

# Values Statement of



## Youth Democracy Network

We, the members of the Youth Democracy Network, committed to advancing democracy, human rights, and fundamental freedoms, commit to the following values as the foundation of our mission.

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### 1. Protect fundamental freedoms

We recognize the growing challenges to civic space worldwide. Youth, as catalysts of change, have the right to organize, express their opinions, and engage in peaceful assembly to strengthen and sustain democratic societies.

### 2. Enhance intergenerational cooperation

We believe that democracy thrives through the exchange of knowledge and experience across generations. Intergenerational cooperation ensures the continuity of democratic processes and the strength of institutions.

### 3. Strengthen youth participation in civic and political space

We commit to inspire and nurture the next generation of democratic leaders and affirm their inherent right to participate meaningfully in democratic decision-making processes at all levels. By dismantling barriers for youth participation and providing civic education, we facilitate their informed and effective engagement.

### 4. Promote truth

We recognize the transformative potential of technology and artificial intelligence (AI) and its impact on society and democracy, both online and offline. We commit to fostering digital literacy, promoting ethical use and encouraging fact-based communication, affirming that truth remains the foundation of public dialogue.

### 5. Foster Transparency

We are committed to eradicating corruption in all its forms, recognizing it as a threat to democracy, public trust, and development. We advocate for transparency, accountability, and active youth engagement in anti-corruption efforts.

### 6. Cultivate constructive dialogue

We are committed to engaging in constructive dialogue grounded in mutual respect and collaboration. By rejecting hate speech, opposing extremist ideologies and actions that undermine democratic processes and values, we work to protect and strengthen democracy through open and meaningful exchange.

### 7. Counter authoritarian influence

We are dedicated to addressing the threats posed by authoritarian systems and policies as well as their influence domestically and abroad. By actively supporting pro-democracy actors and movements, we reaffirm our solidarity with those striving to defend and advance democratic principles in the face of oppression.

This declaration serves as our guiding framework, inspiring the Youth Democracy Network's activities and partnerships. Together, we pledge to turn these values into impactful actions that strengthen democracy.

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