



The World Movement for Democracy, initiated by NED in 1999, is a global network of activists, practitioners, scholars, donors, and others engaged in advancing democracy around the world. Through electronic networking, regional meetings, global assemblies, and special projects, the World Movement facilitates the sharing of knowledge, information, and experiences to help enhance the work of its participants and thus leverage the support provided by democracy assistance organizations like NED.

Defending Civil Society Project

In 2007, the World Movement launched the Defending Civil Society Project to respond to growing governmental restrictions on democracy and human rights organizations. In an effort to help bring civil and political society together to advance reforms, the World Movement and the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law ICNL joined several other nongovernmental networks, organizations and governments in a Working Group on Enabling and Protecting Civil Society of the Community of Democracies. The Working Group's efforts were influential in establishing the UN's Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Assembly and Association. In 2011, World Movement Steering Committee member Maina Kiai (Kenya) became the first person to hold this position.

The Defending Civil Society Project also saw the release of a new series of 15 country reports. These reports, prepared by World Movement participants and legal experts, analyze the legal environment under which civil society operates in five specific countries in each of three regions: Africa, Asia, and Latin America/Caribbean. The reports are available online at www.wmd.org/projects/defending-civil-society/country-reports.

Democracy Assistance Project

The World Movement's Democracy As-

sistance Project has two key components: a series of country case studies conducted by the Madrid-based think tank FRIDE based on extensive interviews of democracy assistance recipients and other informed observers in fourteen countries at various stages of democratic development; and an online survey to gauge the views of democracy assistance practitioners and recipients.

In 2011, Joel D. Barkan, of the Center for Strategic and International Studies, authored *Perceptions of Democracy Assistance*, a report on the results of the survey. FRIDE Director General Richard Youngs authored *How to Revitalise Democracy Assistance: Recipients' Views*, based on the country case studies. The World Movement Steering Committee prepared a

statement for the project that offers recommendations to donors and policy makers. Both reports and the statement are available at the World Movement's website.

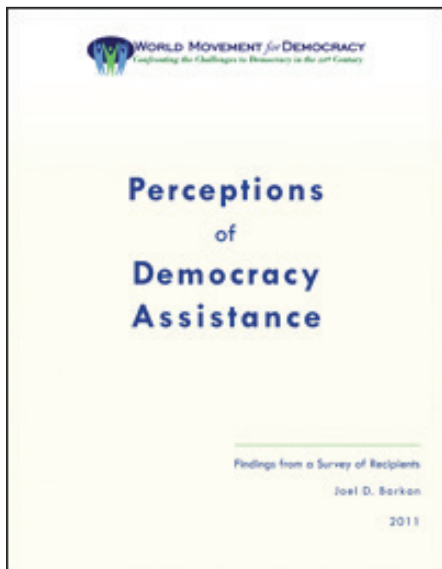
World Movement Networking

The World Movement includes a number of partner networks, each focused on a particular geographic region or special function. These networks offer a unique platform for democracy advocates interested in specific places or topics.

Networking Highlights: The Latin America and Caribbean Network for Democracy (Redlad) continued its efforts to strengthen Freedom of Association in the region. After successfully advocating for the passage of the Organization of American States Freedom of Association and Assembly Resolution, it has remained engaged with several members of the OAS Permanent Council, key officials within the OAS, and other civil society organizations in the region to pursue effective implementation of the Resolution. These efforts included the Redlad in collaboration with the Due Process of Law Foundation and the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law to obtain a special hearing at the Inter American Human Rights Commission on freedom of association in the region. In



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The full report as well as the country case studies and a Steering Committee statement on the project are available at www.wmd.org

In addition, the Network has launched an effort to monitor human rights and democracy violations and issue alerts when needed. As part of this effort, the RedLad developed a specific website to gather this information and track progress of alarming situations (<http://defensores.net/>). In 2011, its alerts reached more than 50,000 recipients.

In 2011, the World Youth Movement for Democracy continued its efforts to build solidarity and provide opportunities for young people to engage on democracy. Hundreds of members from around the world participated in the first “Snapshot of Democracy Global Photo Contest” by submitting their original photographs. The Youth Movement also sponsored the annual World Youth Day for Democracy on October 18. To commemorate the day, young people in a number of countries participated in activities held under the theme of “Ignite Change”.

World Movement Communications

DemocracyVoices: The World Movement’s video project, launched in 2010,

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saw the addition of 21 new videos featuring activists and practitioners sharing their experiences and insights.

DemocracyAlerts: In 2011, the World Movement Secretariat issued or updated 10 alerts on World Movement participants and other democracy activists facing danger.

DemocracyNews: The World Movement’s monthly e-newsletter, DemocracyNews, reaches over 4,300 activists, scholars, and practitioners. Subscribe for free via the World Movement website.