HOUSE DEMOCRACY PARTNERSHIP
UNITED STATES HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
– 15 Years –

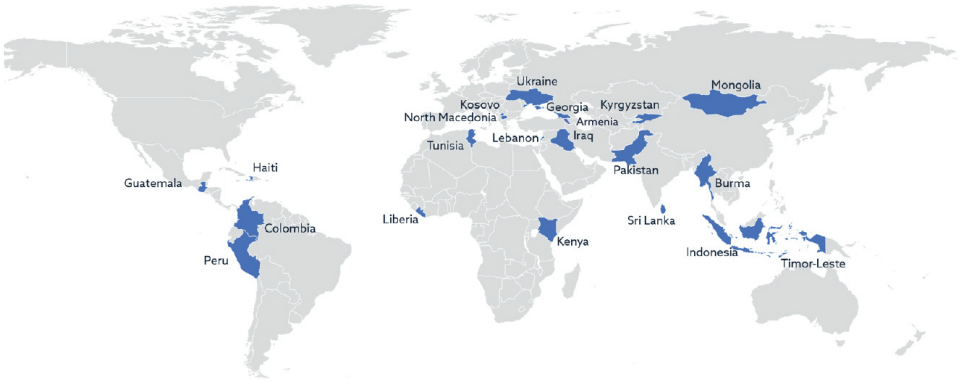
The House Democracy Partnership

A bipartisan commission of the U.S. House of Representatives, the House Democracy Partnership (HDP) works with countries around the world to support the development of effective, independent and responsive legislatures. Using peer-to-peer exchanges, trainings and targeted technical assistance, the commission enhances accountability, transparency, access to information, and government oversight worldwide. HDP's singular focus on the legislative branch of government and its unique ability to bring together American legislators and their peers from around the world have made the commission a valuable forum for strengthening democratic institutions and deepening bilateral relations. HDP is currently chaired by Congressman David Price (D-NC), and co-chaired by Congressman Vern Buchanan (R-FL).

Our History

Inspired by the Frost-Solomon taskforce that supported emerging European legislatures from 1990-1996, Representatives David Drier (R-CA) and David Price (D-NC) collaborated to revive and expand its mission in 2005. On March 14, 2005, the House of Representatives voted to establish the House Democracy Assistance Commission (House Resolution 135). In 2011, the Commission was renamed the House Democracy Partnership, or HDP, to better reflect the evolving relationships between the U.S. Congress and partner legislatures around the world. HDP currently works with more than 20 legislatures worldwide through a variety of programs and initiatives with assistance from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), the International Republican Institute (IRI), and the National Democratic Institute (NDI).

Parliaments of the Partnership



HDP PARTNER COUNTRIES

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BURMA
COLOMBIA
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HAITI
INDONESIA
IRAQ
KENYA
KOSOVO
KYRGYZSTAN
LEBANON
LIBERIA
NORTH MACEDONIA
MONGOLIA
PAKISTAN
PERU
SRI LANKA
TIMOR-LESTE
TUNISIA
UKRAINE

Our Approach to Strengthening Legislatures

BUDGETARY ISSUES
House members, staff, and Congressional Budget Office experts work with legislatures to build their capacity to provide oversight and amend federal budgets.

COMMITTEE OPERATIONS
House members and staff share information with legislative committee chairs, members, and clerks on mechanisms to ensure effective oversight such as public hearings.

CONSTITUENT ENGAGEMENT & SERVICES
House members and staff share information with members of partner legislatures on communicating with constituents, responding to constituent inquiries and handling casework.

OVERSIGHT
Effective oversight is one of the most important functions of a strong and independent legislature. House members and staff work with their counterparts to improve the review, monitoring, and supervision of the Executive branch.

ETHICS
House members and staff, including those of the House Ethics Committee, share information with partners on the establishment and implementation of legislative codes of ethics.

INFORMATION SERVICES
Congressional information technology (IT) experts share information with legislative staff on the use of IT to establish legislative information services or other systems that disseminate information about the legislature's work and improve legislators' and the public's access to information.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE
Members and staff from the House Rules Committee, legislative counsel, House Parliamentarian's office and Congressional Research Service share information with members of parliament and staff of partner legislatures on legislative drafting and parliamentary procedure.

LIBRARIES AND RESEARCH SERVICES
Specialists from the Congressional Research Service and Library of Congress collaborate to establish and support legislative libraries and research services.

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