

Myanmar Constitutional Democracy Project: Phase III

The Myanmar Constitutional Democracy Project - Phase III builds on the Community of Democracies' earlier work in Myanmar. Since 2015, the Community of Democracies contributed to six constitutional democracy workshops held in different cities of Myanmar. The workshops, which were organized in consultation with the local community, government representatives, parliamentarians and civil society groups, helped support the culture of constitutionalism and rule of law at a critical time in Myanmar's history.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Phase III of the Myanmar Constitutional Democracy Project will build on the progress made in the previous workshops and will consist of three main components:

- 1) An analysis on the current 2008 Constitution of the Union of Myanmar, which will focus on how it facilitates or hampers Myanmar's transition toward becoming a constitutional democracy. The analysis will serve as a basis for discussion in the workshops to follow.
- 2) **Two capacity building workshops,** to be held in Yangon and Taunggyi, which will aim to increase the capacity of local actors to participate in the process of democratic reform in Myanmar and expand their knowledge on constitutional matters.
- 3) Education for Democracy Toolkit, aimed at disseminating knowledge about the basic concepts and principles of democracy amongst a wider audience in the country.

DRIVING IMPACT AND PRODUCING RESULTS

The overall project's goal is to contribute to Myanmar's ongoing transition toward constitutional democracy and to increase awareness of the need for constitutional inclusion. The project is expected to increase the capacity of key stakeholders to participate in the process of democratic reforms in Myanmar, extend their knowledge on constitutional matters, and encourage them to discuss the current Constitution in order to better understand its mechanisms.

Project deliverables will include:

- 1) Analysis of the current 2008 Myanmar Constitution;
- 2) Final report containing a summary from the workshops and recommendations regarding democratic reforms;
- 3) An "Education for Democracy Toolkit".

PARTNERS



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ABOUT THE COMMUNITY



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