy organizations from around the world committed to advance and protect democracy worldwide and to influence the Summits for Democracy and the Year of Action.

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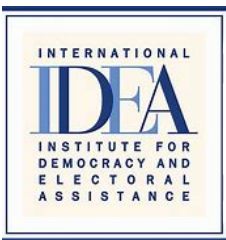
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