



# Community of Democracies

**The Community of Democracies (CoD) is an intergovernmental coalition of states dedicated to promoting and defending democracy worldwide. The CoD is comprised of Governing Council Member States committed to shared democratic values outlined in the Warsaw Declaration, adopted 25 years ago by over 100 nations from across the world.**

## OUR HISTORY

### 25 years of bringing democratic governments together

The Community of Democracies was born as a common initiative of U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Poland's Foreign Minister Bronislaw Geremek in the wake of political transitions around the world, to strengthen democracy through cooperation and mutual support. The CoD was established in 2000, where high-level delegations from over 100 countries gathered at the opening Ministerial Conference *Toward a Community of Democracies* and adopted the Community's founding document, the Warsaw Declaration.



## OUR VALUES

### United around shared democratic values

The Community of Democracies is built on the commitment to shared democratic values enshrined in the Warsaw Declaration, which outlines the basic principles for a country to flourish as a democracy. The Warsaw Declaration provides a valuable roadmap to democracy for countries undergoing democratic transition and a checklist for already established democracies.



## OUR MEMBER STATES

The Community of Democracies is comprised of 30 Governing Council Member States representing different regions, different economic or cultural background, and different stages of democratic development.

The Governing Council provides a multi-stakeholder platform for dialogue and discussion to exchange experience, identify best practices on democracy-related issues and advocate on issues of common concern.

The Permanent Secretariat of the Community of Democracies, seated in Warsaw, provides administrative and operational support to the CoD structures and activities under the leadership of the **Secretary General Mantas Adomėnas**, elected in September 2024.

The 2025 Presidency of the Community of Democracies is held by its host country Poland.

Argentina, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, El Salvador, Estonia, Finland, Georgia, Guatemala, Hungary, India, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Mexico, Moldova, Mongolia, Morocco, Nigeria, Norway, North Macedonia, Panama, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Sweden, United Kingdom, United States of America, Uruguay

## WORKING TOGETHER TO PROTECT AND ADVANCE DEMOCRACY WORLDWIDE

Guided by the principles of Warsaw Declaration, the Community of Democracies is committed to taking concerted action to advance and protect democratic freedoms, strengthen democratic institutions, and expand political participation. Addressing current challenges to democracy and liberty is at the forefront of the Community's current activities to respond effectively to threats posed to democracies by authoritarian regimes.

Through Ministerial Conferences, Governing Council sessions, and a wide range of thematic activities, the Community of Democracies provides a space for democracy-related dialogue, capacity building, advocacy and joint diplomatic action, helping to elevate diverse voices and perspectives of democratic states from different parts of the world.

**Main Thematic Focus Areas: Democracy Resilience, Enabling and Protecting Civil Society, Empowering Youth, Advancing Women's Political Participation**

### WHO WE WORK WITH

#### Cooperation with like-minded multilateral organizations

Cooperation between Member States is further enhanced by working together through CoD engagement in other multilateral fora or with like-minded organizations aimed at advancing democracy efforts globally.

#### Youth Engagement

Through Youth Democracy Network and CoD YouthLeads, the CoD works with young democracy leaders from across the world to promote and advance meaningful engagement of youth in public life.

#### Civil Society Pillar

Participation of civil society is a unique asset to the Community of Democracies and one of its key strengths. Civil Society Pillar provides independent advice to the CoD Governing Council and expresses the view of the civil society.

#### Check out some of our publications:

[Russia's Worldwide Information Manipulations](#)

[Impact of Technology on the Future of Democracy: Policy Brief](#)

[Engaging Women in Sustaining Peace: A Guide to Best Practices](#)



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