

What we do

We work upon invitation to provide in-country support based on our global comparative knowledge. We facilitate dialogue on issues of democracy and publish comparative data and knowledge for anyone to use to improve their democracy. We analyse this data and produce a number of tools that can be used to strengthen democratic institutions.

Topics we cover

- conflict and security
- constitution-building
- democratic accountability
- elections
- gender and democracy
- money in politics
- parliaments
- political parties
- regional organizations
- state of democracy assessments

What we offer

- Free knowledge resources in various languages on our website
- Impartial information on how democracies work to help you participate in the political process of your country
- In-depth data on voter turnout, electoral systems, gender quotas and political finance regulations
- Tools that you can use such as the Electoral Risk Management Tool and the Global State of Democracy Indices



Member States

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Governance

International IDEA is governed by a council composed of its Member States and assisted by a Board of Advisers. Yves Leterme, former Prime Minister of Belgium, is the Secretary-General.

Council of Member States Chair

Namibia holds the Chair of the Council of Member States in 2018. It has been a Member State of International IDEA since 1997 and has cooperated with the Institute on a wide range of topics to strengthen democratic institutions and processes, including electoral processes and women's political participation and representation. Namibia has adopted *Inclusive Democracy for Sustainable Development* as the theme for its 2018 Chairship of International IDEA.



International IDEA at a glance

Supporting democracy worldwide

We are a global intergovernmental organization providing impartial expertise, support and training based on the latest research to countries, governments, political parties, civil society and citizens.

Democracy is best tailored to the needs of a country and its citizens. There is no one-size-fits-all solution and it is a constant work in progress.

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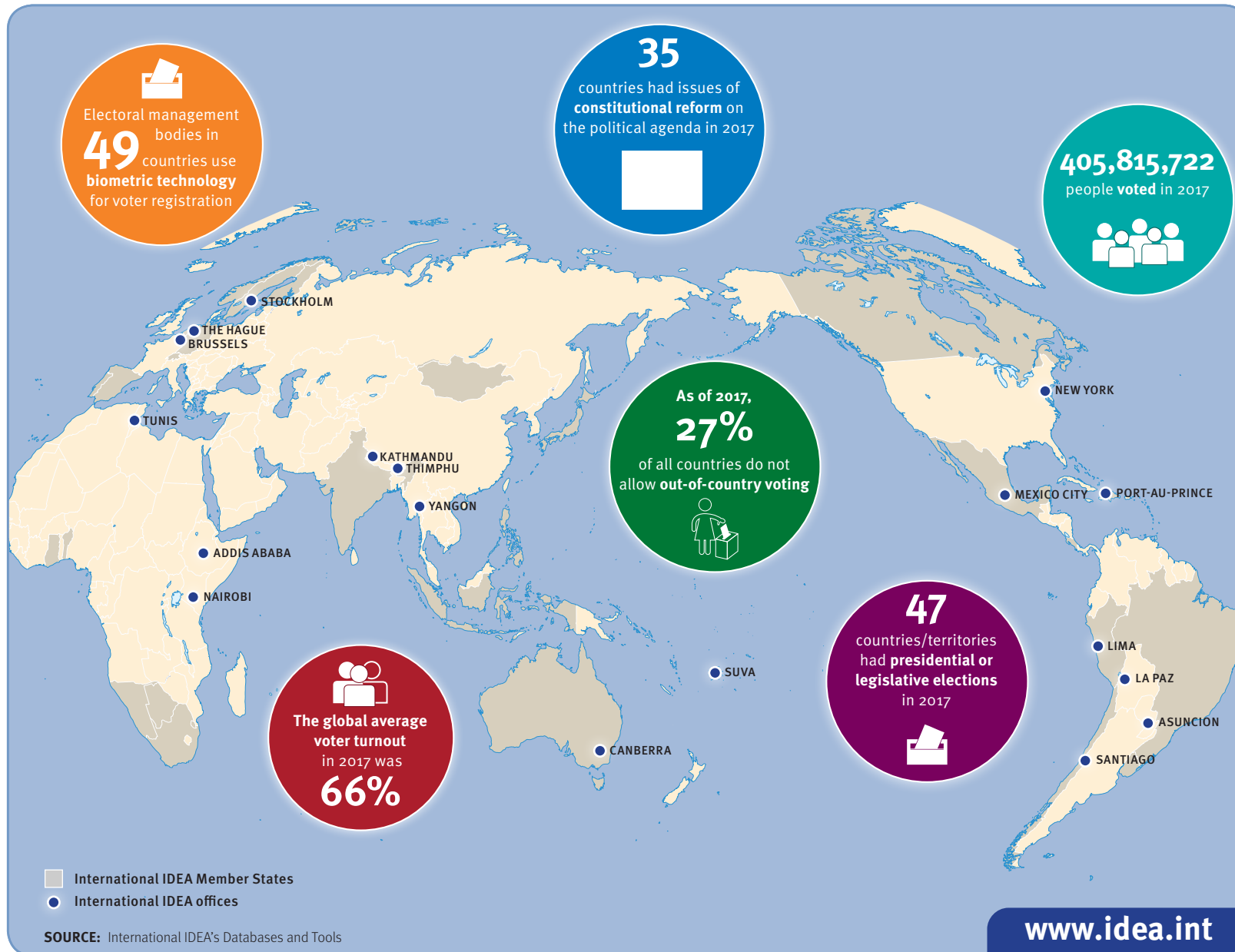
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Democracy in action



Where we work

Africa and West Asia

We work on constitutionalism, inter-party dialogue, electoral integrity, natural resource governance, youth participation and women's representation.

Latin America and the Caribbean

We provide technical assistance to countries on the issues of accountability, money in politics and a democracy that delivers on public services.

Asia and the Pacific

We focus on electoral and parliamentary support, constitution-building, money in politics, electoral observation support and citizen engagement.

Wider Europe

We provide democratic reform assistance, focusing on citizen participation, democratic accountability and money in politics.

European Union

Our office works with EU institutions and contributes to enhanced partnerships with the EU and relevant democracy actors.

Permanent Observer to the United Nations

Our UN Observer Mission develops knowledge resources, engages with UN member states and cultivates networks of practitioners to advocate democracy perspectives in UN policies, including the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.