



# 2025

## Celebrating 30 years and embracing future progress







**“Democracy requires constant adaptation. International IDEA ... exists precisely to serve that purpose: to remind governments and civil society that there is still much to be done.”**

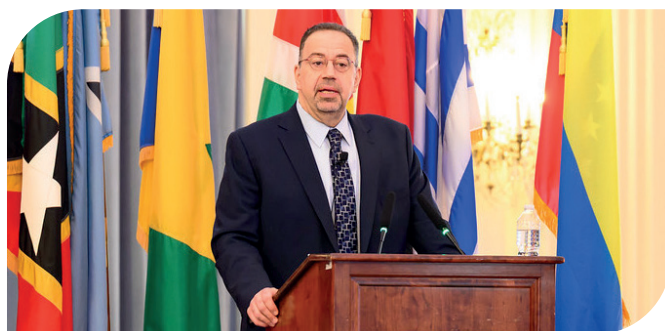
**Gabriel Boric**, President of Chile

International IDEA celebrated 30 years of supporting democracy by convening Member States, world leaders, policy makers, civil society, and partner organizations for major conferences across the globe, including in Sweden, South Africa, Indonesia, Belgium, Chile, the United States, and at the United Nations.

In Stockholm, election officials and diplomats from over 40 countries discussed how to safeguard democracy and protect elections. More than 300 people, including Chilean President Gabriel Boric, attended our conference in Santiago on advancing democracy in Latin America. In Pretoria, experts, grassroots activists and officials from across the globe discussed the crucial role of Global South leadership on democracy.

These gatherings and others in 12 countries worldwide—made possible by support from the Council of Member States, led by the 2025 Chair, Switzerland—enabled reflection, commitment, and action in support of democracy globally. The events, and the Institute’s landmark publications on challenges to electoral integrity and the Global State of Democracy, were covered by dozens of major international media, reinforcing International IDEA’s role as a trusted convenor and source of information.

Above all, the events reflected the diversity, reach and impact of an organization that works in more than 60 countries ranging from Moldova to Libya and from Nepal to Peru. With democracy facing major global challenges such as rising authoritarianism, widespread polarization, and accelerating technological change, the 30th anniversary showed that the institute’s leadership, convening power and expertise are more essential than ever.



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President of Chile Gabriel Boric at 30th anniversary event in Santiago, September 2025. *Credit: International IDEA/Pablo Sanhueza*

Nobel Laureate in Economic Sciences, Daron Acemoglu, speaking at a 30th anniversary event at the Organization of American States in Washington D.C., October 2025. *Credit: Juan Manuel Herrera/OAS*

Pamela Figueroa Rubio, President of the Board of Directors, Electoral Service of Chile, speaks at the Stockholm Conference on Electoral Integrity, June 2025.

Patricia Danzi, Director General, and Hanspeter Wyss, Policy Advisor, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation/Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Switzerland; Adrian Junker, Ambassador of Switzerland to Sweden; and Kamapradipta Isnomo, Former Indonesian Ambassador to Sweden, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia, in Stockholm, June 2025.



“We are grateful for the partnership we have with International IDEA, and for the important work the Institute does for democracy around the world.”

**Maria Malmer Stenergard,**  
Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden



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Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden, Maria Malmer Stenergard, greets International IDEA Secretary-General Kevin Casas-Zamora at the 30th Anniversary High-Level Session in Stockholm in June 2025.  
*Credit: Malin Huusmann*

The Council of Member States meeting at International IDEA headquarters in Stockholm, June 2025. *Credit: Malin Huusmann*

Former President of Costa Rica, Laura Chinchilla, shares a keynote address at the International Day of Democracy event in Brussels, September 2025. *Credit: Cédric Puisney*

Indonesia and Switzerland co-hosted a luncheon with Member States to mark the 30th anniversary of International IDEA in Canberra, August 2025. *Credit: Indonesian Embassy in Canberra*





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Participants at the International Democracy Day conference in Brussels, Belgium, September 2025.  
*Credit: Cédric Puisney*

Participants at the 30th anniversary event in Pretoria, South Africa, June 2025.

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Marisol García Apagüño, President, Federation of Kichwa Indigenous Peoples of Chazuta Amazonas at the 30th anniversary event in Pretoria, South Africa, June 2025.

Marcela Ríos Tobar, International IDEA's Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, speaks to the press at the 30th anniversary event in Santiago, Chile, September 2025. *Credit: International IDEA/Manuel Rodríguez*

At the 30th Anniversary event in Stockholm in June 2025, the Council of Member States agreed to a statement affirming their continued commitment to our work. *Credit: Malin Huusmann*