

## Supporting democracy worldwide

We advance democracy worldwide, as a universal human aspiration and an enabler of sustainable development, through support to the building, strengthening and safeguarding of democratic political institutions and processes at all levels.

Globally, we provide impartial expertise, support and training based on the latest research to countries, governments, political parties, civil society and citizens. There is no one-size fits all solution and democracy is a constant work in progress.

### What we do

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

### Topics we cover

Conflict and security

Constitution-building

Democratic accountability

Elections

Gender and democracy

ICT, elections and democracy

Migration and democracy

Money in politics

Parliaments

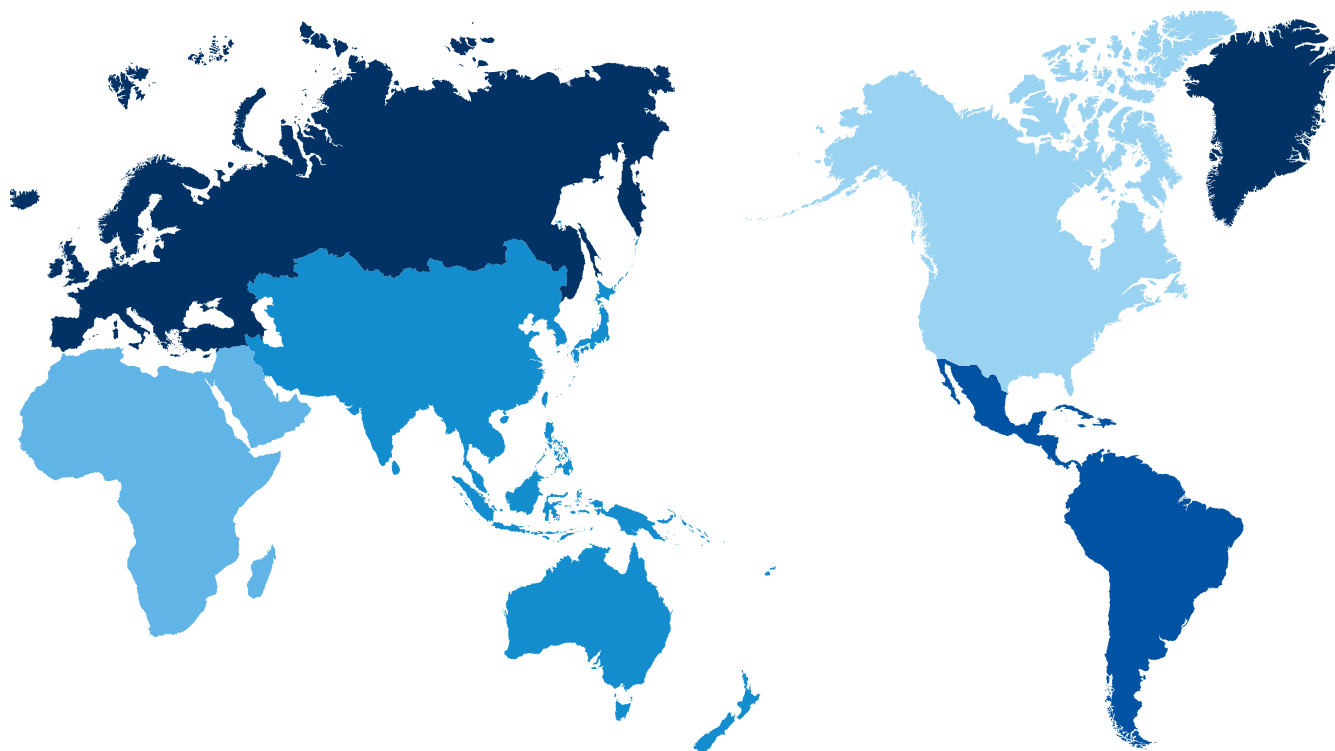
Political parties

Regional organizations

State of democracy assessment

### What we offer

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



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## Africa and West Asia

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

## Asia and the Pacific

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

## Latin America and the Caribbean

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

## Europe

We work closely with the European Union institutions and contribute to enhanced partnerships with the EU and democracy actors.

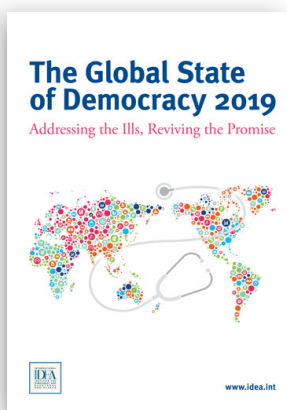
## Permanent Observer to the United Nations

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

## How we support democracy

How ill is democracy and is it really dying? What are some of the remedies to the current problems? These are some of the questions that International IDEA's flagship report, *The Global State of Democracy 2019 Report: Addressing the Ills, Reviving the Promise* explores.

Learn more by reading our [analysis](#).



## 2019 highlights from our databases



### Elections

**63** countries had presidential or national legislative elections in 2019.

In total, **1,218,827,598** people voted in these elections.

The global average voter turnout was **64.66%**.



### Electoral systems

In **39.2%** of countries elections are held using Plurality/Majority systems.

In **38.7%** of countries elections are held using Proportional Representation systems.

**14.7%** of countries elections are held using Mixed systems.



### Political Finance

**66.7%** of countries ban foreign donations to political parties.

**27.8%** of countries ban corporate donations to political parties.

In **60.1%** of countries, political finance reports from political parties and/or candidates are required to be made public.



### Electoral Management

In **63%** of countries elections are administered by independent electoral management bodies.

In **20%** of countries elections are run by governmental electoral management bodies.

**14%** of countries use the mixed model of electoral management.

Source: [International IDEA databases](#)



## Voting system

**25.5%** of all countries do not allow out-of-country voting (OCV), and this is 1.5% increase compared to 2018. OCV was restricted in a number of countries, such as Afghanistan and Marshall Islands.

**20%** of countries across the globe use electronic voting in elections. Switzerland put on hold the use of e-voting in 2019 Federal Elections.

**56%** of countries across the globe process election results by electronic tabulation systems.



## Voter register

In **56** countries (**32%**), Electoral management bodies use biometric technology for voter registration.

In **52%** of countries voter register is compiled by electoral management bodies.

In **36%** of countries voter register is extracted from civil registry, and this is 4% increase compared to 2018.

**10%** of countries use combined method, and this is 4% decrease compared to 2018.

Source: [International IDEA databases](#)

## Member States

International IDEA's Member States are democracies and provide both political and financial support to the work of the organization.

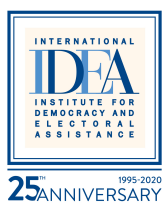
They are Australia, Barbados, Belgium, Benin, Botswana, Brazil, Canada, Cabo Verde, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Finland, Germany, Ghana, India, Indonesia, Luxembourg, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Namibia, Netherlands, Norway, Panama, Peru, the Philippines, Portugal, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia and Uruguay. Japan has observer status.

## Governance

International IDEA is governed by a council composed of its Member States and assisted by a Board of Advisers. Kevin Casas-Zamora is the Secretary-General.

## Council of Member States Chair

Sweden is the Chair of the Council of Member States in 2020. Sweden is a Member State of International IDEA since 1995 and is cooperating with the Institute on to strengthen democratic institutions and processes.



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