



International IDEA Newsletter

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Message from the Secretary-General

Dear Friends

As we approach the summer holiday season, I wish to share with you news of International IDEA's work during the past few months and a look ahead to what promises to be an intense and interesting fall.

Perhaps the biggest news from this spring is that Brazil has now started the process to become the 29th Member State of International IDEA.

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International IDEA welcomes Brazil's commitment to political finance regulation

"Brazil's actions to tackle political campaign financing reform, including the proposal to ban donations by private companies, are important in that they bring to the light the importance of a robust system of political finance regulation."

Yves Leterme, Secretary-General at International IDEA

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IDEA in Myanmar

Since 2013, International IDEA is working to support of inclusive, democratic elections in Myanmar through capacity assistance to the Union Election Commission and to build parliamentary capacity to fulfil their oversight role.

Senior Programme Officer Jorge Valladares tells you all about our work in Myanmar.

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Money in Politics

This September International IDEA and partners will host the world's first global conference on Money in Politics.

Speakers will include former heads of state and experts from all over the world and we hope the conference will be the starting point for a more unified response to one of today's greatest causes underlying the crisis of political systems; the role of money in politics. For more information visit the conference website:

[Go to conference website](#)



HOW MONEY IS COMPROMISING THE INTEGRITY OF DEMOCRACY



"New" database

Since 2012, all the election related databases have gone through major updates as all the data has been updated based on the most recent electoral legislation of each country.

These are now relaunched under a new name: Global Database on Elections and Democracy.

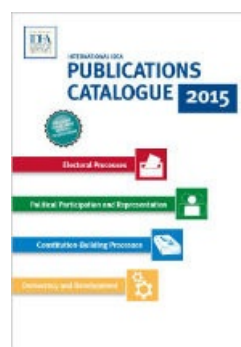
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Publications Catalogue 2015

This catalogue aims to highlight new releases in 2014 and early 2015 together with main titles produced over the past several years. It also includes a list of databases and other knowledge resources available on the International IDEA website.

A flash drive with PDF files of all International IDEA publications mentioned in this catalogue can be found inside the back cover of the catalogue.



New releases

Media Assistance and Elections: Toward an Integrated Approach

This policy paper identifies several obstacles to the integration of media in electoral assistance programmes. It covers three main areas; a lack of clarity regarding the role of the media in the electoral process, the politically sensitive nature of the media and the failure of many organizations to plan projects well in advance of election day.

Political Party Financing and Equal Participation of Women in Kenyan Electoral Politics

This report specifically looks into the role and extent to which access to financial resources determines the success of women running for elective positions. It discusses the main findings on financial barriers for women politicians in Kenya, and makes recommendations to facilitate reforms in this area.

Constitutional Transitions and Territorial Cleavages

This working paper provides an overview of factors that shape constitutional transitions and their outcomes in countries where issues regarding diversity of populations in different regions, i.e. territorial cleavages, are significant. The territorial dimension is increasingly prominent in many constitutional transitions and it presents distinct challenges. There is no single or best way to address them.

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