

The CoD Governing Council – a platform for dialogue and discussion

The Governing Council comprises of member states that commit to abide by the common democratic values and standards outlined in the Warsaw Declaration and make tangible contributions to strengthening the Community of Democracies. The Governing Council cooperates with civil society and other affiliated bodies of the CoD.

The diversity of the Governing Council, which includes countries from most world regions and at different states of their democratic journey, provides the potential to draw on a wide pool of experiences and information to respond to democratic backsliding and proactively promote democratic values.

Secretary General and the Permanent Secretariat of the Community of Democracies

The Permanent Secretariat of the Community of Democracies (PSCD), seated in Warsaw, provides administrative, operational and technical support to the CoD structures and activities under the direction and guidance of the Secretary General Thomas E. Garrett, appointed in September 2017.

Working Groups

Composed of states, civil society representatives, and other democracy stakeholders, CoD Working Groups are action-oriented structures that drive the implementation of the strategic objectives of the Community of Democracies. Working Groups include: Working Group on Democracy and Technology, Working Group on Enabling and Protecting Civil Society, Working Group on Women and Democracy.

Civil Society Pillar

The participation of civil society is a unique asset to the Community of Democracies and one of its key strengths. Civil society is represented at the Governing Council by the International Steering Committee (ISC) - an independent, representative body that provides advice to the CoD and expresses the view of the civil society during the Governing Council deliberations. The ISC is composed of global, regional and national level civil society organizations.

#CoDYouthLeads

The CoD YouthLeads is an informal, voluntary group of young pro-democracy advocates advising the CoD on effective practices, strategies, and actions to enhance youth engagement in democracies worldwide. CoD YouthLeads actively engage in CoD activities from thematic discussions to major CoD gatherings.

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