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Pledges to Incentivize Action

A robust civil society, adept at holding governments accountable, is essential for sustaining democracy. As an enabler of civic education, participatory approaches and advocacy initiatives, civil society also provides a breeding ground for democratic culture and practices. Leveraging the role of civil society is fundamental to creating resilient and prosperous democracies, with its diverse array of perspectives constituting a significant asset for shaping the global democracy agenda.

In this spirit, partners of the Global Democracy Coalition – a multi-stakeholder network of democracy organizations – have pledged to advance, strengthen, and safeguard democracy worldwide in anticipation of the second and third Summits for Democracy in 2023 and 2024. The pledge initiative enables a wide range of actors to demonstrate their commitment to democracy and engage in global debates, highlighting the priorities of civil society, think tanks, academia and intergovernmental organizations in their support for democracy. The GDC Pledges further showcase the crucial role of democracy organizations in supporting democratic development and collective action. The pledge initiative reinforces the efforts of the Coalition to cultivate responsible, sustainable, and inclusive democracies, and demonstrates the unwavering commitment of democracy organizations worldwide.

Moreover, the Global Democracy Coalition anticipated that partner pledges would complement the commitments made by countries during the first Summit for Democracy. While the weakened emphasis on country commitments in subsequent summits fell short of the hopes of civil society and other democracy-focused organizations, the Coalition recognized an opportunity to lead by example and encourage stakeholders to take proactive steps in advancing democracy. By advocating for pledges from various sectors, the Coalition aimed to not only supplement existing national commitments but also set a precedent for collaborative, multi-stakeholder approaches to democratic advancement. This approach underscores the Coalition's belief in the collective strength of diverse actors working together to promote democratic values and practices worldwide.

In this report, the first section presents key descriptive metrics of the GDC's 2023 pledges, along with an analysis of their implementation over the past year. The second section delves into the 2024 pledges, offering a descriptive overview followed by a detailed description of partner contributions.

GDC Pledges 2023

Descriptive Overview

In the weeks leading up to the second Summit for Democracy in 2023, 38 GDC partners submitted a total of 74 pledges. More than 50% of the partners made more than one pledge.

As seen in Figure 1, the pledges covered a variety of themes. However, three themes were more common: Human Rights (35 pledges), Civil and Political Rights (31 pledges) and Good Governance (27 pledges). Additionally, Technology for Democracy (17 pledges), Counteracting Mis- and Disinformation (17 pledges) and Anti-corruption (16 pledges) were recurring thematic areas.

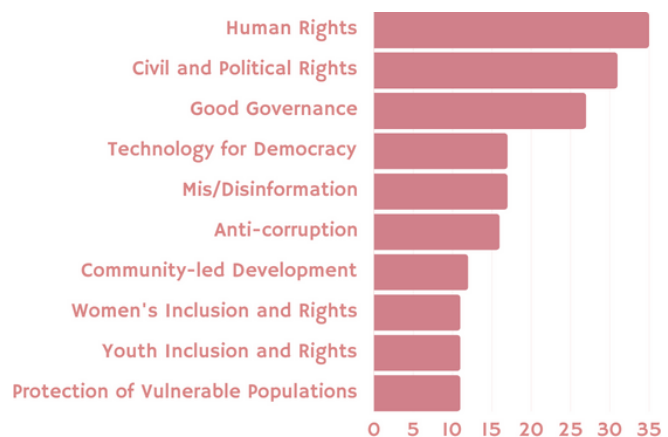


Figure 1: Ranking of the ten most prevalent themes based on GDC pledge submissions in 2023

Source: Global Democracy Coalition, 2024

Moreover, the envisioned outputs varied significantly between submissions, with 17 different outputs recorded. As seen in Figure 2, some types of outputs were more common, for example, high-level outputs (11 pledges), convenings (10 pledges), publications (10 pledges), and project outputs (10 pledges). Regarding the "other" category, this comprised eight unique sub-categories – such as trainings, awards, funding mechanisms, and legal petitions – each with a very limited number of pledges.

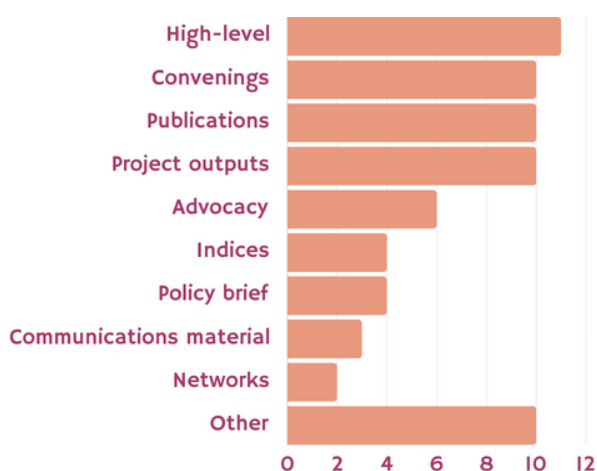


Figure 2: Ranking of the most common outputs based on the number of GDC pledges in 2023

Source: Global Democracy Coalition, 2024

Concerning the scope of the pledges, 56% constituted ongoing activities in support of a high-level outcome, while 28% were project-based and 16% deliverable-based. Lastly, the completion date of pledges varied slightly, with the vast majority having designated due dates in 2023 (45%) or 2024 (39%). The remaining pledges had completion dates in 2025 and beyond (16%).

Progress Evaluation

As the one-year mark of the first round of GDC pledges was approaching, partners were asked to report on their progress in implementing the commitments. The pledges that were due at the time of the review, were evaluated more in detail to investigate the extent to which the goals had been met. More specifically, 54 pledges with completion dates before mid-March 2024, were reviewed in this group. Out of these, 47 pledges received progress updates.*

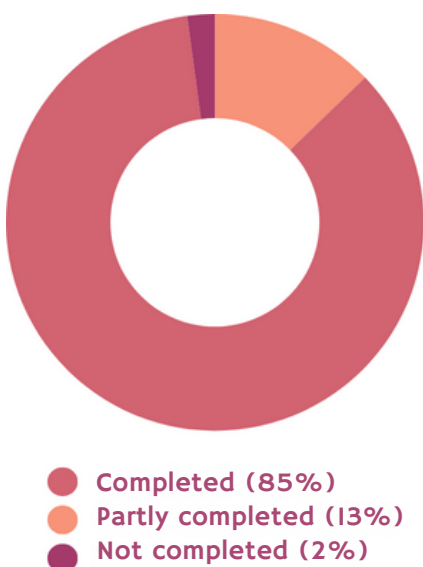


Figure 3: Completion rate of GDC pledges with due dates before mid-March 2024

Source: Global Democracy Coalition, 2024

The completion rate of reported GDC pledges demonstrated great follow-through by partners, with 85% completed, 13% partly completed and only 2% not completed, as illustrated in Figure 3. Annex 1 provides an overview of the (public) progress updates.

20 pledges had a completion date later in 2024 or beyond. Partners who made such pledges also had the chance to submit progress updates. 16 of the pledges received progress reports as well as a confirmation of continuous commitment. 14 of the ongoing pledges reported significant progress in the first year, and two pledges are still in the process of initiating implementation.**

Figure 4 displays the distribution of due dates for the ongoing pledges. As illustrated, the majority spanned a period of up to two years at the point of submission, while others were set to continue until 2029.

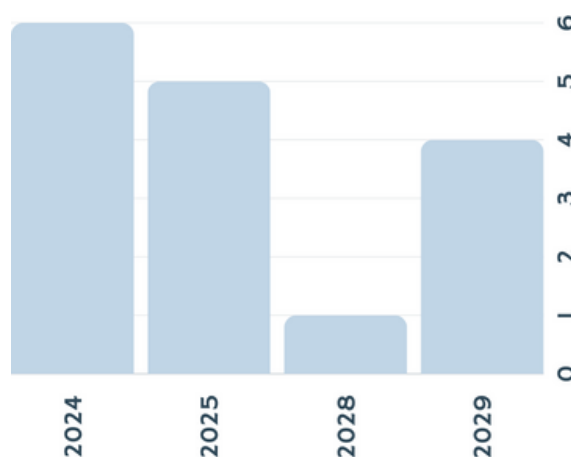


Figure 4: Distribution of completion year for ongoing GDC pledges based on the number of submissions

Source: Global Democracy Coalition, 2024

* The seven pledges not included in this overview due to missing updates, add some uncertainty to the results. While there were no indications that these partners chose not to provide updates due to the inability to complete their pledges, the missing data remains a source of error.

** Four ongoing pledges were left unaddressed. Whether progress has been made on these commitments during the last year and if they will be continuously implemented thus remains unknown.

GDC Pledges 2024

Descriptive Overview

Approximately one month ahead of the third Summit for Democracy, held in March 2024, the GDC pledge initiative was relaunched, and the Global Democracy Coalition encouraged its partners to make contributions. In this round, partners could renew commitments to pledges made in 2023 as well as submit completely new pledges. A total of 108 pledges were submitted, representing an increase of 34 pledges compared to the first year. In addition, 16 pledges were confirmed as ongoing from 2023, which contributed to a total number of 124 active pledges in 2024, made by 61 GDC partners from all over the world. The most salient themes among the 108 new pledges were Human Rights (74 pledges) and Good Governance (69 pledges), two themes which were among the top three last year. As seen in Figure 5, these were followed by Civil and Political Rights (51 pledges) and Youth Inclusion and Rights (47 pledges), which became more prevalent this year, aligning with the youth focus of the third Summit for Democracy.

A total of 124 active pledges were made in 2024, by 61 GDC partners from all over the world



Figure 5: Ranking of the ten most prevalent themes based on GDC pledge submissions in 2024

Source: Global Democracy Coalition, 2024

Regarding pledge duration, short to medium-term goals were the most common. 63 pledges (58%) had a designated due date later in 2024, 39 pledges (36%) in 2025, five pledges in 2026 and one pledge in 2027.

Advocacy activities (38 pledges), convenings (37 pledges) and project outputs (35 pledges) were most common, as seen in Figure 6. Advocacy pledges grew from 8% to 35% of pledges from 2023 to 2024, while convenings increased their share of total pledges from 14% to 34% in 2024.

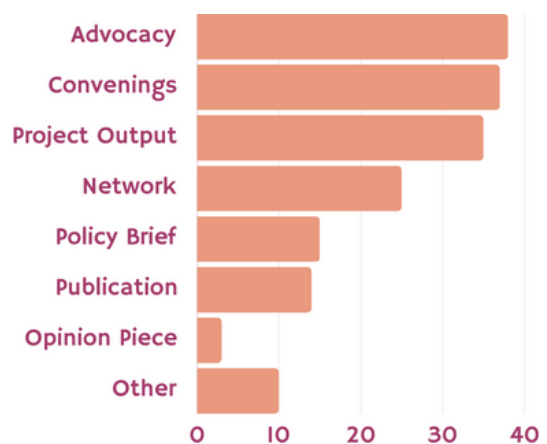


Figure 6: Outputs of GDC pledge submissions in 2024

Source: Global Democracy Coalition, 2024

Compilation of Pledges

This overview lists 124 active pledges from 61 GDC partners, presented in alphabetical order according to organization name. The list begins with the confirmed ongoing pledges from 2023, followed by the 2024 submissions.

Ongoing Pledges

Association for Democratic Reforms commits to:



1.Improve governance and strengthen democracy by continuous work in the area of Electoral and Political Reforms;

2.Improve governance and strengthen democracy by empowerment of the electorate through greater dissemination of information related to the candidates and elected members in the upcoming elections in India;

3.Improve governance and strengthen democracy by working towards greater accountability of political parties' funding by assessing their declared statements;

4.Improve governance and strengthen democracy by striving for electoral and political reforms through legal advocacy.



International Republican Institute pledges that:

1.IRI will promote open, secure and inclusive digital democracies by supporting three in-person convenings to foster regional discussions on advancing technology for democracy.

2.IRI will promote open, secure and inclusive digital democracies by funding at least three innovators to scale or sustain their digital democracy innovations.

REDLAD pledges that:



1.Redlad will strengthen 250 Civil Society Organizations and will mobilize a network of more than 700 CSOs through dialogue, training and exchange processes to facilitate their advocacy in scenarios of the Civil Space and fight against corruption. Redlad will lead these processes from an intersectional, interdialogical approach and joint work with population groups of special protection.

2.As Citizen Forum Of Americas, we are committed to linking and maintaining on our dialogue and exchange platform more than 250 organizations from Latin American and the Caribbean. Interested in following up on the agreements signed by governments on issues of interest to us and of vital importance for society, we also commit ourselves to generate agendas and reports with concrete proposals for the improvement of these issues and the promotion of "Buen Vivir" in our territories.

3.The Population Groups of the Citizen Forum of Americas are committed to articulate more than 100 CSO's through dialogue and the consolidation of joint agendas to facilitate their advocacy in the core issues for indigenous groups, LGBTQ+ population, afro - descendant population and faith-based groups, among other historically excluded, regarding the defense of the democracy, the respect for human rights and the guarantee of human dignity. The population groups are committed to an intersectional approach in the outreach and articulation with other actors in civil society, the private sector and the public sector.



Students for Global Democracy Uganda pledges to:

Raise a new generation of over 4,000 young leaders by the end of 2025, principally among the student community who will respect the values and principles of democracy and be at the forefront of its promotion and protection.

Westminster Foundation for Democracy commits to:



Working to strengthen democracy through implementing impactful programmes and policy support; investing in policy-relevant research; and strengthening public commitment to, as well as mobilising resources for, supporting democracy around the world.

IREX pledges that:



1. Cross cutting: IREX is committed to empowering youth in at least 20 countries to become more resilient to disinformation, through integrating information and media literacy into school and university instruction, enriching existing and creating new courses; by adding high quality extracurricular options; and through a combination of online and blended learning courses. We also commit to reaching over 15,000,000 individuals with digital content designed to improve critical information engagement behaviors by 2028.

2. Cross cutting: IREX is committed to enhancing local actors' capacity to better understand and measure how information is produced, spread, consumed through leveraging and localizing IREX's Vibrant Information Barometer (VIBE), an annual study currently conducted in 25 countries. VIBE measures the capacity of information systems to support individuals, civil societies, governments, and democratic norms. By better understanding the challenges and opportunities around information flow in each country, donors, policy-makers, implementers and partner countries can help contribute to resilient and sustainable information systems, as well as ensure that people have the skills and tools they need to keep up with these rapidly changing information systems.

3. WG1: IREX is committed to supporting independent journalists in environments where they experience censure and oppression by increasing their physical safety, digital security, and psychosocial well-being. This will enable them to work resiliently and continue producing quality information.

4. WG2: IREX is committed to expanding its Vibrant Information Approach (VIA) to a further 30 countries by 2028, a systems approach that builds a vibrant, resilient information and media system that can weather political, regulatory, and social threats, and that empowers people to seek out and use high-quality information to take positive transformative action. IREX will continue to employ VIA to improve human capability to advance freedom of expression by increasing opportunities and improving the abilities of all forms of media, as well as non-media institutions and individuals to create, protect, or maintain vibrant information.

5. WG3: IREX is committed to advancing media sustainability through advanced analytics, equipping 50% of new media partners with the tools to facilitate data-driven decision-making in at least 25 countries by 2028.

New Pledges

Afrobarometer pledges to:

Contribute to strengthening democracy on the African continent through the provision of evidence-based data to influence policymaking.



Alliance for Finance Monitoring pledges to:

Create a Political Finance in Africa Index.

Alliance for Vietnam's Democracy pledges to:

Provide VPN access and training to 1000 independent journalists in Vietnam.



Alliance
of Democracies

Alliance of Democracies Foundation commits to:

Galvanizing democracies to unite and stand up against authoritarian economic coercion through our work on an Economic Article 5. Our proposal is inspired by NATO's Article 5, which states that a military attack on one ally is considered an attack on all. The aim is to produce the same deterrence and solidarity in the economic realm among democracies that NATO produces in the security realm.

Alma Cívica commits to:

1. Promoting civic participation: We commit to increasing participation in our civic education and leadership programs by 20% over the next year, measured by the number of registrations and attendance at training events.

Additionally, we will organize at least five civic education workshops, reaching a diverse audience and fostering active engagement in democratic processes.



2.Strengthening transparency and accountability: We will implement a monitoring and evaluation system for our internal operations and programs, aiming for a 95% compliance rate in quarterly accountability reporting. Furthermore, we will conduct regular public forums to provide transparency on our organizational decisions and financial management, ensuring stakeholders are informed and engaged.

3.Combatting misinformation: Collaborating with at least three media organizations, we will launch awareness campaigns highlighting the importance of fact-checking and credible sourcing, aiming to reach an audience of at least 15,000 individuals in our communities. Additionally, we will host workshops on media literacy and critical thinking skills to empower individuals to discern reliable information.

4.Fostering intergenerational dialogue: Organizing a series of at least five intergenerational dialogue events with an average participation of 40 individuals per event, we aim to enhance mutual understanding and collaboration across generations. Through these forums, participants will exchange perspectives and experiences, promoting unity and cooperation in our communities.

5.Supporting the development of inclusive policies: Collaborating with at least five local governments, we will work to develop and implement policies that promote inclusivity and diversity, as evidenced by the establishment of inclusion indicators and a 15% improvement in the representation and participation of marginalized groups in local decision-making processes. Additionally, we will conduct capacity-building workshops on civic education and democracy, equipping community members with the knowledge and skills to actively engage in democratic processes and advocate for their rights.

6.Empowering youth: Expanding our Education & Youth Leadership program, we aim to reach 30% more young people in underserved areas, measured by increased participation and project diversity. Moreover, we will establish youth advisory boards to ensure their voices are heard in decision-making processes, fostering a sense of ownership and empowerment.

American Russian-speaking Association for Civil & Human Rights

commits to:

1. Hold several public online roundtables per year with prominent pro-democracy members of the Ukrainian and Russian diasporas, to maintain and develop our continuous antiwar dialogue among them, based on our solidarity with the people of Ukraine fighting to defend their democracy and territorial integrity against barbaric aggression by a dictatorship;

2. Continue to counter antidemocratic mis- and disinformation in Russian-language social media via our Telegram channel and Facebook pages, with several posts per week, including translations of English-only documents and statements of the UN leadership, US and other democratic governments, and leading democracy and human rights NGOs;

3. Maintain and deepen our participation in the dialogue with U.S. Government agencies on democracy and human rights-related issues pertaining to Russia and the Russian-speaking diaspora, whenever such opportunity arises, including and especially to help advance the Administration's commitment to support underserved communities and to expand diversity, equity, and inclusion in the federal workforce.



AsiaDHRRA, member of APSD, pledges that:

According to our work, we find alignment to a number of pledges. In relation to on going projects, in relation our long term strategic plan.

Asia Centre pledges to:



1. Strengthen civil spaces in Asia by addressing democratic backsliding in the region and providing support for pushing back against this backsliding.

2. Asia Centre will convene its 9th International Conference, "Shrinking Civic Space in Asia: Stories of Resistance and Pushback", from 21 to 23 August 2024 in Bangkok, Thailand. The conference will facilitate multi-stakeholder discussion to build capacity and promote the efforts of civil society to protect those suffering the consequences of authoritarianism.

3. Asia Centre will implement a year-long digital rights programme for CSOs (and have started so since November 2023) to build capacity, sharing and networking among civil society actors in the region to address digital security issues and advocate for digital rights.

4. Asia Centre will continue to publish evidence-based knowledge products – baseline studies and policy reports – which civil society actors can use to inform their advocacy strategies.

Association for Democratic Reforms commits to:



1.Improve governance and strengthen democracy by continuous work in the area of Electoral and Political Reforms;

2.Empowerment of the electorate through greater dissemination of information related to the candidates and elected members and funding of political parties by assessing their declared statements; in the upcoming elections in India;

3.Continue efforts for improved disclosure, transparency norms, reduction of black money and cash in political funding, with the aim of reducing the effect of big money influencing elections;

4.Working towards greater accountability of political parties and striving for electoral and political reforms through legal advocacy;

5.The upcoming Indian Parliamentary Elections 2024 will be a defining moment for India's democracy. ADR's work around these elections will be voter-centric, focusing on election integrity, free and fair electoral processes and bringing more transparency and accountability. With the support of ADR's pan-India network of state partners, grassroots awareness campaigns and events will be organised to ensure the last-mile outreach and availability of crucial information to the citizens to make an informed choice. ADR will bring together crucial stakeholders to discuss topical issues around Indian elections and strive to look for solutions to challenges plaguing our political system today.



BBE pledges that:

The defence of democracy in Europe will require a strong Franco-Polish-German cooperation and very active cross-border civic alliances. Therefore, we as German network of civil society organisations are active in Civil Society Europe and the European Civic Forum and also in the European Economic and Social Committee focussing on topics like media freedom and the rule of law and, of course, pursuing the goal of strengthening a more structured European dialogue with civil society. Civil society is the backbone of open societies and liberal democracy.

We are quite concerned about the German polls and the rise of the right-wing extremist AfD. Our pledge is that we do everything we can to foster civil resilience and if necessary resistance against undemocratic forces. We are part of the civic alliance that is calling for Pro-democratic demonstrations in Germany.

BudgIt pledges to:



Hold an event titled Strengthening Democracy for Development at Civic Hive, Lagos. It will be an exciting conversation to look at how we can improve accountability, inclusion, and fiscal efficiency to strengthen civic interest in democracy. In the midst of current economic crisis in developing countries, there's a need to provide clarity that democracy if well nurtured represents the biggest opportunity to foster development.

Carnegie Europe commits to:



Produce an article on 'Democracy in an Era of Securitization. The article suggests how security can be made more democracy-sensitive and democracy support can be made more security-aware. This is particularly timely in light of the upcoming European elections and expected changes in the EU's leadership.

Citizen Voice and Actions commits to:



1. Continue to strengthen and protect Democracy through Hosting 6th edition of National policy Youth dialogue and Conducting School of dialogue as safe space for youth dialogue set up at grassroots level with purpose to empower youth to become more active in participatory Democracy and addressing Human rights issues. Strengthen their links with decision makers and therefore strengthen local government accountability
2. Mentor young people to be actively involved in the democratic process and influence decision-making through Organizing the third cohort of Generation Leadership Academy as Youth leadership mentoring program with a purpose to promote Youth Voice and equip them with skills, knowledge in Democracy, Governance and Human Rights
3. Develop a meaningful Youth Engagement training (MYE) toolkit to effectively guide the involvement of young people in Local Governance and decision-making process.
4. Produce position paper on Youth engagement, to support meaningful youth participation in decision making process
5. Build the capacity of the youth and Human Rights Defenders with basic human rights skills; monitoring, documentation and reporting

Citizens' Convention on UK Democracy commits to:

Citizens' Convention on UK
Democracy

Work with other organisations to strengthen the Summit for Democracy processes so it can turn Cohorts' Recommendations and Pledges into practical outcomes and action. As an example <https://www.ccukdemocracy.org/global-democracy-strategy> shows 3 pieces of global institutional architecture worked on last year but not taken forward. They are a global Citizens' Assembly responsible to S4D, a global What works institution on deliberative democracy to spread best practise, a Marshall Plan to roll out deliberation globally starting in Eastern and Central Europe.



Club de Madrid

1. Remains committed to collaborating with the WYDE Network of Young Decision-Makers to leverage their political influence to address challenges around youth political participation in this historic year of elections. Together, we will work towards enhancing youth engagement and fostering a more robust and inclusive youth agenda on a global, regional, and national scale, thereby maximizing the impact of young political leadership.

2. Will continue to provide opportunities for mentorship and exchange between human rights defenders and CdM Members. We will establish platforms of dialogue in which they will be able to raise attention to the democratic challenges they face in their respective countries and identify possible recommendations that decision-makers can implement to address them.

3. On the occasion of this historic year of elections, Club de Madrid will provide a platform to raise awareness with legislators and journalists about the need to democratize the power of Artificial Intelligence.

4. Will also develop an advocacy campaign for tech companies to raise awareness that the unchecked proliferation of online hate speech, antisemitism, islamophobia and other attacks against minorities and religious groups by public figures demands urgent attention.

5. In the framework of our Leadership for Net Zero initiative, Club de Madrid will formulate two statements advocating for Climate Justice for all, which will be disseminated among key stakeholders aiming to influence relevant governments and decision-making platforms to advance climate neutrality. This will serve to ensure that democratic mandates are seriously committed to advancing in the fight against climate change.

6. Will actively work to promote gender equality, women's empowerment, and the eradication of violence against women and girls in Cape Verde. The strengthening and protection of human rights, such as combating gender-based violence, is indispensable for enjoying full democracy.

Coalition for a World Security Community of Democratic Nations



Proposes the formation of a World Security Community open to all democratic nations. This new alliance, defined by principles not geography, would have a global mission, first to guarantee the security and freedom of all its members, and then to act as their security and peacekeeping arm in the wider world, under the aegis of the UN. The Community and the UN together would make up a greatly strengthened and more effective system of common security and international governance. These changes would consolidate and defend the hard won democratic and human rights gains of people all around the world – gains currently threatened by rising authoritarianism.



Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats commits to:

Come up with a policy brief on the impact of Artificial Intelligence (AI) on civil liberties and freedom in East and Southeast Asia, as well as what can be done to harness AI to advance democracy in the subregion, while calling out its anti-democratic influence.

Counterpart International pledges that:



1. With 60 years of experience working with civil society, a critical partner for any democracy, Counterpart is committed to ensuring citizens have a voice in their communities and the decision making process. Counterpart will deepen and expand its work with civil society organizations to ensure space for them exists – whether that is expanding space when opportunities arise, or when the operating environment is insecure or closing, support their ability to occupy space as their safety allows.

2. Counterpart will demonstrate its leadership by continuing to serve as co-chair of the GDC and host learning events on good governance, human rights, and environmental democracy.



DanChurchAid commits to:

An Action Coalition on Content Moderation for Women Human Rights Defenders

Demo Finland pledges to:

Organise youth consultation in Finland to advocate Finland's further commitment to strengthen democracy as part of the Summit for Democracy process.



The consultation of young people focuses on online harassment experienced by girls, women and gender minorities in democracies. Demo Finland will execute a survey and workshop meeting in co-operation with Generation Equality youth group coordinated by Plan International Finland and UN Women Finland. Demo Finland will also organise a dialogue meeting with youth wings of all parliamentary parties in Finland to gather views on promoting young people's political participation.

These youth consultations will then lead to a list of recommended commitments for Finland's official representation in the S4D in March 2024.



Democracia Digital pledges to:

Increase communication and awareness in Peru and Spanish-speaking countries in Latin America and the Caribbean about the effects of online mis/disinformation, especially in electoral contexts or processes of democratic participation, a situation that can be exacerbated today through the use of algorithms and emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence.

Democracy International pledges to:



1.Promote Localization: We pledge to continue to share best practices and resources with local communities and stakeholders worldwide to help catalyze a global shift toward more inclusive forms of democracy.

2.Lead the Way in Evidence-Based Approaches: In all our work to support democracy, peace, and development, we pledge to encourage evidence-based decision-making, promote evaluation and learning, and encourage transparency.

3.Safeguard Human Rights: We pledge to embed risk management in the design and delivery of our programs to foster the safety and security of our partners, including to reinforce the resilience of local civil societies.

4.Advance Democracy at Home: We pledge to promote democratic norms, principles, laws, and practices in the United States even while we support our friends, partners, and colleagues overseas to do the same in their own countries.

DT Institute commits to:



Launch a Strategic Foresight Center to work with democratic actors (civil society and individual activists) to help them focus their agenda to one that proactively pushes for systemic reforms and creates demand for democracy.



East Asia Institute commits to:

Engaging with both domestic and international civil society organizations, as well as the South Korean government, to support the country's democratic leadership beyond the upcoming Summit for Democracy.

European Endowment for Democracy commits to:



The establishment of the Transatlantic Democracy Support Platform (TDSP) to provide new momentum of transatlantic dialogue on international democracy support.

An underlying principle of the Platform is ensuring that the right to assistance is adopted and respected as an international norm. The TDSP intends to amplify existing international initiatives on democracy support, acting as an umbrella coordinating framework and catalyst for new collective action. It can help identify priorities for the democracy support community as a whole, channel funds to initiatives, and maximise joint efforts to strengthen the political impact of current and future initiatives. It can help sharpen the communication of democracy support objectives and harness the ethos of peer review between democracy initiatives on both sides of the Atlantic with a view to improving their impact.



Forum 2000 pledges that:

In the time when democracy is facing a series of ever growing challenges, we will continue to provide a safe, regular, high-level platform for democracy activists, political leaders, artists and academics with strong democracy values from all around the world to connect and find ways to face authoritarianism and strengthen democracy.

Freedom House commits to:



1. Publishing a global assessment of over 210 countries and territories and the state of freedom in the world, including trends, key drivers and gains and losses in 2023.

2. Providing ongoing emergency support to human rights defenders under threat and persecution for their efforts to advance democracy in their country and/or worldwide.

3. Working with policymakers to move forward efforts to strengthen support for human rights defenders and hold authoritarians accountable for abuses.



FUSADES commits to:

Educate citizens in democracy and governance through our Central American School of Government and Democracy (ECADE) emphasizing the intrinsic value and practical importance of democracy, with an emphasis in youth and women. When there are narratives that distort the concept of democracy and its fundamental values, constantly remembering its true meaning is indispensable and valuable for new generations. Over the next three years, we are committed to deliver high-impact educational programs that attract not only local students (we are based in El Salvador), but also regional participants who can enrich the conversation on other important topics in the current context for Latin America.

Georgetown University pledges that:



GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY
The Graduate School of Arts & Sciences
Master of Arts in Democracy & Governance

Georgetown University's Democracy and Governance Program aims to educate future leaders in the field of democracy, human rights, and governance. We educate students and engage in programming about elections, governance, and human rights.

The annual Democracy and Governance Student Research Symposium is an opportunity for graduate students from D.C., Maryland, and Virginia (DMV) universities who are focused on democracy and governance to present their independent research and projects, gain practical experience, and connect with established and young professionals in the field.

Global Democracy Coalition pledges that:



1. The Global Democracy Coalition commits to its vision and role as an agile, inclusive, and action-oriented multi-stakeholder Coalition that seeks to advance democracy globally.

2. The Global Democracy Coalition commits to continuing to deepen and widen the discourse on democracy and democratic principles through the Summit for Democracy process, the annual GDC Forum and other relevant platforms, events and venues.

3. The Global Democracy Coalition commits to serving as a bridge between states and their national CSOs.

4. The Global Democracy Coalition commits to expanding greater global majority representation in the Coalition by 25% by the 2025 GDC Forum.



Global Forum for Media Development pledges that:

GFMD's International Media Policy and Advisory Centre (GFMD IMPACT) will continue to scale up its learning and knowledge sharing efforts serving the international journalism support and media development community.

We will do this by;

1. Facilitating meetings of policy-makers, donors, practitioners and academia to enable knowledge sharing, experience exchange, learning and collaboration;

2. Commissioning research, publishing findings and curating the most relevant resources for the sector.

3. Managing a "Help Desk" function, which uses GFMD's network of experts and curated resources to serve as a flexible, rapid response mechanism capable of responding to requests from donors and policymakers in a timely manner.

Global Project Against Hate and Extremism pledges to:



Research and publish four country reports documenting the presence of far-right extremist groups and organizations in each country and their antidemocratic activities, and expose their transnational relationships.



Grace Initiative Global pledges that:

In the time when democracy is facing a series of ever growing challenges, we will continue to provide a safe, regular, high-level platform for democracy activists, political leaders, artists and academics with strong democracy values from all around the world to connect and find ways to face authoritarianism and strengthen democracy.

Humanity United pledges that:



1. Humanity United in partnership with movement activists, human rights defenders, and allies around the globe will co-create a participatory multi-donor fund that will:

- i. Invest in and catalyze inclusive rights-based peaceful movements at critical times in their development and strategic planning through flexible demand-driven and participatory means;
- ii. Establish enabling environments, infrastructure, tools and tactics, and networks of movements; and
- iii. Provide a model of public-private partnerships that can transform future models of coordination collaboration and learning among donors and their partners.

2. Humanity United, in partnership with members of the Funders Organized for Rights in the Global Economy (FORGE), will continue its work supporting the implementation of the U.S. Government's Multilateral Partnership for Organizing, Worker Empowerment, and Rights (M-POWER) initiative. Through various working groups, we will be providing issue expertise, network connections, and financial and non-financial resources.

3. Humanity United will work in 2023 with USAID's Center for Conflict and Violence Prevention to support efforts to elevate perspectives and priorities of local peacebuilders. HU will design, organize, and execute consultations with local and USAID-supported peacebuilders to shape USAID and other donor programming approaches to localization and inclusive peacebuilding.

Integrity Initiatives International pledges that:



1. Integrity Initiatives International (III) is committed to enhance accountability for crimes of grand corruption by advocating for and strengthening the implementation of anti-corruption enforcement mechanism at the national, regional and international levels.

2. Integrity Initiatives International (III) is committed to coordinating the growing coalition of states, civil society, and other experts working towards the creation of an International Anti-Corruption Court that will hold corrupt officials, bribe payers, and money launderers accountable when national governments are unable or unwilling to do so. Such a Court would punish and deter grand corruption and recover illicit assets and return them to their intended use for the public good.



International Foundation for Electoral Systems pledges to:

Collect and provide timely, verified information on 2024 national elections to the public via the ElectionGuide.org website, portal, and API.

International IDEA commits to:



Continue to facilitate learning, exchange, and action in support of democracy, with a particular focus on the critical need to reinforce electoral integrity. As upwards of two billion people are eligible to vote in 2024, the Institute will contribute its expertise, both with knowledge and on-the-ground experience, to support and inform Member States, partners, democracy practitioners, and the media. In addition to programmatic support to develop the capacity of electoral management bodies and other democratic actors, the Institute will leverage its networks and voice, as well as existing tools like its innovative Democracy Tracker (<https://www.idea.int/democracytracker/>) and new ones like a consolidated elections landing page (<https://www.idea.int/initiatives/the-2024-global-elections-supercycle>), to encourage the protection of electoral integrity.

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International Youth Think Tank commits to:

Give voice to multitudes of people in the world through OCDTs. The IYTT is a think tank in which youth take the lead for empowerment and democracy innovation. We energize democracy by talking to strangers in the streets through Open Chair Democracy Talks (OCDTs). It's a simple yet revolutionary tool for civic engagement. We choose a buzzy public place and offer passers-by free conversations about democracy. People share fascinating views and stories about their day-to-day struggles. OCDTs help us understand what people think about political engagement and the issues they face, and thousands of people get more empowered and conscious of their rights and possibilities. We have conducted OCDTs in more than 50 cities and 5 continents and published all the views on our website www.iythinktank.com.



Keseb commits to:

Hosting 2024 Mega Election Year Virtual Event Series to facilitate timely transnational exchanges and to build solidarity between democracy champions.

Kofi Annan Foundation pledges to:



1. Produce a electoral vulnerability index to help countries better understand and prepare for threats to elections emanating from the digital sphere.

2. Provide training in leadership to 15 young aspiring politicians from around the globe.



Kosovar Institute for Policy Research and Development pledges to:

Research Mis/Disinformation on Kosovo as a tool of Russia's Foreign Policy against Ukraine.

Law and Public Policy Center commits to:



Promote the rule of law, human rights, transparency and accountability of public institutions, and youth empowerment.



LDI pledges that:

We are dedicated to building a new democratic future in Egypt and other Arab countries that have experienced the Arab Spring, where citizens are still struggling to uphold their basic human rights. We are committed to educating the Arab public on civil rights and working with policymakers to guarantee and realize these rights. In a region filled with wars and conflicts, we are fully devoted to promoting and defending peace, while fighting against violent extremism and all forms of terrorism in the Middle East. We believe that peace is the fundamental foundation upon which democracy can develop and flourish.

National Democratic Institute pledges that:



1. NDI will collect data for and publish a Women's Political Participation Risk Index covering more than 165 countries.

2. NDI will develop effective communications narratives, publishing at least one story per week highlighting the work of democracy activists on the front lines

Open Data Charter commits to:



Keep working on promoting open data policies and governmental data publication in reusable formats. We commit to specially work with governments and other civil society organizations to publish environmental data, care economy data, anti corruption data. And to engage in international forums where digital rights and data rights are being discussed to make sure that Human Rights are at the core of regulations.

PartnersGlobal pledges that:



1. By the end of 2024, PartnersGlobal pledges to hold 6 regional convenings of grantmakers, non-government organizations (NGOs), local civil society and non-violent movement leaders to co-create workplans for financial support and resourcing to non-violent social movements (NVSMs) across the globe.

2. During 2024, PartnersGlobal pledges to spotlight the work of at least 30 artists (visual, performing, literary, digital, etc.) from across the world through its annual Arts4Resilience Honors event, art exhibits, art activism webinars, and related communications, to elevate the role and influence of the arts and creative expression in protecting human rights and advancing democratic values.

Political Watch commits to:



Launching a "Manifesto to broaden democracy", a document proposing 7 lines of action that the Spanish Government and other public institutions in Spain should follow to improve the participation of citizens and civil society in decision-making processes. The Manifesto will be co-created with a diverse range of civic entities and experts, and will include a compilation of proposals based on the best international practices on innovative participation processes. These demands will be presented to relevant political actors in order to be incorporated into Spain's V Open Government Action Plan, as well as to raise awareness on the importance of citizen participation to prevent political disaffection in our societies.

REDLAD pledges that:



As a Citizen Corruption Observatory, we are committed to strengthening the capacities of more than 250 CSO in creating initiatives and mechanisms to monitor the implementation and impact of governmental commitments acquired in hemispheric political scenarios. Likewise, to facilitate successful advocacy in national and hemispheric scenarios, with the presentation of relevant inputs for the fight against corruption; from a civil society, multisectoral and intersectional perspective.

Restless Development pledges that:



Restless Development reaffirms our commitment to advancing democracy, human rights, and social justice worldwide. We firmly believe that a better world is possible, and that more just and participatory democracies can be achieved. We acknowledge the power of young people to create positive change in their communities and countries, and we commit to supporting and empowering their leadership. Therefore we endorse the following core principles and commitments, and ask governments, organizations, and individuals to join us in endorsing these principles:

1. **Strengthen Youth Activism:** We will strive to increase national, regional, and international cooperation between youth activists and organizations focused on creating more democratic communities and countries. We know that by fostering collaboration and sharing proven methods, we aim to amplify the impact of youth-led initiatives around the world.
2. **Bolster Democratic Institutions:** We recognize the importance of strong and accountable democratic institutions in safeguarding democracy. We pledge to support efforts to strengthen the institutional capacity and impact of organizations and activists working towards creating more democratic communities and countries.
3. **Promote Open of Civic Spaces:** Recognizing the importance of civic spaces as platforms for expression, dialogue, and activism, we emphasize the need to protect and expand these spaces. We commit to defending the rights to freedom of speech, assembly, and association, and to opposing any attempts to restrict or silence civic voices.
4. **Showcase Youth Impact:** We celebrate the inspiring initiatives led by young people around the world that are influencing democracy spaces. We commit to highlighting and learning from these impactful case studies, amplifying their stories, and providing platforms for youth to share their experiences and insights.
5. **Provide Access to Meaningful and Relevant Civic Education and Opportunities:** We advocate for increased access to quality, relevant civic education and meaningful opportunities for young people to engage in democratic processes. We believe that empowering young people with the knowledge, skills, and resources necessary for active citizenship will strengthen democracy and lead to more inclusive societies.
6. **Amplify Women's Leadership:** We highlight the importance of women's political participation and leadership in democratic governance. We advocate for greater representation of women in political structures and institutions, while recognizing that women's leadership extends beyond these realms. We commit to supporting initiatives that empower and elevate the voices of women in driving political change and promoting equity and justice.
7. **Harness Technology for Political Engagement:** We recognize the crucial role of young people in advancing both democracy and sustainable development. We commit to exploring the potential of technology in enhancing political participation among youth, leveraging digital tools for civic engagement, and promoting inclusive and accessible democratic processes.



Robert Bosch Stiftung pledges that:

1.Together with the Federal Association for Socioculture, we support ten tridems in developing and testing ideas for low-threshold democracy work.

2.The Robert Bosch Stiftung supports the teaching of competencies for a democratic culture for employees of more than 120 companies in Germany

Sine Qua Non commits to:



Working to expand internationally the participation of civil society by identifying opportunities for them to access the UN system and other regional organizations, and to doing so by sharing best practices on advocacy tools and strategies, giving them technical support and making them focus on positive narratives.



Students for Global Democracy Uganda commits to:

Engaging over 2500 young people in meaningful democratic process by the end of 2024

The Carter Center commits to:

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Supporting Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and Community Based Organizations (CBOs) in peer-to-peer exchanges, dialogue, and policy advocacy for inclusive political participation of women, youth, and persons with disabilities in southern Africa in 2024.



The Oslo Center commits to:

Promote and enhance democratic practices by strengthening governance, political and government institutions, and civic spaces in 2024.

UNCAC Coalition pledges to:



Promoting follow-up to Summit of Democracy anti-corruption and civic space commitments made by participating governments and making linkages to the UN Convention against Corruption and other fora.

United Cities and Local Governments pledges that:



UCLG is committed to foster democracy and multi-stakeholder co-creation at the local level and put transparency and accountability at the center of its actions. Through its Future Envisioning Exercises stemming from the commitments of the Pact for the Future and with the aim of localizing the proposals of the UN's Our Common Agenda, UCLG will continue to build a space whereby organized civil society and local and regional governments engage in global structural dialogue on the advancement of local democracy and democratic innovations.



West Africa Civil Society Institute commits to:

Creating at least, six practical spaces for pro-democracy actors especially civil society organizations, social movements, human rights defenders and activists in West Africa to deliberate, harmonize, and advance their advocacy position to reverse the democratic recession through periodic engagement with political actors and ECOWAS.

West Africa Network of Election Observers and Defence Network for Democracy pledge that:



We strongly and wholeheartedly support the cause of democracy and governance, respect for human rights and the rule of law, inclusive and peaceful election management, human dignity and security, peace and security towards achieving the UN SDGs, the African Union Agenda 2063 and the ECOWAS Protocol on Democracy and Good Governance in West Africa and across the Continent of Africa.



World Learning

World Learning commits to:

1. Use our proven experiential learning pedagogy to encourage civic action globally. We will continue to pair trainings and workshops with small grants to empower emerging leaders to safely influence the life of their communities, stand up for their fundamental rights, advocate for others and hold their governments accountable through locally led and designed solutions.
2. Promote democratic innovations globally that include a significant emphasis on inclusion and representation, and ensure that diverse community members are engaged in deliberative decision-making. We will work closely with civil society organizations and actors globally to introduce new approaches such as Citizen Assemblies and other deliberative processes to their communities.
3. Provide ongoing support to civil society actors under threat, providing them with the needed resources and networks to push back against authoritarian regimes and viral mis/dis/malinformation.



Alliance for Finance Monitoring pledged to:

1. Produce the first ever Political Finance in Africa Index that will present among others the varieties and variations of Commercialised and Monetised Elective Politics in Africa.

Progress update:

This pledge was not completed due to shortage of funding, however a renewed commitment has been made.

Status: Not completed

2. Organise an in-person pan-African conference on Money in Politics

Progress update:

The [conference](#) was held in August 2023, however in a virtual format.

Status: Completed

Alliance for Vietnam's Democracy pledged to:

Provide VPN access and training to 1000 independent journalists in Vietnam.



Progress update:

The number of journalists did not meet the target and therefore the deadline has been extended.

Status: Partly completed



Alliance of Democracies Foundation committed to:

Galvanizing democracies to unite and stand up against authoritarian economic coercion through our work on an Economic Article 5. Our proposal is inspired by NATO's Article 5, which states that a military attack on one ally is considered an attack on all. The aim is to produce the same deterrence and solidarity in the economic realm among democracies that NATO produces in the security realm.

Progress update:

In regard to progress, we launched a memo directed to global leaders around last year's Summit for Democracy, outlining concrete actions leaders can do in order to circumvent the economic pressures weaponized by autocratic regimes.

*Some partners did not want to share their pledges publicly, hence these have been excluded from the progress reporting

Since our memo was launched, we have monitored the landscape and have seen countries like Lithuania, Czechia, Australia, and others push back against these pressures. We continue to support them and urge democracies to join. We have also seen the EU take a stance with the Anti-Coercion Instrument (ACI) in late December. It aims to provide the EU with the means to deter and respond to economic coercion, and thereby better defend its interests and those of its Member States on the global stage.

Status: Completed

American Russian-speaking Association for Civil & Human Rights committed to:



1. Hold several public online roundtables per year with prominent pro-democracy members of the Ukrainian and Russian diasporas, to maintain and develop our continuous antiwar dialogue among them, based on our solidarity with the people of Ukraine fighting to defend their democracy and territorial integrity against barbaric aggression by a dictatorship;

Progress update:

We have continued our regular [antiwar dialogue](#) among Ukrainian and Russian diaspora pro-democracy leaders and activists, with speakers from among Russia's democratic exiles and Ukraine's human rights activists. We have a major roundtable in the pipeline, to be held on 2/29 on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the start of the Kremlin's aggression against Ukraine and of the launch of our antiwar action and dialogue.

Status: Completed

2. Continue to counter antidemocratic mis- and disinformation in Russian-language social media via our Telegram channel and Facebook pages, with several posts per week, including translations of English-only documents and statements of the UN leadership, US and other democratic governments, and leading democracy and human rights NGOs;

Progress update:

We have continued to counter the Kremlin's mis- and disinformation on our Telegram channel and other social media, via translations and sharing of English-language evidence and publications, not just from Western but even from South African, Nepali, and other media, on the facts related to the war in Ukraine.

Status: Completed

3. Maintain and deepen our participation in the dialogue with U.S. Government agencies on democracy and human rights-related issues pertaining to Russia and the Russian-speaking diaspora, whenever such opportunity arises, including and especially to help advance the Administration's commitment to support underserved communities and to expand diversity, equity, and inclusion in the federal workforce.

Progress update:

The opportunities for engagement with USG have not been as available now as they were around the 1st and the 2nd summit.

Status: Completed

Asia Centre pledged to:



Strengthen electoral democracy in Asia by countering authoritarian governance and addressing the democratic backsliding in the region. The Centre will do so by convening its 8th International Conference: Democracy and Elections in Asia, 23-25 August 2023 in Bangkok, Thailand during which time it will gather INGOs, CSOs, parliamentarians and other stakeholders to discuss the key challenges facing the region. The conference will gather between 80-100 people and host 10-12 panels to facilitate multi-stakeholder discussion to build capacity and identify actionable measures to promote electoral participation among minority and oppressed social groups suffering the consequences of authoritarianism in Asia. In the short-term, there will be discussions and identification of challenges and solutions; and in the long-term the implementation of the discussed measures. This conference is an annual Asia Centre activity aimed at addressing challenges to democracy in the region.

Progress update:

The [Conference](#) was conducted as planned and we also published a number of write-ups as part of it, which points towards the discussions we were able to facilitate through our efforts. These are:

[International IDEA: Support Needed for Democratic Actors in the Region](#)

[CMU POL: Thailand's Democracy Remains in a Quagmire after the 2023 General Election](#)

[Google: Authoritative Information Important for Electoral Integrity](#)

[IDRC: Strengthen Inclusivity & Research Capacity in Asia](#)

Status: Completed



BBE pledged to:

Continue to defend democracy and the rule of law by working on concrete measures to improve the conditions for organized civil society at the national as well as at the European level. This involves participation and funding opportunities.

As a concrete pledge with an international aspiration we are currently working on improving German-Polish relations by connecting civil society (i.e. OFOP in Poland and Europa-Union Deutschland in Germany) and think tanks in cross-partisan cooperation with political foundations. We are working on a joint document for the future of German-Polish/Polish-German relations in Europe to be published later this year.

We believe that Germany and Poland need a civil society driven process of developing a shared vision of their common European future. This is very important against the background of the Russian attack against the Ukraine and the European and International order.

Progress update:

We organized a cross-border online forum debating Polish-German perspectives, bilateral and European visions.

Our Polish partner organizations, however, were concerned that any joint declaration could have had a negative impact on the parliamentary elections in Poland with the PiS led government using anti-German fears and prejudice for its re-election campaign. We are ready to resume the project with OFOP but currently they are still quite preoccupied with the institutional struggle between the new government which we all had been hoping for and the safeguards PiS had put in place to secure its power.

We believe that the defence of democracy in Europe will require a strong Franco-Polish-German cooperation and very active cross-border civic alliances. Therefore, we as German network of civil society organisations are active in Civil Society Europe and the European Civic Forum and also in the European Economic and Social Committee focusing on topics like media freedom and the rule of law and, of course, pursuing the goal of strengthening a more structured European dialogue with civil society. Civil society is the backbone of open societies and liberal democracy.

Status: Partly completed



Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats committed to:

Come up with at least three (3) opinion pieces, published in national and regional publications, that draws attention to key human rights issues in the East and Southeast Asian sub-region.

Progress update:

We are pleased to inform you that the Council of Asian Liberals and Democrats (CALD) was able to accomplish the pledge we made for 2023.

Here are the links to the opinion pieces: [RAPPLER](#) [The Diplomat Journal Online](#)

Status: Completed

Counterpart International pledged that:



1. With 60 years of experience working with civil society, a critical partner for any democracy, Counterpart is committed to ensuring citizens have a voice in their communities and the decision making process. Counterpart will deepen and expand its work with civil society organizations to ensure space for them exists – whether that is expanding space when opportunities arise, or when the operating environment is insecure or closing, support their ability to occupy space as their safety allows.

Progress update:

A core principle of Counterpart, and what our partners continue to express gratitude for, is our trustworthiness and ability to create safe spaces for them to grow and thrive. Counterpart continues this support through new and expanded programming in Armenia, Bangladesh, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, and Iraq that explicitly creates opportunities for civil society partners to grow their work and deepen their effectiveness to serve their communities, engage their governments and achieve their goals.

Status: Completed

2. Counterpart will expand its commitment to integrating transformative inclusion, thinking and working politically, enhanced localization and collaboration, learning, and adaptation (CLA) into its governance programs.

Progress update:

Since making this pledge, Counterpart has grown its learning and integration of transformative inclusion, thinking and working politically, enhanced localization and collaboration, learning, and adaptation (CLA) into its governance programs. The Counterpart International Governance Practice Area has infused these principles into several programs that were launched in the past year, including those that support civil society in Iraq, Honduras and El Salvador. CI has worked diligently to refine existing tools and approaches and support country programs to integrate these principles into existing programs. Counterpart International has also worked to integrate these core principles into any new funding opportunities, ensuring this commitment is long-lasting and sustainable in governance programs.

Status: Completed

3. Counterpart will demonstrate its leadership by continuing to serve as co-chair of the GDC and host learning events on deliberative and environmental democracy.

Progress update:

1) Over the course of the last year, Counterpart International has continued to grow in its role as co-coordinator of the GDC. Counterpart International took on more leadership in organizing and guiding the GDC Steering Committee, composed of eight member organizations.

Counterpart brought its own organizational development expertise to increase transparency and accountability on the Steering Committee by organizing and leading monthly meetings and co-leading the development of a new governance structures and process for the Coalition to consider as it grows beyond its initial mandate 2) In the summer of 2023, Counterpart International hosted a roundtable event on deliberative democracy with senior leadership from USAID's Democracy, Rights and Governance Center. In November, the Senior Director of Governance spoke on a panel on environmental democracy as part of USAID's Global Gathering. These opportunities allowed Counterpart International to demonstrate technical leadership and put the organization at the forefront of deliberative democracy discussions with key funders and policy makers.

Status: Completed

4.Counterpart will launch an award program that highlights the work of a Counterpart International civil society partner. The award will celebrate partners and leaders who make a difference and will honor their sacrifice and commitment to advance civil society, human rights, and democracy.

Progress update:

The Inaugural Civic Champion Award is slated to be issued in March 2024 to coincide with the 2024 Summit for Democracy. The award celebrates partners and leaders who continue to make a difference in their communities, and it is meant to honor their sacrifice and commitment to advance civil society, human rights, and democracy. This year's awardee, while not yet announced, is a civil society leader in their country and in their selection.

Status: Completed

5.Counterpart will deepen its investment to growing the reach and impact of its women's leadership and empowerment programming, reaching more women through its training, mentoring, networking, and small grants program.

Progress update:

Counterpart International's commitment to women's leadership and empowerment grew in 2023. Counterpart International developed a new practice area to not only maximize current assets such as our Women Lead Institute (WLI), but to expand our offerings in women's leadership and empowerment in the field. As a part of this expansion, we made two significant hires in our VP and Senior Director of Women's Empowerment. These positions will help Counterpart reach more women through our trainings, mentoring, networking, and small grants programs by having a team dedicated to women's leadership and empowerment.

Status: Completed

DanChurchAid pledged to:



Establish an Action Coalition on Content Moderation for Women Human Rights Defenders, consisting of at least 6 tech platforms, 6 civil society organisations and 6 state actors committing to collaborate to improve the protection of women human rights defenders online.

Progress update:

DCA's Action Coalition on Content Moderation for Women Human Rights Defenders has in 2023 presented and launched a study on [Online Harassment of Women Human Rights Defenders](#) at the Commission of the Status of Women in New York, with the Danish Minister of Digitalisation and Gender Equality, Marie Bjerre, Meta's Global Security Policy Director Deepali Liberhan. In 2024, Meta and Zoom have committed to contribute to the coalition, National Democratic Institute (NDI), Association for Progressive Communication (APC), Hamleh (Palestine), Pollicy (Uganda), Siasa Place (Kenya) are civil society members. One state is a member – the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Status: Partly completed

Demo Finland pledged that:



Demo Finland commits to produce a policy brief on the political participation of persons with disabilities, to support political parties in enhancing disability inclusion and to ensure the accessibility of its own activities and practices during 2023.

Progress update:

The [policy brief](#) is indeed the main output of our pledge, and it has been well received by our partners and political parties we work with. Another part focused on our own organisation ("ensure the accessibility of its own activities and practices"), paying special attention to the accessibility of our events and communications in the past year, for example by organising speech-to-text interpretation and giving detailed information on the accessibility of the venues in our events. As we support political parties in becoming more inclusive, we wish to set an example of accessible and inclusive practices.

Status: Completed

 **DT Institute** DT Institute committed to:

Launch a Strategic Foresight Center to work with democratic actors (civil society and individual activists) to help them focus their agenda to one that proactively pushes for systemic reforms and creates demand for democracy, by conducting at least four strategy development workshops.

Progress update:

DT Institute has made a lot of progress, having organised a number of simulation and scenario based exercises in Prague, Warsaw, Bratislava, and Ukraine in order to support

partners' strategic, long-term thinking on the ways in which disinformation is used to undermine social cohesion. We also conducted two exercises on internet shutdowns one as part of a large conference in Costa Rica and another one with USG officials. DT Institute continues to support decision makers, civil society organizations, and human rights defenders to better understand potential risks, opportunities, and alternative paths that may shape the future of democracy and human rights.

Status: Completed



Forum 2000 pledged that:

1. We will prepare a democracy roadmap for Western Balkans and discuss threats and opportunities to democracy in the Western Balkans during the 27th Forum 2000 Conference.

Progress update: In 2023, Forum 2000 was able to deeply explore the situation of democracy in the Western Balkans and insert many of the topics related within the 27th Forum 2000 Conference. The paper "[8 challenges for democracy in the Western Balkans](#)" was published and disseminated ahead of the Berlin Process Summit in Tirana and was able to present some interesting findings. Then participants of this project were able to present their views at the Forum 2000 Conference, part of which can be found in the 5 Big Ideas from the Conference. Finally, participants were able to contribute to a paper on "[Ideas on Democracy in the Western Balkans](#)" a series of articles addressing the most pressing issues in the region and the specific interest for the EU and EU accession process.

Status: Completed

2. We will keep on contributing to the fight against kleptocracy analyzing its main trends and getting together experts from different countries and regions.

Progress update: We have published a [policy brief](#), and we are now working on a project discussing sanctions to prevent kleptocracy in the EU in alliance with IRI.

Status: Completed

3. We will continue convening democracy activists, political leaders, artists and academics with strong democracy values from all around the world to connect and find ways to face authoritarianism and strengthen democracy.

Progress update: We continued supporting the work of democracy activists around the world and getting them together to think about and plan for the future of democracy, actively calling the attention to the situation of human rights leaders and activists under threat around the world. Evidence of that can be found in our 27th Forum 2000 [Conference summary webpage](#).

Status: Completed

Freedom House committed to:



1. Publishing a global assessment of over 210 countries and territories and the state of freedom in the world, including trends, key drivers and gains and losses in 2023.

Progress update: Freedom House launched its annual [Freedom in the World](#) report on February 29, 2024. The report found that flawed elections and armed conflict contributed to the 18th year of democratic decline worldwide.

Status: Completed

2. Providing ongoing emergency support to human rights defenders under threat and persecution for their efforts to advance democracy in their country and/or worldwide.

Progress update: In 2023, Freedom House provided more than \$6 million in emergency assistance to at-risk democratic activists and organizations in 91 countries worldwide.

Status: Completed

3. Working with policymakers to move forward efforts to strengthen support for human rights defenders and hold authoritarians accountable for abuses.

Progress update: In 2023, Freedom House recorded more than 200 engagements with the US government alone. Freedom House experts testified at five congressional hearings, and Freedom House was cited in 19 pieces of US legislation. In addition to US-focused advocacy, Freedom House recorded more than 50 engagements with non-US officials and engaged most frequently with officials of the governments of the Netherlands, UK, Canada, Germany, and Sweden

The following public hearings on Capitol Hill highlight Freedom House's public engagement with policymakers:

- i. Sarah Cook, Joint Congressional-Executive Commission on China (CECC), [Corporate Complicity: Subsidizing the PRC's Human Rights Violations](#)
- ii. Yana Gorokhovskaia, CECC, [Countering China's Global Transnational Repression Campaign](#)
- iii. Yaqui Wang, House Select Committee on the Strategic Competition Between the United States and the Chinese Communist Party, Discourse Power: [The CCP's Strategy to Shape the Global Information Space](#)
- iv. Michael Abramowitz, Senate Committee on Foreign Relations, [Transnational Repression: Authoritarians Targeting Dissenters Abroad](#)
- v. Sarah Cook, Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, [Countering China's Malign Influence Operations in the United States](#)

Status: Completed

Georgetown University pledged that:



1. Georgetown University's Democracy and Governance Program aims to educate future leaders in the field of democracy, human rights, and governance. We educate students and engage in programming about elections, governance, and human rights.

Progress update: As part of the program in 2023, 10 activities were conducted, fulfilling the pledge.

Status: Completed

2. The Stories of Democracy project is an oral history collection of individuals' experiences in administering, assisting, or observing elections conducted in the late 1980's, 1990's, and early 2000's. It is being implemented in partnership with International IDEA.

Progress update: We have worked with International IDEA on collecting accounts of individuals who worked in founding and transitional elections.

Status: Completed



Global Forum for Media Development pledges that:

GFMD's International Media Policy and Advisory Centre (GFMD IMPACT) will scale up its learning and knowledge-sharing efforts serving the international journalism support and media development community. We will do this by;

1. Facilitating meetings of policy-makers, donors, practitioners and academia to enable knowledge sharing, experience exchange, learning and collaboration;

Progress update: During 2023 GFMD IMPACT organised several large convenings.

Status: Completed

2. Commissioning research, publishing findings and curating the most relevant resources for the sector;

Progress update: IMPACT has conducted mappings in collaboration with the sector and GFMD members.

Status: Completed

3. Managing a "Help Desk" function, which uses GFMD's network of experts and curated resources to serve as a flexible, rapid response mechanism capable of responding to requests from donors and policymakers in a timely manner.

Progress update: The Help Desk and resource curation, is acting as a local/global pollinator (incubator of ideas) to make the resources needed for innovation and improvement.

Status: Completed

4. Advancing our engagement with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development's Development Assistance Committee (OECD DAC) to strengthen and reinforce effective international support to the media sector through a process that updates and codifies guiding principles. GFMD and CIMA will work with representatives from bilateral donor agencies, implementing organizations, civil society representatives, policymakers, and media development experts to use such principles to inform a roadmap for collective action to benefit the media sector.

Progress update: With support from the Center for International Media Assistance (CIMA), GFMD International Media Policy and Advisory Centre has taken on a leadership role in the OECD's Development Assistance Committee's Network on Governance adopting a process to renew [principles on effective support to media and the information environment](#). The process culminated in June 2023, when a group of OECD donors, including from Sweden, Switzerland, the UK, and the US, assumed responsibility for drafting the principles and put forward a first draft at the OECD DAC GovNet plenary meeting

Status: Completed

Global Project Against Hate and Extremism pledged to:



Research and publish the effects of far-right extremism on democracy in four countries.

Progress update: Results are presented at the portal for [Country Reports](#) and the [Global Extremist Symbols Database](#) serves as an additional resource.

Status: Completed



HUMANITY
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Humanity United pledged that:

1. Humanity United, in partnership with USAID's DRG Center, will co-create a braintrust in 2023 that will allow philanthropic and bilateral donors, INGOs, NGOs, movements and their allies to share, learn, and disseminate lessons that will strengthen ecosystems that support peaceful collective action globally.

Progress update: We successfully co-created a pooled fund (rather than a braintrust) that will fund and support philanthropic and bilateral donors, INGOs, NGOs, movements and their allies to share learn and disseminate lessons that will strengthen ecosystems that support peaceful collective action globally.

Status: Completed

2. Humanity United will work in 2023 with USAID's Center for Conflict and Violence Prevention to support efforts to elevate perspectives and priorities of local peacebuilders. HU will design, organize, and execute consultations with local and USAID-supported peacebuilders to shape USAID and other donor programming approaches to localization and inclusive peacebuilding.

Progress update: This pledge remains on ongoing effort and the commitment has been renewed throughout 2024.

Status: Partly completed

3. Humanity United, in partnership with members of the Funders Organized for Rights in the Global Economy (FORGE), will continue its work supporting the implementation of the U.S. Government's Multilateral Partnership for Organizing, Worker Empowerment, and Rights (M-POWER) initiative. Through various working groups, we will be providing issue expertise, network connections, and financial and non-financial resources.

Progress update: This pledge remains an ongoing effort and the commitment has been renewed throughout 2024.

Status: Partly completed

International IDEA committed to:



Continue to assess the state of democracy in 173 countries across the world through an updated version of its Global State of Democracy Indices (a quantitative democracy index that covers five core attributes of democracy and 28 indicators of democracy); its Global State of Democracy report; and its Global Democracy Tracker (a qualitative tool that tracks in-country democratic developments on a monthly basis), which in 2023 will be expanded to cover all 173 countries. These tools are aimed to contribute to a better understanding of key opportunities, challenges, advances, regressions and risks to democracy worldwide, as evidence-based inputs for policy-makers, donors, advocates, civil society organizations, multilateral and bilateral agencies and academic institutions funding, advocating for or supporting democracy.

Progress update: [The Global State of Democracy report](#) was successfully launched in November 2023, building on data provided by the [Democracy Tracker](#) as well as the [Global State of Democracy Indices](#).

Status: Completed

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THINK TANK

International Youth Think Tank committed to:

The IYTT is a think tank in which youth take the lead for empowerment and democracy innovation. We energize democracy by talking to strangers in the streets through Open Chair Democracy Talks (OCDTs). It's a simple yet revolutionary tool for civic engagement. We choose a buzzy public place and offer passers-by free conversations about democracy. People share fascinating views and stories about their day-to-day struggles. OCDTs help us understand what people think about political engagement and the issues they face, and thousands of people get more empowered and conscious of their rights and possibilities. We have conducted OCDTs in more than 25 cities worldwide and published all the views on our website www.iythinktank.com. The IYTT commits to give voice to multitudes of people in the world through OCDTs. We will run the biggest-ever OCDT campaign on April 28-May 1. Sign up here to run OCDTs you too! <https://forms.gle/kk1WvFP3uevHthb8A>

Progress update: In 2023, more than 20 Open Chair Democracy Talks were conducted.

Status: Completed

Law and Public Policy Center committed to:



1. Carry out awareness-raising activities to contribute to bringing the justice system closer to the public in Georgia.

Progress update: On January 29, "Law and Public Policy Center" organized the public presentation of the study and a panel discussion on open justice and user-centered court services. More information is available [here](#) and the video recording is available [here](#).

Status: Completed

2. Assess the use of technologies and innovation in the Georgian judiciary to promote open and people-centered justice.

Progress update: "Law and Public Policy Center" particularly focuses on personal data protection and digital technologies. The head of the organization, Ketevan Kukava in cooperation with "Internet Society Georgia Chapter" organized a Digital Literacy School and conducted a training session on personal data protection in the digital age. More information is available [here](#).

Ketevan Kukava also discussed the new Law on Personal Data Protection at the [9th Georgian Internet Governance Forum](#).

Moreover, Ketevan Kukava participated in the opening event of the Georgian AI Association. She focused on the processing of personal data by AI systems, the EU AI Act, and the importance of developing an AI strategy in Georgia.

Besides, "Law and Public Policy Center" published an [analysis of the first ECtHR judgment](#) on facial recognition technologies, available in Georgian only.

Status: Completed

3. Assess the impact of digital technologies on the rule of law and democracy to contribute to a better understanding of existing challenges and opportunities in Georgia.

Progress update: "Law and Public Policy Center" prepared the study "Open Justice and User-Centered Court Services in Georgia - Challenges and Recommendations", available [here](#). This is the first comprehensive study that discusses the role of technologies in ensuring open justice and user-centered court services, analyzes the accomplishments and challenges faced by Georgia in this regard, using Tbilisi City Court as an example, and proposes recommendations based on international standards. The study has been developed with the support of the Open Government Partnership through the EU for Integrity Programme for the Eastern Partnership, funded by the European Union.

Status: Completed

National Democratic Institute pledged that:



1.NDI will collect data for and publish a Women's Political Participation Risk Index covering more than 165 countries.

Progress update: Several new and updated indices with data potentially relevant to the Women's Political Participation and Risk Index (WPPRI) were published in 2023 and NDI has begun to undertake a review of the methodology and data sources currently used in the index. In 2024, NDI will finalize the data and country scores in the WPPRI based on the most recent available data and review as described above. Once complete, NDI will publish the WPPRI on its website and will conduct outreach to raise awareness and officially launch the index.

Status: Partly completed

2.NDI will develop effective communications narratives, publishing at least two stories per week highlighting the work of democracy activists on the front lines

Progress update: The communications department have been publishing between 5-10 stories per month.

Status: Completed



PARTNERSGLOBAL
Together for Democratic Change

PartnersGlobal pledged that:

1.During 2023, PartnersGlobal pledges to convene 50 artists, organize 10 Arts4Resilience exhibits and 6 art activism webinars representing 20 countries to elevate the role and influence of the arts and creative expression in protecting human rights and advancing democratic values.

Progress update: The overall [Arts4Resilience activity](#) was completed, with slight variation in the number of individual artists and events involved.

Status: Completed

2.By the end of 2023, PartnersGlobal pledges to deploy its 30 expert international and local Resiliency Coaches to provide training and accompaniment to 70 local CSOs on building organizational resiliency and strengthening civic space in 14 countries across Africa, Asia, CEE and MENA.

Progress update: The pledge was completed and the numbers were exceeded.

Status: Completed

The Robert Bosch Stiftung pledged that:

The Robert Bosch Stiftung supports the teaching of competencies for a democratic culture for employees of more than 90 companies and 20 vocational schools in Germany and Europe.



Progress update: The number of participating companies in the program increased from 90 to over 120, showing steady progress.

Status: Completed



The International Foundation for Electoral Systems pledged to:

1. Enhance knowledge of electoral stakeholders on technology and accessibility by producing and socializing a series of guidance documents on disability-inclusive technology for political participation.

Progress update: IFES developed a [Learning Series on Disability-Inclusive Election Technology](#) to provide EMBs and civil society with guidance and resources to ensure the technology they use, procure, and develop is fully accessible for persons with disabilities. Six documents in the learning series are published, with additional entries coming throughout 2024.

Status: Completed

2. The International Foundation for Electoral Systems pledges to collect and provide timely, verified information on national elections to the public via the global ElectionGuide.org website.

Progress update: In calendar year 2023, the IFES ElectionGuide team tracked 101 elections, including 13 national referenda and 88 elections to national executive or legislative offices. 18 of these executive/legislative elections were snap elections, which had not been anticipated at the start of the year, but the ElectionGuide team identified in a timely fashion through our daily monitoring procedures. For all 101 elections, the ElectionGuide team collected a comprehensive dataset of 90 unique datapoints published for the public, including information such as voting methods permitted, institutional structure, election dates, voter turnout and results, candidate/party deadlines, notable changes in legislation, and much more. This pledge, having been completed for 2023, has been extended into 2024.

Status: Completed

UNCAC Coalition pledged to:



Continue to engage with the Summit of Democracy, particularly focusing on promoting follow-up to Summit of Democracy anti-corruption commitments made by participating governments and making linkages to other fora, particularly the UN Convention against Corruption.

Progress update: The UNCAC Coalition has carried out advocacy to advance some of the Summit of Democracy anti-corruption and civic space commitments at the 10th Conference of States Parties (CoSP) of the UN Convention against Corruption Conference that was held in Atlanta, USA from 11-15 December 2023. As far as concrete outputs, please see our [analysis](#) of the CoSP10 resolutions that were adopted which show where there was progress made to advance government commitments on anti-corruption and civic space issues that are included in relevant Summit for Democracy cohorts such as the civic space cohort and cohort on international cooperation for anti-corruption.

We have raised awareness of the importance of Summit of Democracy's commitments, particularly on civic space issues, in events that we have organized. The UNCAC Coalition organized a breakout session at the [Civil Society Forum](#) held the day before CoSP10 that focused on promoting NGO engagement in multilateral fora. The panelists included ICNL and Norway (two of the co-leads of the S4D's civic space cohort), where there was discussion on advancing calls to action of the S4D civic space cohort's workstream on civic space in the UN.

Status: Completed

United Cities and Local Governments pledged that:



UCLG is committed to foster democracy and citizen participation at the local level and promote action from local and regional governments in this regard organizing and awarding them a prize for good practices in democratic innovations to encourage the identification of good practices and disseminate examples.

Progress update: The 2023 [award](#) was handed to the city of Rennes, Rennes Métropole, France.

Status: Completed

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