History of Partnership

The House Democracy Partnership (HDP) approved a legislative strengthening partnership with Sri Lanka in July 2016. Through this partnership, HDP has worked with parliament on oversight, citizen engagement and e-governance, specifically through U.S. Congressional visits, staff trainings, and regional seminars.

HDP Engagement with the Parliament of Sri Lanka

- **MP and Regional Seminars:** In 2017, Sri Lankan MPs participated in one regional seminar that focused on modernizing the legislative institution, including strengthening legislative openness and transparency. In 2019, MPs from the Parliament of Sri Lanka participated in the HDP Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C., that focused on combatting modern threats to democracy.

- **Staff Delegations and Technical Assistance Consultancies (TACs):** Since 2016, HDP has conducted one TAC to Sri Lanka, focusing on oversight.

- **Staff Seminars:** Parliamentary staff have participated in one staff seminar on communications and citizen engagement.

HDP Congressional Delegations (CODELs)

- HDP has organized a U.S. Congressional delegation visit to Sri Lanka in February 2017.