

■ EDITORIAL

Democracy dares not speak its name

In the UN-led discussions on what is known as the 'post-2015' development agenda, momentum is gathering on shaping the terms of the debate on what will succeed the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) when they expire in 2015. But what role will democracy play in the new agenda, both as a goal in itself, and as an enabler of sustainable development?



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By Vidar Helgesen, Secretary-General

■ FOCUS: REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THE RULE OF LAW

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International IDEA facilitates inter-regional dialogue focused on rule of law

Posted: March 31, 2013

Attended by the world's major Regional Organizations (AU, ASEAN, LAS, PIF, OAS and SAARC), the Third High Level Meeting of the Inter-Regional Dialogue on Democracy met at the European Commission in Brussels where experiences and achievement in promoting Rule of Law were discussed.

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Heads of Regional Organizations



UNDSG Jan Eliasson



EU President José Manuel Barroso

IDEA Secretary-General speaks at UN Human Rights Council on democracy, rule of law and human rights

Posted: June 11, 2013

Vidar Helgesen participated in UN Human Rights council panel discussion, on common challenges facing States in their efforts to secure democracy and the rule of law from a human rights perspective.

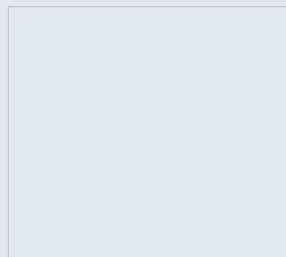
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Egyptian parliamentary elections delayed against the backdrop of a legislative crisis

Posted: June 3, 2013

The latest development on the Egyptian political scene raises questions about the future establishment of the rule of law in the country.

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International Constitutional Court proposed to protect democracy

Posted: May 4, 2013

On the proposal of an International Constitutional Court by Tunisian President Marzouki, IDEA co-organized a symposium where international authorities and experts in constitutional law could gather to contribute to the development of this proposal.

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Political Party Peer Network met in Sweden

Posted: June 13, 2013

The global Political Party Peer Network met to discuss latest developments in the field of assistance to political parties and political party systems.

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Can ICT change how democracies function?

Posted: May 5, 2013

The conference 'Governing Democratically in a tech-empowered world' explored how technology is changing the way democracies function and how to support political institutions (particularly in developing democracies) to adapt to these changes. Listen in on podcast interviews from the conference!

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IDEA in the Caribbean

Posted: May 31, 2013

Recent focus has been on Barbados, Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Together these three countries account for roughly half of the population of the Caribbean.

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Nepal's Election Commission to use IDEA's Electoral Risk Management Tool in upcoming elections

Posted: May 29, 2013

Nepal's violent past continues to place a high probability of electoral violence in the future. To assist in the preparations for Constituent Assembly elections in November 2013, IDEA organized a training workshop on its Electoral Risk Management Tool for officials from the Election Commission of Nepal.

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IDEA and the League of Arab States launch the Arabic version of Deepening Democracy

Posted: May 20, 2013

The Arabic version of the report *Deepening Democracy: A Strategy for Improving the Integrity of Elections Worldwide* was launched in Cairo.

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IDEA supports political reform in Peru

Posted: June 2, 2013

IDEA has reconvened the Political Parties Forum and is supporting political dialogue on recall processes of elected officials.

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Political Party Dialogue - A Facilitator's Guide □

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Strategic Planning for Political Parties: A Practical Tool □

The Tunisian Constituent Assembly's By-laws: A Brief Analysis (Arabic and English) □

This publication aims to provide a practical tool to help political parties conduct strategic planning, and offers assistance providers and political parties alike a step-by-step methodology for conducting this planning process.

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