

# Resource List:

## Donor Organizations, Other Democracy Support Organizations and Election Assistance and Observation Organizations

Accompanying the Third Wave of global democratization we have witnessed a new tide of needs for ideas and funding. Nongovernmental democracy activists seeking to establish and consolidate democratic institutions have knocked on doors of embassies seeking that help from representatives of democratic governments as well as from foundations and international organizations. To meet the complex and growing demand for assistance an array of new organizations have emerged to join the ranks of traditional sources of help.

The following list of organizations is provided as a guide to diplomats, civil society and others. The list provides answers to the question: what advice can I give to a representative of a lawyer's organization, a women's association, a group of journalists seeking to establish a press association or any other representative of a civic organization on sources of help beyond that assistance my own government might provide through its Foreign Ministry or official assistance programs? This list seeks to be the source of some answers. It does not intend to be exhaustive. We plan to expand upon it in future. It does not include major official governmental assistance programs. The list does not seek to include the many thousands of nongovernmental organizations; many of which courageously and against great odds, are participating in the struggle for democracy. Many are grouped together in such organizations as the World Movement for Democracy (WMD). Through such formal or informal networks democracy organizations learn from each others' experiences. This list seeks to link those organizations to ideas, information and resources that will help them in their struggle.

The resource list provides a brief description of institutional goals of each organization and a link to their websites where detailed information can be found.

### **INTERNATIONAL / MULTILATERAL DONOR ORGANIZATIONS**

#### **United Nations Democracy Fund** **<http://www.un.org/democracymfund>**

The United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF) was created in 2005 as a means to support democratization throughout the world. It provides assistance to governmental, nongovernmental, national, regional, and international organizations, including relevant UN departments, offices, funds, programs, and agencies. The Fund will complement current UN efforts to strengthen and expand democracy worldwide.

#### **United Nations Development Program** **<http://www.undp.org/>**

At the United Nations Millennium Summit, world leaders put development at the heart of the global agenda by adopting the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), which set clear targets for reducing poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy, environmental degradation and discrimination against women by 2015. On the ground in 166 countries, the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) focuses on helping countries build and share solutions to many challenges including democratic governance, crisis prevention and recovery, the environment, and HIV/AIDS. UNDP programs operate mainly through its country offices.

### **UNDP Oslo Governance Centre (Norway)**

**<http://www.undp.org/oslocentre/index.html>**

The Oslo Governance Centre (OGC) is an initiative of the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). Established in 2002, OGC is part of the UNDP's Democratic Governance Group, but also works with other parts of UNDP. Functioning as a global policy network for democratic governance, OGC is involved engages in research with leading policy institutions. OGC also provides policy guidance for UNDP's more than 130 satellite offices around the world.

### **European Partnership for Democracy (Belgium)**

**<http://www.epd.eu/>**

The European Partnership for Democracy (EPD) is an independent European organization that supports democracy outside of the European Union. It serves as the platform for European civil and political society organizations working on democracy assistance. The EPD's mission is to advocate for a stronger presence of democracy support on the EU's agenda, to share knowledge on democracy assistance among various stakeholders and to provide small grants to partner organizations in the field.

### **The National Endowment for Democracy (United States)**

**<http://www.ned.org/>**

The National Endowment for Democracy (NED) is a private, non-profit organization created in 1983 to strengthen democratic institutions around the world through nongovernmental efforts. With its annual congressional appropriation, it makes hundreds of grants each year to support pro-democracy groups in Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, and the former Soviet Union. The NED family of organizations includes the Solidarity Center, the Center for International Private Enterprise, the International Republican Institute, and the National Democratic Institute.

### **National Democratic Institute**

**<http://www.ndi.org/>**

The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) is a non-profit organization working to strengthen and expand democracy worldwide. Calling on a global network of volunteer experts, NDI provides practical assistance to civic and political leaders advancing democratic values, practices and institutions. NDI works with democrats in every region of the world to build political and civic organizations, safeguard elections, and to promote citizen participation, openness and accountability in government.

### **International Republican Institute**

**<http://www.iri.org/>**

A non-profit, nonpartisan organization, the International Republican Institute (IRI) advances freedom and democracy worldwide by developing political parties, civic institutions, open elections, good governance and the rule of law. The IRI works with multilateral organizations like the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe and the United Nations, with partners like Australia's Liberals and the European People's Party, and with institutions in newer democracies, such as Mexico, Lithuania, Slovakia and Indonesia, who bring recent, relevant democracy building experiences to bear.

### **Solidarity Center**

**<http://www.solidaritycenter.org/index.asp>**

Solidarity Center is a non-profit organization that assists workers around the world in building democratic and independent trade unions. The Center's mission is to help unions and community groups achieve and establish equitable, sustainable, and democratic development. The Center and its partners promote democracy, freedom, and fair trade agreements in order to improve the quality of

life for workers around the world. The Center provides a voice for workers in the developing global economy.

### **Center for International Private Enterprise**

**<http://www.cipe.org/>**

The Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) is a non-profit affiliate of the US Chamber of Commerce and one of the core institutes of the National Endowment for Democracy. CIPE has supported more than 1,000 local initiatives in over 100 developing countries, involving the private sector in policy advocacy and institutional reform, improving governance, and building understanding of market-based democratic systems. CIPE provides management assistance, practical experience, and financial support to local organizations to strengthen their capacity to implement democratic and economic reforms. CIPE programs are also supported through the United States Agency for International Development.

### **World Movement for Democracy (United States)**

**<http://www.wmd.org/>**

The World Movement for Democracy (WMD) is a global network of democrats, including activists, practitioners, academics, policy makers, and donors, who have come together to cooperate in the promotion of democracy. WMD offers new ways to give practical help to democrats who are struggling to open closed societies, challenge dictatorships, democratize semi-authoritarian systems, consolidate emerging democracies, and strengthen established democracies.

### **Center for International Media Assistance**

**<http://www.ned.org/cima/cima.html>**

The Center for International Media Assistance (CIMA), aims to strengthen the support, raise the visibility, and improve the effectiveness of media assistance programs throughout the world. The Center approaches its mission by providing information, building networks, conducting research, and highlighting the indispensable role independent media play in the creation and development of sustainable democracies around the world.

### **International Foundation for Electoral Systems (United States)**

**<http://www.ifes.org/>**

The International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) is a non-profit democracy development organization that works to give people a voice in the way that they are governed. It is a leading election assistance organization, providing countries with the technical advice and tools required to run democratic elections. Every IFES project is staffed by national and international staff in partnership with local organizations. The organization has worked with over 100 countries since its founding in 1987.

### **Open Society Institute (United States)**

**<http://www.soros.org/>**

The Open Society Institute works to build vibrant and tolerant democracies whose governments are accountable to their citizens. To achieve its mission, OSI seeks to shape public policies that assure greater fairness in political, legal, and economic systems and safeguard fundamental rights. On a local level, OSI implements a range of initiatives to advance justice, education, public health, and independent media. At the same time, OSI builds alliances across borders and continents on issues such as corruption and freedom of information. OSI places a high priority on protecting and improving the lives of people in marginalized communities. Individual OSI offices are run autonomously in the following countries or regions of the world: Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, East Africa, Estonia, Georgia, Guatemala, Haiti, Hungary, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, London, Macedonia, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia,

South Africa, Southern Africa, Tajikistan, Turkey, Ukraine and West Africa.

**Taiwan Foundation for Democracy (Taiwan)**

**<http://www.tfd.org.tw/english/index.php>**

The Taiwan Foundation for Democracy (TFD) was founded in 2003 as a link between Taiwanese political and civil society groups and the world democratic network. The TFD's international grants program is designed to assist organizations based outside of Taiwan to carry out projects to promote democracy and human rights. International nongovernmental organizations, academic institutions or think tanks, and other related organizations are eligible to apply. Geographically, the program places a priority on support for projects that address the Asian region, but projects in other regions occasionally receive funding as well.

**Westminster Foundation for Democracy (United Kingdom)**

**<http://www.wfd.org/>**

The Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD) based in London, was founded in 1992 to provide flexible and imaginative funding assistance to countries managing the difficult transition to democracy in Central and Eastern Europe and sub-Saharan Africa. Throughout the 1990s WFD's work expanded to support countries emerging from conflict and authoritarian rule and to support the consolidation and effectiveness of existing democratic regimes. The Foundation now invests a substantial proportion of its resources in supporting projects and developing programs in wider Europe, sub-Saharan Africa, and the Middle East and North Africa.

**Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (The Netherlands)**

**<http://www.nimd.org/>**

The Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (NIMD) encourages democratization in young democracies by helping political parties enhance democratic systems in their countries, aiding in institutional development of political parties and collaborating in efforts to improve relations between political parties, civil society and the media. NIMD is currently working with more than 150 political parties from 16 program countries in Africa, Latin America, Asia and Eastern Europe.

**Ford Foundation (United States)**

**<http://www.fordfound.org/>**

The Ford Foundation is a resource for innovative people and institutions worldwide. Its goals are to strengthen democratic values, reduce poverty and injustice, promote international cooperation, and advance human achievement. The foundation makes grants or loans that build knowledge and strengthen organizations and networks through its headquarters in New York and regional offices in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

**German Marshall Fund of the United States (United States)**

**<http://www.gmfus.org/>**

The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF) is a nonpartisan American public policy and grantmaking institution dedicated to promoting greater cooperation and understanding between the United States and Europe. GMF does this by supporting individuals and institutions working on transatlantic issues, by convening leaders to discuss the most pressing transatlantic themes, and by examining ways in which transatlantic cooperation can address a variety of global policy challenges. In addition, GMF supports a number of initiatives to strengthen democracies.

### **Rockefeller Foundation (United States)**

**<http://www.rockfound.org/>**

The Rockefeller Foundation was established in 1913 by John D. Rockefeller, Sr., to promote the well-being of humanity by addressing the root causes of serious problems. The Foundation works around the world to expand opportunities for poor or vulnerable people and to help ensure that globalization's benefits are more widely shared. With assets of more than \$3.5 billion, it is one of the few institutions to conduct such work both within the United States and internationally.

### **Rockefeller Brothers Fund (United States)**

**<http://www.rbf.org/>**

The Rockefeller Brothers Fund (RBF) was founded in 1940 as a vehicle through which the five sons and daughter of John D. Rockefeller Jr., could share a source of advice and research on charitable activities and combine some of their philanthropies to better effect. The RBF's grantmaking is organized around four themes: Democratic Practice, Sustainable Development, Peace and Security, and Human Advancement. The Fund awards grants to support a variety of charitable projects in the US and abroad that seek to expand knowledge, clarify values and critical choices, nurture creative expression, and shape public policy.

### **Alfred Mozer Stichting (The Netherlands)**

**<http://www.alfredmozerstichting.nl/>**

Established in 1990 by the Dutch Labour Party (PvdA), the Alfred Mozer Stichting (AMS) supports the development of democracy through the training and schooling of social democratic political parties. Initially focused on Central and Eastern Europe, the foundation now concentrates primarily on making and maintaining contacts in Eastern and South-Eastern Europe. AMS is sponsored by the MATRA program of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Netherlands. Interested political parties and organizations can send in applications for projects.

### **European Union - European Commission: Directorate General for Development (Belgium)**

**[http://ec.europa.eu/development/index\\_en.cfm](http://ec.europa.eu/development/index_en.cfm)**

The Directorate General for Development (DG DEV) is part of the European Union's European Commission. Focused on policy formulation at both the global and sectoral level, DG DEV initiates and drafts development policy applicable to all developing countries. Specifically, DG DEV's policy focuses on effectively combating poverty through helping to reduce and ultimately eradicate poverty in the developing countries through the promotion of sustainable development, democracy, peace and security.

### **Balkan Trust for Democracy (Serbia)**

**<http://www.gmfus.org/balkantrust>**

The Balkan Trust, initiated in 2003, is a ten-year funding project of the German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF), in partnership with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and the Charles Stewart Mott Foundation. A \$27 million grantmaking initiative, the Balkan Trust aims to strengthen democratic institutions in the Western Balkans, Romania and Bulgaria by promoting sub-national and trans-Balkan collaboration among governments, NGOs, civic initiatives, and other institutions. The Balkan Trust also supports local and national organizations' efforts to improve citizen engagement with government, monitor government performance and better citizens' understanding of their rights and responsibilities.

### **Robert Bosch Stiftung (Germany)**

**<http://www.bosch-stiftung.de/>**

Since its founding in 1964, the Robert Bosch Stiftung has spent 735 million Euros on funding to trigger development, impact society and bring about change. The organization promotes relations between

Germany and Central and Eastern Europe through its “International Relations Central and Eastern Europe” program, which focuses on promoting language and culture, dialogue with the media, politics and civil society and international exchange. In the future, the Robert Bosch Stiftung will expand its work to include Southeastern European countries.

**Carnegie Corporation (United States)**

<http://www.carnegie.org/>

Carnegie Corporation of New York was created by Andrew Carnegie in 1911 to promote “the advancement and diffusion of knowledge and understanding.” Under Carnegie’s will, grants must benefit the people of the United States, although up to 7.4 percent of the funds may be used for the same purpose in countries that are or have been members of the British Commonwealth, with a current emphasis on select countries in Sub-Saharan Africa. As a grantmaking foundation, the Corporation seeks to carry out Carnegie’s vision of philanthropy, which he said should aim “to do real and permanent good in this world.”

**Charles Stewart Mott Foundation (United States)**

<http://www.mott.org/>

The mission of the Mott Foundation’s Civil Society program is to support efforts to assist in democratic institution building, strengthen communities, promote equitable access to resources, and ensure respect for rights and diversity. The program is organized into four program areas: Central/Eastern Europe and Russia, South Africa, United States, and Special Initiatives – International. Three broad themes unite grantmaking within the program: strengthening the non-profit sector; promoting people’s rights, responsibilities and participation; and improving race and ethnic relations.

**Friedrich Ebert Foundation (Germany)**

<http://www.fes.de/>

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung was founded in 1925 as a political legacy of Germany’s first democratically elected president, Friedrich Ebert. The foundation was established to further political and social education of individuals from all walks of life in the spirit of democracy and pluralism; facilitate access to university education and research for gifted young people by providing scholarships; and contribute to international understanding and cooperation.

**Friedrich Naumann Foundation (Germany)**

<http://www.fnst.de/>

The Friedrich Naumann Foundation is an independent, non-profit, nongovernmental organization committed to promoting liberal policy and politics. The foundation has won a reputation for promoting freedom in human dignity as the ultimate precondition of a society where people can live freely and in peace. It carries out intensive work in political education, advice, training and dialogue. In Africa it supports various projects in cooperation with partner organizations and is similarly active in over 50 countries worldwide.

**Hanns Seidel Foundation (Germany)**

<http://www.hss.de/>

Since its establishment in 1967, the Hanns Seidel Foundation has been practicing political education work with the aim of supporting the democratic and civic education of the German people with a Christian basis. Beginning with the first development aid project in Togo in 1977, the Foundation’s Institute for International Contact and Co-operation has steadily expanded its geographical and conceptual framework with a focus on promoting a sense of democratic community while preserving traditions.

**Heinrich Böll Foundation (Germany)**

<http://www.boell.de/>

The Heinrich Böll Foundation is a non-profit organization affiliated with the German Green Party that strives to promote democracy, civil society, human rights, international understanding and a healthy environment internationally. Headquartered in Berlin, it has 25 offices worldwide and cooperates with over 200 partner organizations in more than 60 countries.

**Inter-American Foundation (United States)**

[http://www.iaf.gov/index/index\\_en.asp](http://www.iaf.gov/index/index_en.asp)

The Inter-American Foundation (IAF) is an independent foreign assistance agency of the United States government, working to promote equitable, responsive, and participatory self-help development in Latin America and the Caribbean. IAF provides grants to people, organizations, and processes that work to encourage economic development, strengthen democratic principles, and promote human rights.

**Jean Jaures Foundation (France)**

<http://www.jean-jaures.org/>

Associated with the French Socialist Party, the Jean Jaures Foundation is dedicated to the study of international workers and socialist movements and the promotion of democratic and humanist ideals. The foundation brings together politicians, business leaders, union members, academics and others to develop means of promoting the growth of pluralism and democracy in the world. Though focused primarily on African and Central European countries, the Jean Jaures Foundation has participated in over 690 democracy development programs in 113 countries.

**Konrad Adenauer Foundation (Germany)**

<http://www.kas.de/>

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) offers political education, conducts scientific fact-finding research for political projects, grants scholarships to gifted individuals, researches the history of Christian Democracy, and supports and encourages European unification, international understanding, and development-policy cooperation. Currently, the KAS hosts more than 200 projects in 120 countries through its global network of field offices.

**Nordic Council (Denmark)**

<http://www.norden.org/>

The Nordic Council is the official inter-parliamentary body in the Nordic Region. The council, along with the Council of Ministers, works toward joint solutions that have tangible effects for the citizens of the individual Nordic countries. The Nordic Council does this foremost by submitting proposals to the Nordic governments and encouraging them to act upon those proposals. The organization is primarily concerned with the challenges of globalization, climate issues, freedom of movement and immigration, and cooperation with the Baltic states.

**The Oak Foundation (Switzerland)**

<http://www.oakfnd.org/>

Since 1998, the Oak Foundation has made over 1500 grants to not-for-profit organizations through a variety of project areas, including an International Human Rights program that seeks to, inter alia, place human rights squarely on international and national agendas, especially in the global south. The Foundation considers funding requests for projects that target root causes, demonstrate solutions that can be adopted by permanent providers and/or by government and involve target populations in the planning and implementation of projects.

**Pablo Iglesias Foundation (Spain)****<http://www.fpabloiglesias.es/>**

The Pablo Iglesias Foundation is a cultural institution that focuses on research and dissemination of socialist ideology and on recovering and compiling historic and contemporary documentation of Spanish socialism. The Foundation also promotes cooperation with political, economic and cultural entities both from Spain and abroad, aiming to promote and support the values and culture of democracy and to defend human rights.

**People in Need (Czech Republic)****<http://www.clovekvtsni.cz>**

People in Need (PIN) is a Czech non-profit, nongovernmental organization that has implemented relief and development projects in crisis regions around the globe and supported human rights and democracy in countries repressed by totalitarian regimes throughout its history. PIN is one of the largest organizations of its kind in post-communist Europe, and has administered projects in thirty-seven countries since its founding.

**Pontis Foundation (Slovakia)****<http://www.nadaciapontis.sk/>**

The Pontis Foundation was established in 1997 and is one of the largest grantmaking and operational foundations in Slovakia. The name of the foundation is taken from the Latin word for “bridge” and expresses the foundation’s purpose: to connect the sectors of Slovak society with one another and to link sources of financial support with those who need it. The Foundation supports the increased capacities of Slovakia as an emerging donor in development cooperation and democracy assistance and is a founding member of the Slovak NGDO Platform, CONCORD, the World Movement for Democracy and the network of European foundations for democracy.

**Rights & Democracy (Canada)****<http://www.dd-rd.ca/>**

Rights & Democracy works with individuals, organizations and governments in Canada and abroad to promote the human and democratic rights defined in the United Nations’ International Bill of Human Rights. Rights & Democracy enjoys partnerships with human rights, indigenous peoples’ and women’s rights groups, as well as democratic movements and governments around the world with whom it cooperates to promote human rights and democracy.

**Support Initiative for Liberty and Democracy (Denmark)****<http://www.silba.dk/>**

The Support Initiative for Liberty and Democracy (SILBA) is a Danish cross-political NGO founded in 1994 by Bertel Haarder, current Minister of Education of Denmark, in response to the strong wish among Danes to assist in developing the new democracies of Eastern Europe. SILBA’s primary goal is to assist democratic political parties, youth organizations and NGO’s in the new EU East European Member Countries and new Neighboring Countries,, including Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Kaliningrad, Azerbaijan, Armenia and Georgia, SILBA has a strong focus on youth programs.

## **NATIONAL AID AGENCIES**

### **Australian Agency for International Development (Australia)**

**<http://www.aisaid.gov.au/>**

The Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID) provides monetary funding to visiting scholars and to developing countries. Working to support the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals, AusAID aims to help developing countries reduce poverty and achieve sustainable development. AusAID funds initiatives dedicated to the protection and advancement of human rights, strengthening law and justice, the development of civil society, and the strengthening democratic institutions and processes.

### **Canadian Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (Canada)**

**<http://www.international.gc.ca/international/index.aspx>**

As a department of the Canadian government, the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) works to ensure that Canada's foreign policy reflects national interests and values. Engaged in both economic and security initiatives, domestically and abroad, DFAIT believes development, security and peace, and democratic governance can be best achieved through global multilateral engagement. DFAIT's foreign policy agenda includes the promotion of human right and gender equality.

### **Danish International Development Assistance (Denmark)**

**<http://www.um.dk/en/menu/DevelopmentPolicy/>**

The Danish International Development Assistance Agency (DANIDA), an arm of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark, The objective of Denmark's official development assistance to developing countries is, through cooperation with governments and public authorities in these countries, to support their endeavors aimed at fostering economic growth, thus making contributions to ensuring social progress and political independence in accordance with the aims and principles of the Charter of the United Nations.

### **German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (Germany)**

**<http://www.bmz.de/en/issues/goodgovernance/demokratie/arbeitsfelder/index.html>**

The German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development promotes a wide range of human rights initiatives, including the rights of women and children; political participation; rule of law; and local development and transparent governance. The Ministry stresses the central importance of democracy and the rule of law in meeting the UN's Millennium Development Goals. The Ministry also promotes sustainable economic development as a mechanism that supports positive global growth.

### **The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (Germany)**

**<http://www.gtz.de/en/index.htm>**

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ), whose mandate is to support the German government in achieving its development objectives, provides viable, forward-looking solutions for political, economic, ecological and social development in a globalized world while helping its partners establish democratic systems. It promotes democratic elections and parliaments, equal rights for women and the protection of minorities. It also supports participation by civil society in government decision-making processes, and promotes free and independent media.

### **Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (Spain)**

**<http://www.aecid.es/web/es/> *Spanish language only***

The Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECI), a department of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, is a governmental organization that provides funding to civil society for initiatives to eradicate poverty and to promote sustainable development practices in developing countries. AECI also supports initiatives that promote democratic governance, gender equality, health, and education.

### **Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sweden)**

**<http://www.sida.se/English/>**

The Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) is a department of the Swedish Foreign Ministry. Under the direction of the Swedish government, Sida provides funding to civil society organizations that work in developing countries. Sida hopes to promote the development of dynamic and democratic civil societies by strengthen local partner organizations in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Sida is dedicated to reducing poverty around the world.

### **United Kingdom Department for International Development (United Kingdom)**

**<http://www.dfid.gov.uk/>**

The Department for International Development (DFID), the United Kingdom's aid agency, works in 150 countries around the world to eradicate extreme poverty and to promote sustainable development. In an effort to attain the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) of halving world poverty by 2015, DFID works with international organizations and governments of developing countries to reduce poverty and promote human rights. DFID believes that aid can be more effective at reducing poverty through implementing sustainable country-based aid.

### **US Agency for International Development (United States)**

**[http://www.usaid.gov/our\\_work/democracy\\_and\\_governance/](http://www.usaid.gov/our_work/democracy_and_governance/)**

The US Agency for International Development (USAID) is an independent agency that provides economic, development and humanitarian assistance around the world in support of the foreign policy goals of the US. The department of Democracy and Governance supports the US' main foreign policy objective of expanding the global community of democracies. USAID works towards strengthening rule of law and respect for human rights, promoting free and fair elections, increasing political engagement with civil society, promoting transparency in governmental processes, and promoting media freedom. The USAID Democracy and Governance program operates mainly through its overseas offices.

### **US State Department: Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor (United States)**

**<http://www.state.gov/g/drl/democ>**

The State Department promotes democracy as a means to achieve security, stability, and prosperity worldwide by assisting newly formed democracies in implementing democratic principles; assisting democracy advocates around the world to establish vibrant democracies in their own countries; and identifying and denouncing regimes that deny their citizens the right to choose their leaders in elections that are free, fair and transparent.

### **US State Department: The Middle East Partnership Initiative**

**<http://mepi.state.gov/>**

The Middle East Partnership Initiative (MEPI), a division of the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs at the US Department of State. MEPI assists local organizations in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region in their efforts to expand political participation, strengthen civil society and the rule of law, empower women and youth, create educational opportunities and promote economic reform. Since its establishment in 2002, MEPI has contributed over \$530 million to more than 600 projects in 17 countries and territories.

## **OTHER DEMOCRACY SUPPORT ORGANIZATIONS**

### **Academy for Educational Development (United States)**

**[www.aed.org](http://www.aed.org)**

The Academy for Educational Development (AED) is a non-profit organization that works globally to improve education, health, civil society, and economic development. Specifically, AED's democracy program promotes advocacy, civil society development, conflict mitigation/resolution, human rights, and local governance. AED is committed to strengthen civil society through coalition building, grantmaking, advocacy training, organizational development, and civic education campaigns.

### **African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies (The Gambia)**

**<http://www.acdhrs.org/>**

The Centre's main objective is to give meaning to Article 25 of the African Charter, which requires States Parties to, "promote and ensure, through teaching, education and publication, respect of the rights and freedoms contained in the Charter and to see to it that these freedoms and rights, as well as corresponding obligations are understood." The Centre is Governed by the Pan-African Council and focuses on training, action-oriented research, legal service and producing publications, including the draft code of ethics for NGO's in 2005.

### **African Democracy Forum (Kenya)**

**<http://www.africandemocracyforum.org/>**

The African Democracy Forum (ADF), launched in October 2000, is an African regional network of the World Movement for Democracy that is comprised of democracy, human rights, and governance organizations. ADF seeks to consolidate democracy in Africa by providing opportunities for democrats to openly express their views while also acting as a platform for mutual support and the sharing of resources. Over 450 organizations and individuals working on democracy issues in Africa currently participate in ADF activities. ADF provides opportunities for democrats to speak with one voice as well as a platform for mutual support and the sharing of resources.

### **African Union**

**<http://www.africa-union.org/>**

Comprised of 53 African member states with its headquarters in Ethiopia, the African Union (AU) is an organization that works to promote unity and solidarity between African countries and peoples through the acceleration of socio-economic integration throughout the continent. Working towards the common vision of unified Africa, the AU focuses on the promotion of peace, security and stability as prerequisites for sustainable development, successful integration, and the building of partnerships between governments and civil society.

### **Afrobarometer**

**<http://www.afrobarometer.org/>**

Afrobarometer is an independent research project that measures the social, political, and economic atmosphere in Africa and produces a comparative series of national public attitude surveys on democracy, markets, and civil society. Launched as a joint project in 1998 by Michigan State University (MSU), IDASA, and the Center for Democratic Development (CDD) in Ghana, Afrobarometer aims to produce scientifically reliable data on public opinion, strengthen institutional capacity for survey research, and broadly disseminate and apply survey findings throughout Africa and around the globe. The core partners of this project are MSU, IDASA in South Africa, CDD in Ghana and Institute for Empirical Research in Political Economy in Benin.

**Albert Einstein Institution (United States)**

<http://www.aeinstein.org/>

The Albert Einstein Institution is a non-profit organization advancing the study and use of strategic nonviolent action in defense of freedom, democracy, and the reduction of political violence in conflicts around the world. The Institution's goals are to understand the dynamics of nonviolent action in conflicts, to explore its policy potential, and to communicate this through print and other media, translations, conferences, consultations, and workshops.

**The Albert Shanker Institute (United States)**

<http://www.shankerinstitute.org/>

The Albert Shanker Institute is a non-profit organization established in 1998 to honor the life and legacy of the late president of the American Federation of Teachers. The organization's by-laws commit it to four fundamental principles—vibrant democracy, quality public education, a voice for working people in decisions affecting their jobs and their lives, and free and open debate about all of these issues.

**Alianza Civica (Mexico)**

<http://www.alianzaticiva.org.mx>

A Mexican citizen organization devoted to advancing governmental and electoral processes, the Alianza Civica runs projects that promote citizen participation in political life, transparency in government and citizen security. The Alianza Civica was founded in 1994 by a network of election-monitoring organizations, and has since worked to strengthen Mexican government and civil society alike through numerous consultation and education projects.

**Alliance for Democracy in Africa (United States)**

<http://www.adeafrica.org/>

Headquartered in Washington DC, with a regional office in the Gambia, the Alliance for Democracy in Africa (ADA) is a non-profit nongovernmental organization that is dedicated to promoting democracy by encouraging Africans, particularly women and children, to internalize and practice democratic values in their societies. ADA partners with a global network of volunteer experts to provide practical assistance to civic and political leaders advancing democratic values and practices.

**Alliance for Reforms and Democracy in Asia**

<http://www.asiademocracy.org/>

Alliance for Reforms and Democracy in Asia (ARDA), a steering committee member of the World Forum for Democratization in Asia, works to promote democracy, human rights, and the rule of law in Asia. Led by Dr. Chee Soon Juan, a leading dissident and member of the Singapore Democratic Party, ARDA serves as a network for activists' intent on spreading freedom and democracy throughout all of Asia. In addition, ARDA also functions as a network for the greater global community.

**American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative (United States)**

<http://www.abanet.org/rol/>

The Rule of Law Initiative is a public service project of the American Bar Association dedicated to promoting rule of law around the world. The Rule of Law Initiative promotes legal reform efforts in over 40 countries and has over 400 professional staff working in the United States and abroad. The Rule of Law Initiative concentrates its technical legal assistance efforts in the following substantive areas: anti-corruption, criminal law reform and human trafficking, gender issues, human rights and conflict mitigation, judicial reform, legal education reform, and legal profession reform.

### **America's Development Foundation (United States)**

**[www.adfusa.org](http://www.adfusa.org)**

America's Development Foundation (ADF) is a non-profit that works throughout the world to strengthen the capacities of civil society, the private sector, and government to work together for responsive democratic governance and social and economic development. ADF programs provide training, technical assistance and grants designed to strengthen democratic values, institutions and processes and promote democratic governance, economic and social development.

### **Amnesty International (United Kingdom)**

**<http://www.amnesty.org/>**

Amnesty International is a worldwide movement that works to promote the human rights inscribed in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international agreements. The organization takes action aimed at preventing and ending grave abuses of human rights by campaigning locally and globally. With more than 2.2 million members and subscribers in over 150 countries and regions, Amnesty International coordinates support of justice on a variety of issues including women's rights, protection for migrants and refugees and the defense of those trapped in poverty.

### **Anna Lindh Foundation**

**<http://www.euromedalex.org/>**

Named after former Swedish Foreign Minister Anna Lindh who was assassinated, the Anna Lindh Foundation (ALF) is a network of civil society organizations from 43 countries in the Euro-Mediterranean region that work to promote intercultural dialogue. ALF works to promote cultural understanding among people of different religions and beliefs. In addition to championing human rights and democracy, ALF also provides grants to projects and initiatives that promote the Foundation's overall goal of creating intercultural dialogue.

### **The Arab Democracy Foundation (Qatar)**

**<http://www.arabdemocracyfoundation.org>**

The Arab Democracy Foundation (ADF) is an independent initiative by peoples of the Arab region to channel resources to causes that strengthen their democratic transitions. The mechanism by which ADF accomplishes its aims is strategic grantmaking, augmented by advocacy, networking and knowledge transfer. ADF believes that its primary impact lies in stimulating and supporting innovation in the programs of Arab civil society organizations and citizens' initiatives. ADF helps qualified groups strengthen their institutional capacities, engage in promoting democratic values, participate in important public policy debates to prepare their societies for a transition to democratic governance and work against all forms of social and political exclusion.

### **The Arab Human Rights Fund (Lebanon)**

**<http://ahrfund.org>**

The Arab Human Rights Fund (AHRF) is the result of a universal human rights vision whereby everyone enjoys life in freedom, equality and dignity and is able to be a participant in the achievement of that vision. The AHRF is aimed at strengthening human rights activities in the Arab region in accordance with intrinsic needs and priorities. It does this by providing the requisite financial resources to individuals and organizations active in the protection of all human rights whilst also promoting and strengthening social justice philanthropy in the region – independently of any governmental, political, religious or other interests.

**Arab NGO Network for Development (Lebanon)****<http://www.annd.org/new/annd/index.php>**

The Arab NGO Network for Development (ANND) is a regional network that advocates for social and economic rights in the Arab region. ANND works to strengthen the role of civil society, enhance the values of democracy and respect for human rights, and promotes sustainable development. ANND works to achieve its goal through influencing social and economic policymaking.

**Arab World Center for Democratic Development & Human Rights – United for Human Rights and Democracy (Jordan)****<http://www.awcdd.org/>**

The Arab World Center for Democracy Development & Human Rights is a non-profit nongovernmental organization based in Jordan that is dedicated to the defense and promotion of human rights and democracy in the Middle East region. The Center conducts research and training workshops, and holds conferences on the topics of human rights, gender equality, democracy, and child protection in order to increase awareness about the need for justice. The Center believes in strengthening democratic values through introducing changes to civil society.

**ARTICLE 19 (United Kingdom)****<http://www.article19.org/>**

ARTICLE 19 is a London-based human rights organization with a specific mandate and focus on the defense and promotion of freedom of expression and freedom of information worldwide. ARTICLE 19's work is organized into five Regional Programs – Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin America, and the Middle East – and a Law Program. ARTICLE 19 also works on global issues of concern that cut across national boundaries. To make freedom of expression a reality all over the world, they undertake the following: Working in Partnership, Monitoring and Research, Advocacy and Campaigning, Standard-Setting, Legal Development, Litigation, Capacity-Building, Lobbying, Cutting Edge Research and Policy Development.

**Asian Barometer (Taiwan)****<http://www.asianbarometer.org/>**

The Asian Barometer (ABS) is a regional network that encompasses research teams from 13 East Asian political systems and 5 South Asian countries. ABS works to generate a region-wide base of scientifically reliable and comparable data about political values, democracy, governance, human security, and economic reforms. ABS aims to strengthen intellectual and institutional capacity for research on democracy through surveying ordinary citizens in all participating countries. ABS disseminates its survey results to academics and policy audiences.

**The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Indonesia)****<http://www.aseansec.org/>**

The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), whose members include Brunei, Burma, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, works to promote economic growth, social progress and cultural development within Southeast Asia. Established in 1967, underlying principles of ASEAN include respect for the independence, sovereignty, equality, territorial integrity, and national identity between all member countries. ASEAN works to implement peace and security through promoting respect for law and justice.

### **Carnegie Endowment for International Peace (United States)**

**<http://www.ceip.org/>**

The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to advancing cooperation between nations and promoting active international engagement by the United States. Founded in 1910, its work is nonpartisan and dedicated to achieving practical results. From its regional offices in Washington, Beijing, Moscow, Beirut and Brussels, the Carnegie Endowment provides commentary and analysis on a range of issues, including democracy promotion and the rule of law.

### **The Carter Center (United States)**

**<http://www.cartercenter.org/>**

In collaboration with Emory University, the Carter Center is a not-for-profit organization committed to advancing human rights and alleviating human suffering. By working side by side with high-ranking government officials, as well as the general population, the Center has strengthened democracies in Asia, Latin America, and Africa. It has been very active in the monitoring and strengthening of elections in both emerging and established democracies.

### **The Center for Civic Education (United States)**

**<http://www.civiced.org>**

The Center for Civic Education is a non-profit, nonpartisan educational corporation that administers a wide range of critically acclaimed curricular, professional development, and community-based programs. Its work is aimed at giving citizens an increased understanding of the institutions of American constitutional democracy and the fundamental principles and values upon which they are founded, the skills necessary to participate as effective and responsible citizens, and the willingness to use democratic procedures for making decisions and managing conflict.

### **Center for Democracy and Citizenship (United States)**

**<http://www.publicwork.org/>**

The work of the Center for Democracy and Citizenship (CDC) draws on a rich heritage of people and institutions doing public work to achieve things of lasting importance. Part of the University of Minnesota, the CDC's philosophy is forged around the fundamentals of democracy and public work. CDC's current initiatives include training, community organizing, leadership development, and educational instruction for youth and community audiences.

### **Center for Democracy and Election Management – American University (United States)**

**<http://www.american.edu/cdem/>**

The Center for Democracy and Election Management (CDEM) was established by American University in 2002 to fill the gap between abstract academic research on democracy and the work of the many practitioners administering or monitoring elections all over the world. CDEM has three goals – education, research, and public engagement – on the full gamut of democracy and election-related issues. They work to fill the gap between abstract academic research on democracy and the work of the many practitioners administering or monitoring elections all over the world.

### **Center for Global Development (United States)**

**<http://www.cgdev.org/>**

The Center for Global Development (CDG) is a non-profit policy research organization that is dedicated to reducing poverty and inequality caused by uneven rapid global development. CDG engages policymakers from rich developed countries and institutions, like the United States and the World Bank, and the public to rethink economic and social development policies that have detrimental consequences for lesser developed countries.

### **Center for the Development of Democracy and Human Rights (Russia)**

**<http://www.demokratia.ru/>**

The Center for the Development of Democracy and Human Rights (CDDHR) is a Russian independent nongovernmental organization. Founded in 1998, CDDHR promotes the development of effective democratic institutions and the creation of sustainable mechanisms for the protection of human rights by influencing public policy. In addition to influencing policy, CDDHR also works toward creating conditions for civic participation by promoting democratic values and ideas in Russian society by working with community groups.

### **Center for the Study of Islam and Democracy (United States)**

**<http://www.csidonline.org/>**

The Center for the Study of Islam & Democracy (CSID) is a non-profit organization, dedicated to the study and combination of Islamic and democratic political thought in order to produce a modern Islamic democratic discourse. The organization was founded in March 1999 by a diverse group of academicians, professionals, and activists--both Muslim and non-Muslim--from around the US who agree on the need for the study of and dissemination of reliable information on this complex topic.

### **Center of Studies and Research for Democracy, Economics, and Social Development (Mali)**

**<http://www.cerdesmali.org/>**

The Center of Studies and Research for Democracy, Economics and Social Development (CERDES) is a nongovernmental organization based in Bamako, Mali and with an office in Bethesda, MD. Founded by Oumar Makalou in 1991, CERDES conducts research on politics and culture, law and institutions, and economics and social development. Makalou is a former French civil servant, a former Malian civil servant, and a former senior adviser at the International Monetary Fund.

### **The Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law (United States)**

**<http://cddrl.stanford.edu/>**

Stanford University's Center on Democracy, Development, and the Rule of Law (CDDRL) seeks to promote innovative and practical research on the design and implementation of policies to foster democracy, to promote balanced and sustainable growth, and to advance the rule of law in countries undergoing dramatic change. CDDRL engages in research, training, and teaching, and organizes intellectual and policy dialogues aimed at increasing public understanding of economic and political development.

### **Centre for Democracy and Development (United Kingdom)**

**<http://cddwestafrica.org>**

The Centre for Democracy and Development (CDD) was established in 1997 as an independent, not-for-profit, research, training, advocacy and capacity building organization. The purpose was to mobilize global opinion and resources for democratic development and provide an independent space to reflect critically on the challenges posed to the democratization and development processes in West Africa. The CDD's mission is to be the prime catalyst and facilitator for strategic analysis and capacity building for sustainable democracy and development in the West African sub-region.

### **Centre for Democratic Institutions (Australia)**

**<http://www.cdi.anu.edu.au>**

Centre for Democratic Institutions (CDI) was established by the Australian government to support the efforts of new democracies in the Asia-Pacific region to strengthen their political systems. CDI is specifically focused on strengthening parliamentary governance and political parties in the emerging

democracies of Southeast Asia and the South Pacific. CDI works to improve governance and political practice by conducting high-level training courses, acting as a networking hub, providing direct technical assistance, and undertaking applied research on parliamentary and political party development.

**Children's Resources International (United States)**

**<http://www.childrensresources.org/>**

Children's Resources International, Inc. (CRI) is a non-profit educational and training organization whose mission is to promote democratic educational practices for children, their families, and their teachers around the world. Founded in 1994, CRI operates under the belief that children who encounter democratic principles at a young age are likely to adopt a democratic worldview as adults.

**CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation (South Africa)**

**<http://www.civicus.org/>**

CIVICUS: World Alliance for Citizen Participation is an international network of individuals and organizations that nurture the foundation, growth and protection of citizen action throughout the world, especially in areas where participatory democracy and citizens' freedom of association are threatened. CIVICUS has worked for over a decade to strengthen citizen action and civil society throughout the world, especially in areas where participatory democracy and citizens' freedom of association are threatened.

**CIVITAS International (United States)**

**<http://www.civnet.org/>**

CIVITAS International is a world-wide nongovernmental organization that promotes civic education at the pre-collegiate and collegiate levels in order to promote informed and responsible citizenship in emerging and established democracies around the world. The organization believes civic education is vital both to emerging and established democracies to ensure that future generations of citizens understand the values, processes, and skills necessary to developing and maintaining a free and democratic political system.

**Club de Madrid (Spain)**

**<http://www.clubmadrid.org/>**

Established following the Conference on Democratic Transition and Consolidation in 2001, Club de Madrid, comprised of over 70 former democratically elected prime ministers and presidents from around the world, is an international forum committed to promoting democracy by developing practical programs for democratic transition. Current programs include promoting women's political participation and leadership, security and terrorism, and addressing the global economic crisis.

**Committee to Protect Journalists (United States)**

**<http://www.cpj.org/>**

The Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) is an independent, non-profit organization founded in 1981. CPJ promotes press freedom worldwide by defending the rights of journalists to report the news without fear of reprisal. By publicly revealing abuses against the press and by acting on behalf of imprisoned and threatened journalists, CPJ effectively warns journalists and news organizations where attacks on press freedom are occurring. CPJ organizes vigorous public protests and works through diplomatic channels to effect change. CPJ publishes articles and news releases; special reports; a biannual magazine, *Dangerous Assignments*; and *Attacks on the Press*, the most comprehensive annual survey of press freedom around the world.

### **The Commonwealth (United Kingdom)**

**<http://www.thecommonwealth.org/>**

The Commonwealth is an association of 53 independent states consulting and cooperating in the common interests of their peoples and in the promotion of international understanding and world peace. The Commonwealth's 1.8 billion citizens, about 30 % of the world's population, are drawn from the broadest range of faiths, races, cultures and traditions. Emphasizing equality, trust and understanding, the Commonwealth facilitates the advancement of democracy, human rights and sustainable economic and social development within its member countries and beyond.

### **Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (India)**

**<http://www.humanrightsinitiative.org/>**

Headquartered in New Delhi, and with offices in Ghana and London, Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI) is an independent, non-partisan, international nongovernmental organization that works to promote awareness of and adherence to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other internationally recognized human rights instruments. CHRI is also a clearinghouse for various human rights publications and works with community groups and civil society organizations to influence policymakers.

### **Council for a Community of Democracies (United States)**

**<http://www.ccd21.org/>**

The Council for a Community of Democracies (CCD) is a nongovernmental organization that advocates for democratic change and international cooperation through its global network of civil society, the International Steering Committee (ISC). CCD promotes the views of the ISC to the Community of Democracies, an intergovernmental organization comprised of the world's democracies. CCD seeks to promote democracy education as a pillar of building a culture of democracy and the development of *the Diplomat's Handbook* to encourage and guide diplomats in fostering democracy in their countries of assignment.

### **Democracy Coalition Project (United States)**

**<http://www.demcoalition.org/>**

The Democracy Coalition Project is a nongovernmental organization that conducts research and advocacy relating to democracy promotion policies at the national, regional and global levels. Created in June 2001 as an initiative of the Open Society Institute, the Democracy Coalition Project relies on an international network of civil society organizations, scholars, foreign policy experts and politicians committed to democracy promotion as an essential element of international peace and human development.

### **Democracy Council (United States)**

**<http://www.democracycouncil.org/>**

The Democracy Council (DC) is a non-profit organization composed of individuals from around the globe that work to develop and manage programs in the developing world. DC works with local organizations in authoritarian countries to promote good governance, economic opportunity, human rights, the rule of law, and the free exchange of information. DC believes these are fundamental elements in stable societies. DC's network includes congressional staff members; government aid agencies; the United Nations; and international law, human rights, non-profit, academia, and private sector professionals.

**Democracy Digest (United States)**

<http://www.demdigest.net/>

Democracy Digest provides news, analysis and information on democracy promotion and related matters. The Digest is produced at the National Endowment for Democracy and published by the Transatlantic Democracy Network, which aims to inform and convene democratic and civil society activists committed to promoting democracy. The network is affiliated with the World Movement for Democracy.

**Democracy International (United States)**

<http://www.democracyinternational.us/>

Democracy International, Inc. (DI) designs, evaluates, implements, and provides technical assistance for democracy and governance programs worldwide. DI offers expertise in election processes and election monitoring, political party organizing, local government and decentralization, legislative strengthening, civil society development, strategic communications, and rule of law programming. The firm has extensive experience with assessments, evaluations, project designs, and survey research.

**Democratization Policy Council**

<http://democratizationpolicy.org/>

The Democratization Policy Council (DPC), registered in the United States, is a non-profit organization that was established in 2005 by a group of international affairs professionals from around the world. DPC asserts that the world's existing democracies have a responsibility to assist in the promotion of peaceful democratic change in countries that do not practice democratic governance. DPC pursues its overall goal of facilitating the active spread of liberal democracy by advocating for governments to adopt democratic policies in their foreign policy agendas.

**Derechos (United States)**

<http://www.derechos.org>

Derechos ("Rights") is an international human rights organization that works with national and international human rights organizations and activists all over the world. Specifically focused on human rights in Latin America, Derechos work involves human rights education initiatives, including promoting awareness of human rights abuses; investigating human rights abuses; contributing to the development of international and national human rights law; and providing assistance to human rights NGOs, activists and victims of human rights or humanitarian law violations.

**Education Center for Women in Democracy (Kenya)**

<http://www.ecwd.org/>

The Education Center for Women in Democracy (ECWD) is a non-profit nongovernmental organization that works to increase women's participation and leadership in politics, public life and decision-making. Founded in 1993, ECWD works to ensure the creation of a more conducive social, political, economic and democratic environment for the equal participation of women. ECWD works with like-minded organizations, institutions and individuals in the Greater East Africa region.

**European Commission for Democracy through Law (Italy)**

<http://www.venice.coe.int/>

Created by the Council of Europe, the European Commission for Democracy through Law, better known as the Venice Commission, is the Council of Europe's advisory body on constitutional matters. The work of the European Commission for Democracy through Law aims at upholding the three underlying principles of Europe's constitutional heritage: democracy, human rights and the rule of law - the cornerstones of the Council of Europe.

### **The European Democracy Caucus (Belgium)**

**<http://www.democracycaucus.org/>**

The European Democracy Caucus was set up in 2005 as an informal, all-party group of Members of the European Parliament, committed to the promotion of democracy worldwide, but primarily in the EU's "Neighborhood." The Neighborhood is a formal definition of the arc of countries from Russia to Morocco which are now identified as a strategic priority for the EU after its enlargement in May 2004 to the eight ex-Soviet bloc countries, Cyprus and Malta.

### **European Institute for Democracy (Austria)**

**<http://www.eid.at/>**

Founded in Vienna in 1999, the European Institute for Democracy (EID) works to support the endeavors of individuals and organizations struggling for civil democratic society in South Eastern Europe. EID promotes discourse between European key decision-makers from within and beyond the borders of the European Union by organizing colloquia, seminars, symposia, and conferences pertaining to European integration. EID also functions as a network that unites Central, South-eastern and Eastern Europe.

### **European Parliamentarians for Africa**

**<http://www.awepa.org/>**

The Association of European Parliamentarians for Africa (AWEPA) is an international nongovernmental organization that supports parliaments in Africa and works to keep Africa high on the political agenda in Europe. It has some 1500 current and former parliamentarians as members from the European Parliament and almost all EU member states, plus Norway and Switzerland.

### **Forum of Federations (Canada)**

**<http://www.forumfed.org/>**

The Forum of Federations is an independent organization that was initiated in Canada and is supported by many countries and governments. The Forum is concerned with the contribution federalism makes and can make to the maintenance and construction of democratic societies and governments. It pursues this goal by: building international networks and fostering the exchange of experience on federal governance; enhancing mutual learning and understanding among practitioners of federalism; and disseminating knowledge and technical advice of interest to existing federations and of benefit to countries seeking to introduce federal elements into their governance structures and constitutions.

### **The Foundation for Democracy in Africa (United States)**

**<http://democracy-africa.org/>**

The Foundation for Democracy in Africa (FDA) is a non-profit nongovernmental development organization committed to promoting participatory democracy, sustainable development and economic growth throughout Africa. FDA develops innovative culturally sensitive strategies and programs that are designed to foster democracy and good governance, enhance human and institutional capacity, reduce poverty and accelerate economic development.

### **Foundation for the Future (Jordan)**

**<http://www.foundationforfuture.org/en/>**

Foundation for the Future (FFF) is an independent non-profit grantmaking organization, committed to promoting and strengthening Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in their efforts to foster democracy and human rights in the Broader Middle East and North Africa (BMENA) region. FFF's grants are awarded to programs that foster growth within civil society, specifically programs pertaining to rule of law, media freedom, women's empowerment, civic education, and youth engagement.

**Freedom Forum (United States)**

**<http://www.freedomforum.org/>**

The Freedom Forum is a non-profit, international organization that champions the First Amendment as a cornerstone of democracy. The Forum is dedicated to ensuring free press, free speech and free spirit for all people. The Forum also works to foster diverse newsroom environments by training people of color for journalism careers. Founded in 2001, the Forum is the main funder of the Newseum in Washington DC.

**Freedom House (United States)**

**<http://www.freedomhouse.org/>**

Freedom House, a non-profit, nonpartisan organization, is a clear voice for democracy and freedom around the world. Through a vast array of international programs and publications, Freedom House is working to advance the remarkable worldwide expansion of political and economic freedom. With over a dozen offices spread over four continents, Freedom House trains and supports democratic reformers on the front lines in their own countries, acting as a catalyst for freedom by strengthening civil society, promoting open government, defending human rights, and facilitating the free flow of information and ideas.

**FRIDE (Spain)**

**[http://www.fride.org/homepage\\_english](http://www.fride.org/homepage_english)**

FRIDE is an independent think tank that focuses on Europe's role on the international stage. FRIDE's core research interests include peace and security, human rights, democracy promotion, development, and humanitarian aid. FRIDE seeks to mould debate in governmental and nongovernmental bodies through rigorous analysis, rooted in the values of justice, equality and democracy.

**Front Line (Ireland)**

**<http://www.frontlinedefenders.org/>**

Founded in 2001, Front Line aims to protect human rights defenders at risk and those who work nonviolently to defend the values enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. The organization provides rapid and practical support to at-risk human rights defenders, including through a 24 hour emergency response phone line, and promotes the visibility and recognition of human rights defenders as a vulnerable group. Front Line runs a small grants program to provide for the security needs of defenders, and mobilizes campaigning and lobbying on behalf of defenders at immediate risk. In emergency situations Front Line can facilitate temporary relocation.

**The Fund for Global Human Rights (United States)**

**<http://www.globalhumanrights.org/>**

The Fund for Global Human Rights believes in securing basic freedoms worldwide through challenging abuse wherever it occurs. The Fund works in 6 regions (North Africa, West Africa, African Great Lakes, South Asia, Southeast Asia, and Latin America) around the world to create an effective global human rights community. Currently funded initiatives include promoting the economic, political, and social rights of vulnerable populations; confronting government corruption; and the promotion of rule of law and other democratic reforms.

**The Fund for Peace (United States)**

**<http://www.fundforpeace.org/>**

The Fund for Peace (FfP) is an independent, nonpartisan research and educational organization that works to prevent war and alleviate the conditions that cause conflict. FfP promotes sustainable security through the promotion of scholarship to define problems and the provision of competent answers, and the use of knowledge and information obtained to participate in debates and inform the public of the facts.

FfP focuses in the areas of conflict assessment, peace and stability operations, sustainable development, human rights promotion, and foreign policy.

**Fundar (Mexico)**

**<http://www.fundar.org.mx/> *Spanish language only***

Fundar, the Center for Analysis and Research, is an independent organization that works to advance democracy and promote human rights. Through research and collaborative networking, Fundar is dedicated to widening and strengthening citizen participation, promoting governmental transparency and accountability, promoting the observance of the rule of law and promoting human rights.

**GERDDES-AFRICA (Benin)**

**<http://www.gerddes.org/en/home.php>**

GERDDES-AFRICA, also known as the Research Group on the Democratic, Social and Economic Development of Africa, is a nongovernmental organization that works in the fields of democracy, human rights, and social and economic development. The organization promotes democracy through civic education, training of election observers, research, and political intermediation. GERDDES-AFRICA has over 1,000 members in twenty African countries.

**Ghana Center for Democratic Development (Ghana)**

**<http://www.cddghana.org/index.aspx>**

The Ghana Center for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana) is a non-profit research-based and policy-oriented think tank that is dedicated to the promotion of democracy, good governance and the development of a liberal political and economic environment in Africa. CDD-Ghana seeks to enhance the democratic content of public policy and to advance the cause of constitutionalism, individual liberty, the rule of law, and integrity in public life.

**The Global Network for Good Governance (Cameroon)**

**<http://www.gngg.org>**

The network is a non-profit, nongovernmental, independent research, information and training organization registered under Cameroon Law. It is dedicated to practical and country-tailored strategies and mechanisms to combat corrupt practices and to foster popular participation and transparency in the management of public affairs and honesty in private business transaction as a prelude to sustainable development.

**Gorée Institute (Senegal)**

**<http://www.goreeinstitute.org/index.php?lang=en>**

Gorée Institute is a Pan African civil society organization dedicated to the promotion of peaceful, self-reliant, and open societies in Africa. The institute's main objectives are to strengthen political dialogue and establish peace; improve democratic processes; and promote human rights through advocating for personal individual freedoms. The institute asserts that democratic governance will best flourish in states where enterprises are transparent and when civil societies are socially-engaged and independent.

**Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights (Poland)**

**<http://www.hfhrpol.waw.pl/index.php?lang=en>**

The Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights (HFHR) is a nongovernmental organization involved in the protection of human rights in Europe. HFHR works with individuals, nongovernmental organizations, and to state institutions to provide expert consultation in the sphere of human rights and freedoms. HFHR conducts national and international trainings, organizes conferences and seminars. Specifically, HFHR programs address the issues of child, refugee, and migrant rights.

### **Human Rights First (United States)**

**<http://www.humanrightsfirst.org/index.aspx>**

Human Rights First (HRF) is a non-profit international organization that promotes respect for human rights and the rule of law. HRF engages in coalition-building, insider advocacy, litigation, research and reporting, and public advocacy in order to work towards ending crimes against humanity, including torture, and all forms of discrimination. HRF is a resource for organizations that are working to eradicate intolerance, tyranny, and violence. HRF seeks to protect human rights defenders, and other champions of progress, who are often victims of repression.

### **Human Rights Watch (United States)**

**<http://www.hrw.org/>**

Human Rights Watch (HRW) is a nongovernmental organization dedicated to protecting human rights of the people around the world, standing with victims and activists to prevent discrimination, upholding political freedom, protecting people from inhumane conduct in wartime and bringing offenders to justice. HRW fights to bring greater justice and security to people around the world through research, monitoring, and advocacy initiatives. Headquartered in New York City, HRW has offices around the world.

### **Humanist Institute for Development Cooperation (The Netherlands)**

**<http://www.hivos.nl/eng/We-are-Hivos/Hivos-themes/Human-rights-democratisation>**

The Humanist Institute for Development Cooperation (Hivos) provides funding for programs and organizations that work to create fair, democratic and equal societies. Hivos believes human rights, rule of law, democratization, and diversity are necessary factors for sustainable development. As of 2007, Hivos has provided over 17 million Euros to civil society organizations working to promote human rights and democratization around the world.

### **Humanus International (Cameroon)**

**<http://www.humanus-international.org/>**

Also known as Humanus Foundation, Humanus International is a human rights organization that works to promote and uphold rule of law in areas of the world where vulnerable populations are plagued with corruption. Based in Cameroon, Humanus International is an independent non-profit organization that promotes participatory and active citizenship, electoral transparency, and access to justice. In addition, Humanus International also promotes improving public health, access to education, and the reduction of poverty.

### **Ibn Khaldun Center for Development Studies (Egypt)**

**<http://www.eicds.org/>**

Named after the great Arab thinker Abdel-Rahman Ibn Khaldun (1332-1406), who was the founder of Arab Social Science, the Ibn Khaldun Center for Development Studies (ICDS) is a research and advocacy organization that focuses on issues deemed relevant to Egypt and the Arab world. ICDS pioneered many of these programs, typically beginning with activities in Egypt, and then branching out to other countries of the Arab World. Under the current direction of Saad Eddin Ibrahim, in the future ICDS will concentrate its efforts in the following areas: civil society and democratization; sects, ethnic and minority groups; and gender and human development.

### **IJTIHAD (United States)**

**<http://www.ijtihad.org/>**

Run and written by Dr. Muqtedar Khan, IJTIHAD is a news and opinion column on Islam and global affairs. IJTIHAD seeks to promote freedom of thought, rational thinking, and the quest for truth through an epistemology covering science, rationalism, human experience, and critical thinking among Muslims

everywhere. IJTIHAD's content focuses on Islam, democracy, and women's rights; Islam in America and the West; jihad against terror; and geopolitics.

### **Initiatives for International Dialogue (Philippines)**

**<http://www.iidnet.org/>**

Founded in 1988, Initiatives for International Dialogue (IID) is a Philippines-based advocacy and solidarity organization that promotes south-south solidarity and people-to-people internationalism in order to create a sustainable global community. IDD focuses on conflict prevention and peace building, democratization, engaging civil society, and the right to self-determination within South East Asia. IDD has a strong commitment to upholding and promoting human rights.

### **Institute for Democracy in Africa (South Africa)**

**<http://www.idasa.org.za/>**

IDASA is an independent public interest organization committed to promoting sustainable democracy based on active citizenship, democratic institutions, and social justice. Through its various programs, IDASA works to increase civic participation, provide democracy education and training, promote governmental transparency, and strengthen democratic institutions. Current IDASA initiatives include campaigning to have African governments ratify the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance. Formed in 1987, IDASA maintains international links with many similar organizations through the World Movement for Democracy.

### **Institute for Political Studies - Catholic University of Portugal (Portugal)**

**<http://www.ucp.pt/site/custom/template/ucptplfac.asp?sspageID=1751&lang=2>**

The Institute for Political Studies, a department at the Catholic University of Portugal, offers programs in political studies and international affairs that strongly emphasize the Western tradition of liberty under law. The Institute believes in transatlantic relationship between Europe and North America, and works for the inclusion of Portuguese-speaking peoples in that relationship. The Institute's graduate programs promote the idea that academic scholarship is pertinent to the development of civil society.

### **Institute for Security Studies (South Africa)**

**<http://www.iss.co.za/>**

The Institute for Security of Studies (ISS) is a pan-African applied policy research institute headquartered in Pretoria, South Africa. Working in the area of African human security, ISS provides empirical research and contextual analysis to policy makers, advocacy groups, and the media. Overall, ISS seeks to establish sustainable development, adherence to human rights, the rule of law, democracy, and collaborative security throughout Africa.

### **Institute of Social Sciences (India)**

**<http://www.issin.org/>**

Institute of Social Sciences is dedicated to systematic study of social issues and problems that confront India, in trans-disciplinary perspective. Its finding and recommendations are made available to the members of the decision-making organization such as government bodies, trade unions, people's organization and corporate bodies and scientific communities to encourage them to enlarge the options for action. The evolution of an informed and action-oriented public opinion is our primary aim.

### **Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (Costa Rica)**

**<http://www.iidh.ed.cr/>**

The Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IHR) is an international academic institution based in Costa Rica that works to promote and strengthen respect for human rights and to support the consolidation of democracy throughout the western hemisphere. IHR operates according to the

principles of representative democracy, rule of law, ideological pluralism and respect for fundamental rights and freedoms. IIHR is a leading teaching and academic center in human rights advocacy and education.

**The International Bar Association (United Kingdom)**

**<http://www.ibanet.org/>**

The International Bar Association (IBA) influences the development of international law reform and shapes the future of the legal profession by working to promote, protect and enforce human rights under a just rule of law worldwide. Specifically, the IBA promotes human right through its Human Rights Institute, which provides human rights training to lawyers and judges, conducts fact finding missions, offers technical assistance to countries with developing Bar programs, conducts trial observations, produces thematic papers, and conducts advocacy campaigns.

**International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (United States)**

**<http://www.icnl.org/>**

The International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL) promotes an enabling legal environment for civil society, freedom of association, and public participation around the world. Program focuses include helping to establish a legal framework for civil society, civil society sustainability, good governance and accountability, public-private partnerships, self-regulation, advocacy and public participation, and educational initiatives.

**International Center for Islam and Pluralism (Indonesia)**

**<http://www.icipglobal.org>**

The International Centre for Islam and Pluralism's (ICIP) mission is to create both a regional South-East Asian network and global network of Islamic NGOs, progressive-moderate Muslim activists, and intellectuals. ICIP's goal is to disseminate the ideas of Indonesia's moderate and progressive Muslims to audiences in both Indonesia and around the world. ICIP is also interested in bringing together high-profile, progressive intellectuals from other parts of the Muslim, as well as Western, world.

**International Center for Journalists (United States)**

**<http://www.icfj.org/>**

The International Center for Journalists, a non-profit, professional organization, promotes quality journalism worldwide in the belief that independent, vigorous media are crucial in improving the human condition. Since 1984, the International Center for Journalists has worked directly with more than 40,000 journalists from 176 countries. Aiming to raise the standards of journalism, ICFJ offers hands-on training, workshops, seminars, fellowships and international exchanges to reporters and media managers around the globe.

**International Centre for Democratic Transition (Hungary)**

**<http://www.icdt.hu/>**

International Centre for Democratic Transition (ICDT), based in Budapest, promotes democracy worldwide by drawing on the experiences of those who have taken the road to democracy and helping apply what they have learned to the needs of those seeking to take this route or who need practical assistance in consolidating democracy in their own countries and societies.

**International Center on Nonviolent Conflict (United States)**

**<http://www.nonviolent-conflict.org/>**

The International Center on Nonviolent Conflict is an independent, non-profit, educational foundation that develops and encourages the study and use of civilian-based, nonmilitary strategies to establish and defend human rights, democracy and justice worldwide. Acting as a catalyst to stimulate interest in

nonviolent conflict, the Center collaborates with likeminded educational institutions and nongovernmental organizations to educate the global public, influence policies and media coverage, and educate activists.

### **International IDEA**

**<http://www.idea.int/>**

Created in 1995 with its headquarters in Stockholm, Sweden, the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) is an intergovernmental organization that seeks to nurture and support sustainable democracy worldwide. Working in concert with policy makers, donor governments, UN organizations/agencies, regional organizations, and others engaged in democracy building, IDEA acts as a catalyst for democracy building by providing knowledge, resources, expertise, and a platform for debate on democracy issues.

### **International League for Human Rights (United States)**

**<http://www.ilhr.org/>**

The International League for Human Rights (ILHR) is a nongovernmental, non-profit human rights organization that defends individual human rights advocates who have risked their lives to promote the ideals of a just and civil society in their homelands. Formed in 1942, ILHR raises human rights issues and cases before the United Nations and other intergovernmental organizations in partnership with organizations abroad to help amplify their voices and develop cooperative strategies for effective human rights protection.

### **International PEN (United Kingdom)**

**<http://www.internationalpen.org.uk/>**

International PEN, the worldwide association of writers with 145 centers in 104 Countries, exists to promote friendship and intellectual cooperation among writers everywhere, to fight for freedom of expression and represent the conscience of world literature. The association's primary goal is to engage with, and empower, societies and communities across cultures and languages, through reading and writing. The association believes writers can play a crucial role in changing and developing civil society.

### **International Steering Committee of the Community of Democracies**

**<http://www.isc-cd.org/>**

The International Steering Committee of the Community of Democracies (ISC/CD) is a 25-member committee of civil society leaders from all regions of the world that represents the positions and concerns of civil society to the governments of the Community of Democracies. The Council for a Community of Democracies (CCD) serves as the secretariat for the ISC.

### **Journal of Democracy (United States)**

**<http://journalofdemocracy.org/>**

Founded in 1990, the Journal of Democracy is an influential quarterly journal which focuses on analyzing democratic regimes and movements around the world. The Journal is a branch of the International Forum for Democratic Studies at the National Endowment for Democracy, and is published by The Johns Hopkins University Press.

### **Kawakibi Democracy Transition Center (Tunisia)**

**<http://www.kawakibi.org/>**

The Kawakibi Democracy Transition Center is a technical nongovernmental regional organization, which specializes in transferring knowledge, engaging civil society, promoting citizenship, democracy education, and transnational justice. The Center was founded on the principle of partnership between organizations and experts in the Arab region and in the Middle East.

**KIOS, The Finnish NGO Foundation for Human Rights (Finland)**

<http://www.kios.fi/english/>

The Finnish NGO Foundation for Human Rights (KIOS) is an independent nongovernmental organization that provides funding to civil society projects that focus on the promotion and protection of human rights for vulnerable populations in the developing countries. Past KIOS funded initiatives have focused on democracy promotion, gender equality, and sustainable development.

**La Federation Internationale des Droits de l'Homme (France)**

<http://www.fidh.org/english->

The International Federation for Human Rights Leagues (FIDH) is a network of 115 human rights organizations from over 90 countries around the world. FIDH works to advance the implementation of all the rights defined by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, as well as other international instruments protecting human rights. FIDH's current programs focus on the promotion of human rights for vulnerable populations, security and terrorism, and sustainable globalization initiatives.

**The Lantos Foundation for Human Rights and Justice (United States)**

<http://www.lantosfoundation.org/index.asp>

The Lantos Foundation was established to further the work of the late Congressman Tom Lantos, who as the distinguished Chair of the US House Committee on Foreign Affairs and co-founder of the Congressional Human Rights Caucus. The Foundation works to strengthen the role of human rights in American foreign policy. The Foundation's three overall priorities are to recognize, support and honor the heroes of the human rights movement; educate and mentor a new generation of human rights activists; and to partner with and provide assistance to other human rights organizations working abroad.

**Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy**

<http://www.democracialatinoamerica.org/english>

The Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy is a network that works to promote democratic values and advocates for the protection civil society within the Spanish speaking world. Launching new initiatives and coordinated efforts in response to the obstacles to democracy, the network works to improve the quality of life for individuals who are affected by authoritarian regimes. The network also believes in the increased political participation of women in order to achieve stable and representative democracies and real sustainable development.

**League of Women Voters (United States)**

<http://www.lwv.org/>

The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, has fought since 1920 to improve governmental systems and impact public policies through citizen education and advocacy. The League is a grassroots organization, working at the national, state and local levels. The Global Democracy Program is the League's integrated program for activists and nongovernmental organizations worldwide. Working with groups abroad to increase their voice in demanding transparency, accountability, and good government in their societies, Global Democracy assists in expanding community influence in public policy-making processes while building leadership skills through interactive, hands-on training and exchange programs.

**MacArthur Foundation (United States)**

<http://www.macfound.org>

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation works to defend human rights, advance global conservation and security, strengthen institutions, improve public policy, and provide information to the public. The Foundation supports human rights and democracy through funding both national and

international initiatives focused on justice, peace, and security. In 2009, the Foundation funded \$232.2 million worth of grants.

### **Netherlands Development Organization (The Netherlands)**

**<http://www.snvworld.org/en/Pages/default.aspx>**

The Stichting Nederlandse Vrijwilligers (SNV) is an international development non-profit organization. SNV's mission is to alleviate poverty through helping the economically disadvantaged be part of social and economic networks in order to increase their income and employment opportunities. SNV's overall goals include promoting gender equity and transparent public sector leadership. Currently operating in 35 countries around the world, SNV believes the alleviation of poverty is achieved through the strengthening local organizations.

### **North-South Centre of the Council of Europe**

**<http://www.coe.int/t/dg4/nscentre/>**

Headquartered in Portugal, the North-South Centre has a twofold task: to provide a framework for European cooperation designed to heighten public awareness of global interdependence issues, and to promote policies of solidarity complying with the Council of Europe's aims and principles - respect for human rights, democracy and social cohesion. The Centre works to improve education and information on global interdependence and solidarity by strengthening ties between NGOs in the North and South and developing working relations with all international organizations concerned with global interdependence.

### **ODHIKAR (Bangladesh)**

**<http://www.odhikar.org>**

ODHIKAR works to create a wider monitoring and awareness raising system on the abuse of civil, cultural, economic, and political rights of the people of Bangladesh. The principal objectives of the organization are to raise the awareness of human rights and its various abuses and to create a vibrant democratic system through election monitoring. ODHIKAR is interested in the creation of transparency and accountability in the government with the intent of improving Bangladesh's human rights record and to facilitate an active democracy with the participation of people from all sections of society. The organization also does policy advocacy work.

### **The Olof Palme International Center (Sweden)**

**<http://www.palmecenter.org>**

The Olof Palme International Center is nongovernmental organization that focuses on civil society development through the implementation of projects that promote democracy, human rights, and peace. Cooperating with people and organizations throughout the world, the Center – with the support of the Social Democrats – seeks to empower people in struggling democracies and dictatorships by providing democratization training to party members and organizations. The Center's projects predominantly focus on women, youth, and grassroots activists. The Center believes in the importance of the sharing of knowledge in order to facilitate discussion of international questions and stimulate debate.

### **openDemocracy (United Kingdom)**

**<http://www.opendemocracy.net>**

openDemocracy is the leading independent website on global current affairs - free to read, free to participate, free to the world...offering stimulating, critical analysis, promoting dialogue and debate on issues of global importance and linking citizens from around the world. It is committed to human rights, democratization, election monitoring and economic and environmental security.

### **Organization for Civil Action (Lebanon)**

#### **(Website not currently available)**

Organisation pour l'Action Civile (OPAC) is a nongovernmental organization that believes citizens should work together in order to improve civil society in Lebanon. OPAC collaborates with many nongovernmental organizations on projects that include business training and development for small management companies, education for youths, environmental sustainability, public health, and awareness of election laws.

### **Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe**

#### **<http://www.osce.org/>**

The Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), based in Vienna, Austria, is the world's largest regional security organization. Comprised of 56 member countries, the OSCE is active in early warning, conflict prevention, crisis management, democratization initiatives, the promotion of human rights and post-conflict rehabilitation. OSCE also engages in a wide range of security-related issues including arms control, preventive diplomacy, confidence and security-building measures.

#### **Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe: Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights**

##### **<http://www.osce.org/odihr/>**

Based in Poland, the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights' (ODIHR) expertise and activities focus on the following areas: democratic elections, monitoring the implementation of OSCE human-rights commitments by participating States, combating trafficking in human beings, Roma and Sinti issues, protecting human rights in the fight against terrorism, freedom of religion, civil society, freedom of movement, rule of law, gender equality, and combating racism and related forms of intolerance.

### **Organization of American States**

#### **<http://www.oas.org/>**

The Organization of American States (OAS) works to strengthen democracy, justice, peace and prosperity in the Americas by bringing together the nations of the Western Hemisphere. The OAS acts as the Americas' principal multilateral forum for furthering democratic values, promoting human rights, strengthening security, ensuring sustainable development, and fostering Inter-American cooperation.

### **Oxfam International (United States)**

#### **<http://www.oxfam.org/>**

Oxfam International (Oxfam) is an association of 14 organizations working with over 3,000 partners around the world to find lasting solutions to poverty and injustice. Oxfam promotes the respect for human rights and believes that sustainable development can be achieved by helping lift people out of poverty and injustice. Oxfam works directly with communities to help assist in the global movement for social change.

### **Pact, Inc. (United States)**

#### **<http://www.pactworld.org/>**

Pact's mission is to build empowered communities, effective governments and responsible private institutions that give people an opportunity for a better life. We do this by strengthening the capacity of organizations and institutions to be good service providers, represent their stakeholders, network with others for learning and knowledge sharing, and advocate for social, economic and environmental justice. Interdependence, responsible stewardship, inclusion of vulnerable groups, and respect for local ownership and knowledge are core values across all of our programs.

### **Parliamentarians for Global Action (United States)**

**<http://www.pgaction.org/index.aspx>**

Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) is an international non-profit organization composed of more than 1,300 free-elected legislators from 130 democratic countries that promotes democracy, peace, justice and development throughout the world. PGA annually presents the Defender of Democracy Award to an individual who, through their own commitment and active engagement, has made significant progress in strengthening democracy and democratic practices.

### **PARTICIPA (Chile)**

**<http://www.participa.cl/> *Spanish language only***

PARTICIPA, based in Santiago, works on domestic and international initiatives that seek to advance the knowledge and exercise of fundamental principles of democracy and human rights, so that citizens can participate in the public sphere in a more informed and organized manner. PARTICIPA focuses on citizen education and participation, electoral processes, multilateral process and the social responsibility of universities in educating the next generation of leaders and policy makers.

### **Partners for Democratic Change (United States)**

**<http://www.partnersglobal.org/>**

Founded in 1989, Partners for Democratic Change (Partners) is an international organization that promotes finding non-violent, democratic-based solutions to conflicts around the world. Partners believes that advancing civil society through promoting a culture of change is the most effective way to implement conflict management worldwide. Specifically, Partners focuses on the areas of civil society leadership and development, government accountability, the creation of inclusive democratic societies, and economic and environmental stability.

### **PASOS (Czech Republic)**

**<http://www.pasos.org>**

PASOS supports the development and strengthens the outreach and impact of its 28 member policy centers (and six Associate Members). PASOS builds upon the work undertaken by the Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative of the Open Society Institute (OSI) since 1999 to upgrade the institutional capacities of the OSI-related policy centers which operated until 2004 within a collaborative and supportive network known as the Related Centers Network.

### **Permanent Secretariat of the Community of Democracies (Poland)**

**<http://www.community-democracies.org/>**

The Permanent Secretariat of the Community of Democracies was established in Warsaw, Poland in 2008. The Community of Democracies is an intergovernmental organization of democratic governments in the world, dedicated to a core set of democratic principles and cooperation among democracies worldwide. The Permanent Secretariat provides organizational and conceptual support to the Presidency of the Community of Democracies and the Convening Group. It initiates programmatic and intellectual efforts, and undertakes administrative, operational and technical tasks and maintains contacts with nongovernmental organizations and other partners.

### **Philippine Council on Islam and Democracy (Philippines)**

**<http://www.pcid.org.ph>**

The Philippine Council on Islam and Democracy (PCID) is a non-partisan, nongovernmental organization dedicated to the study of Islamic and democratic political thought and the search for a peaceful solution to the conflicts affecting the Muslim communities of Mindanao, an autonomous and Muslim majority region of the Philippines. PCID believes that meaningful peace and development can only flourish within the framework of democracy. Founded in 2002, PCID functions as a voice for the Muslim communities in

the country. PCID believes in the importance of regional and international networking and has organized a series of forums and dialogues on issues relevant to the search for peace, development, and democracy in Muslim Mindanao.

**Politeia (The Netherlands)**

**<http://www.politeia.net/>**

Politeia is a partnership among European NGOs that works to strengthen active European citizenship and democracy participation. Current goals include: creation of a structure that sets civic participation and education higher on the European and national agenda, the strengthening of capacities of partner organizations through the exchange of methods and practices, increasing visibility on the European-NGO scene, and creation of a pool of potential partners for European projects as well as being able to profit from European funds.

**Quê Me: Action for Democracy in Vietnam & Vietnam Committee on Human Rights (France)**

**<http://www.queme.net/>**

Founded in Paris in October 1975, Quê Me: Action for Democracy in Vietnam is a non-profit organization that works to increase international awareness of human rights situations, mobilize support for victims of human rights abuses, and to promote democracy in Vietnam. Quê Me conducts human rights campaigns through its international organ, the Vietnam Committee on Human Rights (VCHR). Quê Me publishes an underground Vietnamese-language magazine that promotes democratic ideas.

**Reporters sans frontières [Reporters Without Borders] (France)**

**<http://www.rsf.org/>**

Founded in 1985, Reporters without Borders defends journalists and media assistants who have been imprisoned or persecuted for exercising and championing press freedom. The organization fights against censorship and laws that undermine press freedom; annually provides grants to journalists, the families of imprisoned journalists, and media outlets; and works to improve the safety of journalists – especially those who report from war zones.

**Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights (United States)**

**<http://www.rfkcenter.org/>**

The Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights is a non-profit organization that is dedicated to advancing human rights. The Center funds human rights advocates who are recipients of the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award, supports investigative journalists and authors who bring light to injustice, and provides rights education advocacy programs to schools and communities through their Speak Truth to Power program.

**Robert Schuman Foundation (France)**

**<http://www.robert-schuman.org/>**

The Robert Schuman Foundation works to promote the construction of Europe both with regard to its ideas and in the field alongside the citizens themselves. The Foundation, which is a center renowned for its research on the European Union, has provided itself with the task of maintaining the spirit and inspiration of one of the “Founder Fathers” of Europe, namely Robert Schuman and of promoting European values and ideals both within the Union’s frontiers as well as beyond.

**Robert Schuman Institute for Developing Democracy in Central & Eastern Europe**

**<http://www.schuman-institute.eu/> (Hungary)**

The Schuman Institute works to promote the idea of a United Europe; to support and foster the process of democratic transformation in the Central and Eastern Europe countries on the basis of

European Christian Democratic values in the spirit of Robert Schuman; and to promote the development of civil societies in these countries.

### **Search for Common Ground (United States)**

**<http://www.sfcg.org/>**

Founded in 1982, Search for Common Ground works to transform the way the world deals with conflict - away from adversarial approaches and towards collaborative problem solving. They work with local partners to find culturally appropriate means to strengthen societies' capacity to deal with conflicts constructively: to understand the differences and act on the commonalities. Search for Common Ground is engaged in Angola, Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Indonesia, Liberia, Macedonia, the Middle East, Nepal, Sierra Leone, Ukraine, USA, on US-Iran relations, and in West Africa in general.

### **Stefan Batory Foundation (Poland)**

**<http://www.batory.org.pl/english/index.htm>**

The Foundation's mission is to support the development of an open, democratic society in Poland and other Central and East European countries. The key priorities of the foundation are to enhance the role and involvement of civil society, promote civil liberties and the rule of law, and develop international cooperation and solidarity. The Foundation currently provides grants to 14 programs that are in line with the Foundation's overall mission. The Foundation is guided by the principles of transparency, openness and accountability.

### **Street Law (South Africa)**

**<http://www.streetlaw.org.za/>**

Aimed primarily at the youth, Street Law is designed to introduce the law and human rights to people of all levels of education, providing a practical understanding of the law, the legal system and the constitution to all learners. Their educational training courses focus on the areas of democracy, legal education, and HIV, the law and human rights programs.

### **Students for Global Democracy (United States)**

**<http://www.sfgd.org/>**

Students for Global Democracy (SGD) is a nonpartisan organization that works to support those, especially students, who are fighting dictatorship worldwide. SGD encourages solidarity demonstrations and giving financial support to democracy activists around the globe. SGD also believes in lobbying governments to make democracy promotion the primary focus of their foreign policies, and working against those governmental policies that harm democratization. According to SGD's manifesto, the group strives to make the world a better place by promoting political liberties worldwide.

### **The Swedish NGO Foundation for Human Rights (Sweden)**

**<http://www.humanrights.se/default.aspx?documentId=100&g=2>**

The Swedish NGO Foundation for Human Rights aims to increase awareness of human rights through informational and educational initiatives, and by working with local human rights organizations in Africa and Latin America. The Foundation's currently funded projects focus on the promotion of economic, social and cultural rights; global and regional protection of human rights; and human rights in conflict and post-conflict areas.

### **TEAM (Denmark)**

**<http://www.teameurope.info>**

The European Alliance of EU-critical Movements (TEAM) is an information network connecting 40 organizations, political parties and NGO's, from 18 countries across Europe. TEAM brings together civil society organizations and political parties from all parts of the spectrum in the fight against the emerging EU State and the ongoing transfer of power from states to the EU. Members of TEAM work under a common belief in the principles of democracy – as requiring representative government, citizen participation, transparency, accountability and free and fair public debates.

### **Transnational Radical Party (Italy)**

**<http://www.radicalparty.org/en>**

The Nonviolent Radical Party is an Italian non-profit nongovernmental political organization that advocates for the creation of an effective body of international law that promotes democracy and freedom throughout the world. Officially recognized by the United Nations as a NGO, the Party believes that the international political arena is best-suited for responding to problems posed by the weaknesses and shortcomings of national politics. Advocating for the creation of democratic internationalism, the Party believes in the attainment of liberty and rights for all individuals.

### **United States Institute of Peace (United States)**

**<http://www.usip.org/>**

The United States Institute of Peace (USIP) is a publicly funded national institution that develops research, analysis and educational tools to help prevent, manage and resolve violent international conflict both within and between states. USIP promotes the rule of law and the strengthening of civil society. USIP provides grants to individuals, universities, non-profit organizations and civil society organizations work in the areas of conflict management, international peace and security and peace building.

### **Vital Voices (United States)**

**<http://vitalvoices.org/>**

Vital Voices is a nongovernmental organization that identifies, trains, and empowers emerging women leaders and social entrepreneurs around the globe. Since its founding in 1997, Vital Voices has conducted trainings with girls and women from over 127 countries. Vital Voices trains women in entrepreneurship and business endeavors; advocates for women to be active participants in promoting social change; and opposes human trafficking, domestic and sexual violence, and other forms of harm against girls and women.

### **Women of Zimbabwe Arise (Zimbabwe)**

**<http://wozazimbabwe.org/>**

Women and Men of Zimbabwe Arise (WOZA) is a women's civic movement that provides women with a united voice to speak out on issues affecting their day-to-day lives, promotes community-based female leadership, encourages women to stand up for their rights and freedoms and lobbies and advocates on issues that affect women and their families. WOZA mobilizes non-violent campaigns in order to demand social justice in Zimbabwe.

### **World Justice Project (United States)**

**<http://worldjusticeproject.org/>**

World Justice Project (WJP) is a multinational and multidisciplinary non-profit organization based in Washington DC that focuses on monitoring and strengthening rule of law worldwide. WJP's Rule of Law Index is a quantitative assessment tool used by policymakers to measure a country's adherence to rule of law. WJP's Opportunity Fund provides financing for initiatives around the world that work to strengthen rule of law.

## **World Forum for Democratization in Asia (Taiwan)**

**<http://www.wfda.net/>**

The World Forum for Democratization in Asia (WFDA) was inaugurated in 2005 to advance the democratic agenda in Asia. WFDA serves to reaffirm and revalidate the core values of Asian democrats and expand the awareness of democratic values among Asian peoples. Rather than a discussion of the merits of democracy, WFDA focuses on supporting concrete measures and strategies to assist the democratization process in Asian societies; proposals for action plans to achieve identified goals and targets take precedence.

## **YAPPIKA (Indonesia)**

**<http://www.yappika.or.id/>**

Yappika works towards creating a democratic and independent civil society. Yappika is a part of the support system of the civil society movement, providing public education, performing advocacy for national issues, connecting local advocacy to national advocacy networks, and coalition building between civil society organizations. Yappika's main goals include: developing democracy teachings based on first-hand experiences, strengthening the capacities and capabilities of civil society organizations in order to enable them to influence public policy, performing human rights policy advocacy, and promoting the growth of synergy among civil society organizations in the fight for democracy and human rights.

## **ELECTION ASSISTANCE AND OBSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS**

*Leading organizations in this field are:*

The African Union

<http://www.africa-union.org/root/au/index/index.htm>

The Carter Center

<http://www.cartercenter.org/homepage.html>

The Commonwealth Secretariat

<http://www.thecommonwealth.org/>

The Council of Europe

<http://www.coe.int/>

The European Network of Election Monitoring Organizations

<http://www.enemo.eu/>

The European Union

[http://europa.eu/index\\_en.htm](http://europa.eu/index_en.htm)

International Commission of Jurists Inter-Parliamentary Union Center for Democracy

<http://www.icj.org/>

IFES (Formerly the International Foundation for Electoral Assistance)

<http://www.ifes.org/>

International Human Rights Law Group

<http://www.globalrights.org/>

International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA)  
<http://www.idea.int/>

International Republican Institute  
<http://www.iri.org/>

La Federation Internationale des Droits de l'Homme  
<http://www.fidh.org/>

National Endowment for Democracy  
<http://www.ned.org/>

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs  
<http://www.ndi.org/>

Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe: Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)  
<http://www.osce.org/odihr/>

United Nations Electoral Assistance Division  
<http://www.un.org/Depts/dpa/ead/>

*In addition, two cooperative partnerships provide information and support for the conduct of elections. These are:*

**The ACE Project**  
<http://www.aceproject.org/>

The *ACE Electoral Knowledge Network* provides comprehensive and authoritative information on elections, promotes networking among election-related professionals and offers capacity development services. ACE is a joint endeavor of eight partner organizations, including Elections Canada, EISA, Instituto Federal Electoral - Mexico, IFES, International IDEA, United Nations Development Program (UNDP), United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) and United Nations Electoral Assistance Division. All are long-term supporters of the Administration and Cost of Elections Project and leaders in the provision of targeted technical assistance in elections management.

**BRIDGE Project (Australia)**  
<http://www.bridge-project.org/>

The past 15 years has seen a rapid increase in the number of democratic states. As a result, the number of elections worldwide has increased dramatically. Capable and professional election administrators are essential for organizing elections, and without the right skills in place election processes can be undermined. The Bridge Project maintains that to achieve effective and sustainable electoral administration, professional election administrative staffs must be developed.