

International IDEA

At a glance

Supporting democracy worldwide

Who we are

We are an intergovernmental organization, founded in 1995 with a mandate to support sustainable democracy worldwide. We have status as UN Permanent Observers.

Our Four Ways of Working



What we do

We develop policy-friendly research and analysis related to elections, parliaments, constitutions, digitalization, climate change, inclusion, and political representation, all under the umbrella of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

We assess the performance of democracies through our unique Global State of Democracy Indices and the Democracy Tracker.

We provide capacity development and expert advice to democratic actors including governments, parliaments, election officials and civil society. We develop tools and publish databases, books, and primers in several languages on topics ranging from voter turnout to gender quotas.

We bring states and non-state actors together for dialogues and lesson sharing.

We stand up and speak out to promote and protect democracy worldwide.

34
Member
States

20+
Offices around the world

Working in 60+ countries

Our expertise

Democracy Assessment

Our Global State of Democracy reports and indices provide accurate, detailed, and timely information on democratic performance across the world. Our Democracy Tracker continually monitors trends in 173 nations.

Electoral Processes

Our wide-ranging expertise stretches from risk management in elections to special voting arrangements and the future of electoral assistance. This knowledge enables us to support electoral management bodies and election officials all over the world.

Constitution-Building

We develop cutting edge comparative knowledge and provide expert advice on constitutional design and constitution building processes, in fragile as well as more consolidated democracies.

Political Participation and Representation

We support political parties, parliaments and women and youth with knowledge and capacity development, with an increasing focus on new forms of political participation and representation.

Climate Change

Our work is currently expanding to address issues related to climate change and democracy with the aim of developing research and tools that can help democracies tackle the climate crisis.



Gender equality and inclusion, conflict sensitivity and environmental protection are mainstreamed in all areas of our work, from project

planning to implementation.

Digitalization

We support institutions in reaping the benefits of digital innovation as well as countering digital threats and ensuring the protection of fundamental human rights.









