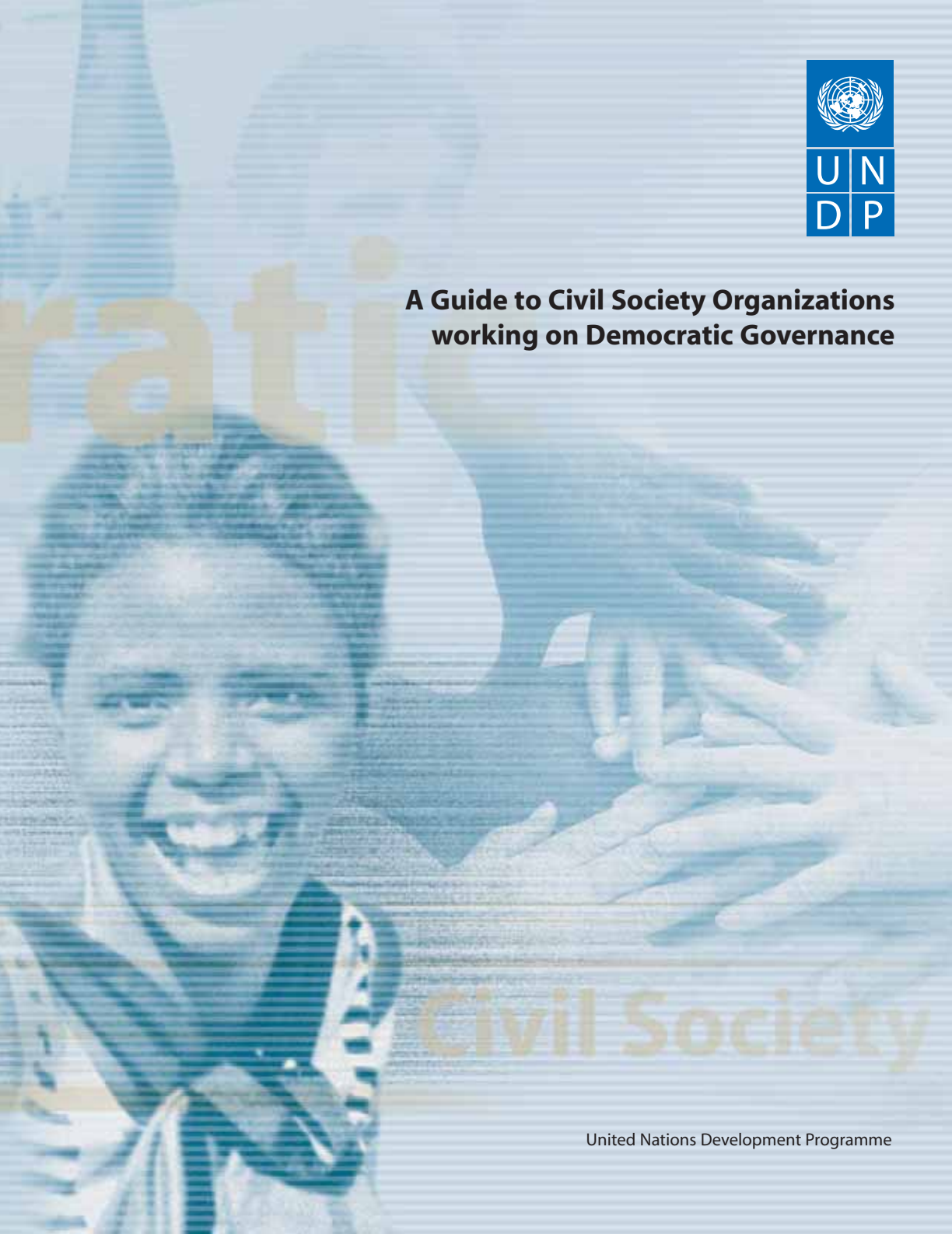

A Guide to Civil Society Organizations working on Democratic Governance

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UNDP's Understanding of Civil Society

UNDP defines civil society as a third sector existing alongside and interacting with the state and private industry[1]. UNDP takes a broad view of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) of which non-governmental organizations are an important part, and recognizes that in practice civil society is an arena of both collaboration and contention.

Over the last decade there has been a considerable increase both in the number of CSOs and in the scope of their activities. They are playing an increasingly influential role in setting and implementing development agendas across the globe. Many CSOs have been in the forefront of advocating principles of social justice and equity, but there are also organisations with agendas and values – such as intolerance and exclusion – that do not correspond to those of the United Nations[2].

UNDP actively encourages all its offices to engage with a wide range of organisations and associations whose goals, values and development philosophies accord with its own.

1) UNDP and Civil Society Organizations:
A Practice Note on Engagement (2001), p. 1
http://www.undp.org/cso/resource/policies/UNDPCSOPolicy.doc

2) Ibid

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Introduction

The Guide offers a snapshot of more than 300 Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) working on democratic governance at the global and regional levels. It provides information on CSOs across UNDP's seven priority democratic governance areas or Service Lines[3]. These are:

- Policy Support to Democratic Governance
- Parliamentary Development
- Electoral Systems and Processes
- Justice and Human Rights
- E-governance and Access to Information
- Decentralization, Local Governance and Urban/Rural Development
- Public Administration Reform and Anti-corruption

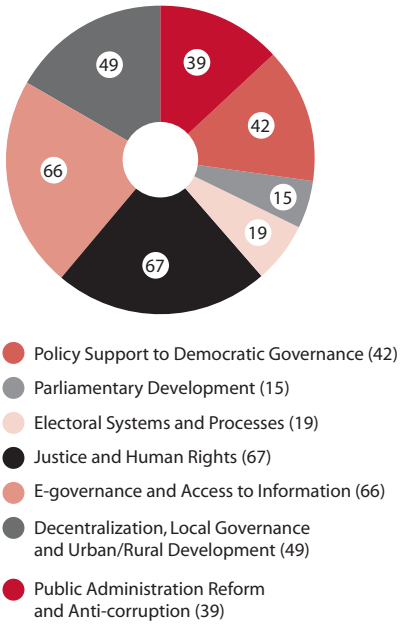
A large number of CSOs are active in the broad arenas of justice and human rights (economic, social, cultural and political rights); decentralization, local governance and rural/urban development; e-governance and Access to Information; and public administration reform and anti-corruption. Currently, fewer organizations work in the very specialized and institutional areas of parliamentary development and electoral systems and processes. CSOs that focus in these latter areas tend to be specialized institutes and interest groups involved in related work with close links to government. The number and types of organizations included under each Service Line of this Guide reflect this reality.

3) For detailed information on UNDP's Service Lines in Democratic Governance visit http://www.undp.org/governance.

In many instances, CSOs work in more than one of these governance areas. However, efforts were made to identify the primary area of activity when classifying them in the Guide.

In all, a total of 312 CSOs are profiled. Fifteen CSOs provide funding support for democratic governance work, and these are presented separately in section three of the Guide. The remaining 297 CSOs are classified under one specific Service Line. The number of CSOs featured under each Service Line is shown on the pie chart below.

Number of CSOs profiled according to Service Line



Frequently Used Acronyms

ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nations
CEE	Central and Eastern Europe
CO	Country Office
CSO	Civil Society Organization
FOI	Freedom of Information
HQ	Headquarters
ICT	Information and Communications Technology
LAC	Latin America and the Caribbean
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
OAS	Organization of American States
SADC	Southern African Development Community
SAI	Supreme Audit Institution
SEE	South Eastern Europe
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme

About the Guide

Purpose of the Guide

The Guide is provided primarily as a resource for UNDP offices working on democratic governance and seeking to strengthen engagement and further collaboration with civil society. The Guide is not intended to be an exhaustive listing of CSOs working on democratic governance. Rather, it is meant to indicate the growing breadth and complexity of CSO activity in this area. The Guide aims to:

- Illustrate the range of democratic governance activities undertaken by CSOs.
- Indicate the different types of organizations within civil society engaged in democratic governance.
- Provide information on a small number of foundations and trusts that fund democratic governance initiatives.

Structure of the Guide

The Guide is divided into three parts: Part One provides an overview of the contents and purpose of the document; Part Two is divided into seven sections corresponding to UNDP's Democratic Governance Service Lines. Under each of these seven sections, relevant CSOs are profiled. The criteria for selection as well as some common characteristics within each Service Line are described at the beginning of each sub-section. Part Three contains basic information on a small number of institutions providing funding to support democratic governance initiatives. It also includes a list of links to other relevant resources such as websites, portals and further reading.

Methodology and Content

The CSOs listed in this Guide were identified primarily through desk research from four main sources: (i) scanning of UNDP intranet sources and published material; (ii) direct feedback from Country Offices and Regional Bureaux; (iii) general internet and literature searches; and (iv) direct contact with resource persons. The desk study has relied to a great extent on sources in English, although source material in Spanish and French was also consulted. The inclusion of an organization in this Guide does not constitute an endorsement by UNDP of its work or working approaches.

Most of the CSOs profiled in the Guide are non-profit organizations, professional associations, alliances, networks, research institutes, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), trusts and foundations. They include CSOs originating from countries and networks in the developed and developing world. Some are older, well established CSOs, while others have formed over the last ten years. CSOs that work solely in one specific country have not been profiled in this Guide. However, there is a growing number of CSOs that work only at national level both within developed and developing countries, that mirror those presented.

For each CSO, the website address and the headquarters location (HQ) are provided. All website URLs are current as of February 2005. Extracts for the profiles have largely been sourced from individual CSO websites using their own words to the greatest degree possible. Content accuracy and appropriateness of profile information cannot be guaranteed over time.

Categorization of CSO Work

The Guide uses the following categories to describe the type of work that CSOs may engage in:

- **Advocacy:** Includes activities such as campaigning, lobbying, direct action, media and awareness-raising work including public education. Advocacy work is often related to policy issues as organizations and individuals strive to change public policy and practice.

- **Funding:** Describes an area of work in which CSOs offer funds to other organizations in support of democratic governance initiatives.

- **Legal assistance:** Includes direct legal assistance to individuals and organizations.

- **Networking:** Includes work related to developing and strengthening communication and exchange systems between organizations and or individuals. Organizations engaged in networking often have a co-ordinating body that seeks to forge ties across organizations that work within a particular sector or on a particular interest area.

- **Policy:** Includes activities and processes related to the formulation and development of specific policies.

- **Research:** Involves in-depth studies on specific issues as well as publications arising from research.

- **Technical assistance:** Encompasses a broad range of CSO activities including consultancy support and hands-on assistance in the field, knowledge transfer and election monitoring. Technical assistance is often provided within the framework of a specific project.

- **Training:** Includes activities designed to strengthen specific skills and knowledge. Training methods used include workshops, conferences and short courses. These are in a wide range of areas such as voter education, methods to encourage greater participation of women in political processes, as well as training in new technologies.

Part 2:
Civil Society Organizations Working on Democratic Governance

Policy Support for Democratic Governance

Policy Support for Democratic Governance

Civil society organizations that support work in areas that cut across several, and in some cases all, of UNDP's Democratic Governance specialist areas, are profiled in this section. Many of these organizations are involved in advocating for the strengthening of policies and practices that promote democracy. Their activities include provision of e-support to strengthen the civil society sector, promotion of citizens' rights and people's involvement in democratic processes, enhancement of women's participation in politics, and fostering of political dialogue and development in transition states.

Detailed information on 42 CSOs is included in this section. While 14 of these organizations work at the global level, 28 work in only one specific region of the world. A number of the organizations profiled are made up of networks or alliances of organizations dedicated to promoting democracy. Other CSOs are independent non-profit institutes that focus on research or advocacy. Some are non-profit organizations that specialize in providing specific support to others to advance democratic values and practices.

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CSOs with a global remit

CIVICUS

CIVICUS is an international alliance established in 1993 to nurture the foundation, growth and protection of citizen action throughout the world, especially in areas where participatory democracy and citizens' freedom of association are threatened. CIVICUS aims to contribute towards a healthy global society in which citizen intervention is a vital aspect of political, economic and cultural life; citizen bodies are able to interact openly and legitimately with government and business; and the relationship between a society's citizens and its businesses and government is balanced and equal. CIVICUS seeks to amplify the voices and opinions of ordinary people. It promotes the right of free association and runs a Civil Society Watch programme, a Legitimacy and Transparency programme and a Participatory Governance programme. It produces the Civil Society Index (CSI). This provides a measure of the state of civil society in countries around the world.

Type of work: Advocacy, policy
HQ: Johannesburg, South Africa
www.civicus.org

Civil Society International

Civil Society International (CSI) is a non-profit organization which assists independent organizations working for democracy and civil society in countries closed, or inhospitable, to these principles. It brings together information about projects worldwide committed to: limited government, popular elections, and the rule of law; free association and expression; regulated, but open and market-oriented economies; aid to the poor, orphaned, elderly, sick, or disabled; and civic cultures that value pluralism and individual liberty but also respect human needs for community and shared visions of the common good. CSI assists projects overseas by publicizing their work; helping them recruit staff or overseas partners; and helping them identify opportunities for funding or leadership development.

Type of work: Networking, training, technical assistance
HQ: Seattle, United States
www.civilsoc.org

Council for a Community of Democracies

The Council for a Community of Democracies is a non-profit organization set up in 2001. It works to strengthen collaboration among governments and democracy advocates by building an effective worldwide community of democratic nations. The Council promotes the implementation of the resolutions promulgated at the 2002 Community of Democracies meeting in Seoul, South Korea; encourages governments and non-governmental organizations to share their pro-democracy programmes and resources; and promotes collaboration among democratically elected parliaments, delegations to the United Nations and other international organizations.

Type of work: Advocacy, policy, training, networking
HQ: Washington DC, United States
www.ccd21.org

Democracy Coalition Project

The Democracy Coalition Project conducts research and advocacy relating to democracy promotion policies at the national, regional and global levels. Established in 2001 as an initiative of the Open Society Institute, it relies on an international network of civil society organizations, scholars, foreign policy experts and politicians committed to democracy promotion as an essential element of international peace and human development. The Project's policy agenda includes such areas as improving international responses to democratic crises; encouraging the donor community to support emerging democracies; and promoting reform of the UN through greater collaboration among democratic governments. It also plays a leadership role in encouraging a more transparent and active Community of Democracies, a coalition of democratic states established in 2000 to promote and protect democracy.

Type of work: Advocacy, policy, research
HQ: Washington DC, United States
www.demcoalition.org

Institute for Liberty and Democracy

The Institute for Liberty and Democracy (ILD) is a private, non-profit organization active over the last two decades. It started its work in Peru but has expanded its activities to assist developing and former Soviet nations in the transition to a modern market economy as well as other countries that are locked out of the global economic system. To accomplish this, the ILD works with heads of states to implement institutional reforms that give the poor access to formal property rights for their real estate holdings and businesses along with the tools to release the capital locked up in those assets. The ILD now works in Egypt, Ghana, Haiti, Honduras, Mexico and the Philippines. It is also responding to requests for assistance from political leaders in Afghanistan, Algeria, Colombia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Mozambique, Nigeria, Palestine, Russia, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, Thailand, and Venezuela.

Type of work: Research, technical assistance, advocacy, policy
HQ: Lima, Peru
www.ild.org.pe

International Republican Institute

The International Republican Institute (IRI) was founded in 1983 as a non-profit organization dedicated to advancing democracy, freedom, self-government and the rule of law worldwide. IRI programmes are non-partisan and adhere to the principles of individual freedom, equal opportunity and the entrepreneurial spirit that fosters economic development. IRI conducts a wide range of international programmes that strengthen democratic ideals and institutions. These programmes include training on such issues as civic responsibility, the legislative process for newly elected government officials and the mechanics of organising political parties and election campaigns. IRI has conducted programmes in over 100 countries and is currently active in more than 55 countries.

Type of work: Advocacy, policy, technical assistance, training, research
HQ: Washington DC, United States
www.iri.org

International Women's Democracy

International Women's Democracy Center (IWDC) was established to strengthen women's global leadership through training, education, networking and research. It focuses on increasing the participation of women in politics, policy, and decision-making within their own governments. IWDC is committed to training women worldwide on how to take part in the decision-making processes. It facilitates training workshops on campaign management, issue advocacy, fundraising and networking for women leaders, and runs parliamentarian workshops to train women on legislative development, policy analysis and constituent services. IWDC also conducts research on women's political leadership.

Type of work: Training, advocacy, policy, networking, research
HQ: Washington DC, United States
www.iwdc.org

La Salle Institute of Governance

La Salle Institute of Governance (LSIG) is a research and training institution that aims to produce new knowledge, tools, and strategies that promote transparent, accountable, participatory, and effective governance. The Institute conducts analytical and technical studies to identify problems and establish baselines, benchmarks, and best practices in various aspects of governance. It co-ordinates training seminars, policy dialogues, consultation workshops, and learning exchanges in the areas of transparency and accountability; local governance and innovation; democracy, rights and citizenship; and peace, gender and the environment. The Institute offers customized courses to build governance capacity and improve development outcomes. Moreover, it strives to create partnerships with similar institutes and promote knowledge-sharing to foster awareness, generate consensus, and build support for policy and institutional reforms, particularly in South-East Asia.

Type of work: Research, training, policy, networking
HQ: Manila, the Philippines
http://system.dlsu.edu.ph/research/lsig

London School of Economics, Centre for Civil Society

The Centre for Civil Society (CCS) is a leading international organization for research, analysis, debate and learning about civil society. It is based within the Department of Social Policy at the London School of Economics. Established initially as the Centre for Voluntary Organization, the Centre has for over 20 years pioneered the study of the voluntary sector in the UK, development NGOs, and civil society organizations throughout the world. Research at the Centre has a strong applied focus. Through academic publications, public lectures, seminars, roundtables and conferences, the CCS seeks to bring together academics, policy makers, practitioners and activists. This enables the Centre to forge links, build bridges and cultivate interactions with different actors who are engaged in the study and development of civil society.

Type of work: Research, policy, networking
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.lse.ac.uk/collections/CCS

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs

The National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI) was established in 1984. It is a non-profit organization working to strengthen and expand democracy worldwide. It has a global network of volunteer experts that provide practical assistance to civic and political leaders advancing democratic values, practices and institutions. NDI works with democrats in every region of the world to build political and civic organizations, safeguard elections, and to promote citizen participation, openness and accountability in government. Programme areas include Citizen Participation; Democratic Governance; Election and Political Processes; Information and Communications Technology; Political Party Development; Security Sector Reform; and Women's Participation.

Type of work: Advocacy,policy, technical assistance, training, research
HQ: Washington DC, United States
www.ndi.org

Swedish International Liberal Centre

The Swedish International Liberal Centre (SILC) was founded in the late 1980s with the initial task to support organizations working for democracy in South Africa and in the Baltic countries. These two parallel democratization processes created the ideological backbone of SILC – that there will be no democratization or respect for human rights without a strong civil society and free and fair multiparty elections. SILC currently supports democracy-building and promotion of human rights in new democracies and not-yet democracies. It cooperates with youth organizations, women's organizations, human rights groups, political parties and independent media. SILC's main objective is to increase and improve citizen participation in democratization processes. Key target countries include Belarus, Cuba, Indonesia and Ukraine.

Type of work: Advocacy, policy, training
HQ: Stockholm, Sweden
www.silc.se

The World Movement for Democracy

The World Movement for Democracy is a global network of democrats, including activists, practitioners, academics, policy makers, and funders, who have come together to cooperate in the promotion of democracy. Established in 1999, it is a non-governmental effort that seeks to strengthen democracy where it is weak, to reform and invigorate democracy even where it is longstanding, and to bolster pro-democracy groups in countries that have not yet entered into a process of democratic transition. The Movement facilitates networking in Africa, the Americas, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, and the Middle East and North Africa. Areas of work include programmes to enhance the participation of youth; peace-building and democracy; advocacy for democratic reform; and transparency, accountability and access to information.

Type of work: Advocacy, policy, networking, research
HQ: Washington DC, United States
www.wmd.org

World Conference of Religions for Peace

The World Conference of Religions for Peace (WCRP) was established in 1970 to provide leaders of the world's many religions with a forum in which they can share common concerns, address collective challenges, and express their hopes for the future. It is the largest international coalition of representatives from the world's religions dedicated to achieving peace. Respecting cultural differences while celebrating our common humanity, Religions for Peace is active on every continent and in some of the most troubled places on earth, creating multi-religious partnerships that mobilize the moral and social resources of religious people to address their shared problems. WCRP's work is concentrated in the following areas: Conflict transformation and reconciliation; the child and the family; disarmament and security; development and ecology; human rights and responsibilities; and peace education.

Type of work: Advocacy, policy, training, research, networking
HQ: New York, United States
www.wcrp.org

WSP International

WSP International was established in May 2000 in order to expand on the pioneering peace-building work initiated under the pilot War-torn Societies Project (WSP). It is an independent, private association working in close partnership with the United Nations to facilitate the active involvement of local, national, and international actors in ongoing collective dialogue and research that allows societies emerging from conflict to better respond to the challenges of social, economic and political rehabilitation. It does this by promoting processes of consultation, research and analysis with all sectors of society, including international assistance agencies and donors. WSP International works in countries such as Guatemala, Macedonia, Mozambique, Rwanda and Somalia.

Type of work: Research, technical assistance
HQ: Geneva, Switzerland
www.wsp-international.org

Africa region

African Association of Political Science

The African Association of Political Science (AAPS) is a non-profit, non-governmental, pan-African organization of scholars founded in 1973. It has student membership and admits scholars of non-African descent and institutions as associate and corporate members, respectively. The key objectives of AAPS are to: promote the study and application of political science throughout Africa by maintaining high professional standards in teaching, research, publication and dissemination; take appropriate action on issues of social and political justice; provide assistance to independent African governments, individuals and organizations; and promote and protect the professional and other concerns of the Association and its members. AAPS defends the human rights of individuals and organizations, with particular emphasis on academic freedom and the rights of women and minorities. It also offers the technical expertise of its members to both governments and non-governmental organizations with respect to institutional capacity building, human resource management, governance, and policy analysis and conflict resolution. Other activities include research and education.

Type of Work: Research, training, technical assistance, policy
HQ: Pretoria, South Africa, www.aaps.org.za

Africa Leadership Forum

The Africa Leadership Forum (ALF) was created in 1988. It is a civil society, not-for-profit organization based in Africa. ALF aims to improve the capacity and competency of African leaders to confront development challenges. It does this in order to increase their effectiveness in government, the parliament, and civil society and to create conditions conducive to the development of a peaceful, stable and secure continent. ALF activities include training conferences, workshops and capacity-building sessions for African leaders.

Type of Work: Training, research, advocacy
HQ: Ota, Nigeria
www.africaleadership.org

Association of African Women for Research and Development

The Association of African Women for Research and Development (AAWORD) is a pan-African NGO. It aims to build a powerful African women's movement that links the fight for the promotion of human rights, especially those of women, to the theory and practice of development. Established in 1977, the Association has 14 national chapters in Africa, one in Europe and one chapter in the US. AAWORD's objectives are to transform gender relations and social conditions in Africa; to bring forth African women's contribution to sustainable development and democratic advances; to develop the capacities of African women to undertake research; to assist policy and decision makers in designing and formulating people centred policies from a gender perspective; and to develop advocacy strategies and the necessary tools to enable African women to influence decision-making in the political, economic and social fields for the promotion of gender equality and democracy in Africa.

Type of Work: Advocacy,policy, networking, research
HQ: Dakar, Senegal, www.afard.org

Centre for Conflict Resolution

The Centre for Conflict Resolution (CCR) was founded in 1968 and maintains a close affiliation with the University of Cape Town (UCT). The Centre's expertise is in training, mediation, and policy research and development. The Centre seeks to contribute towards a just peace in South Africa and elsewhere in Africa by promoting constructive, creative and cooperative approaches to the resolution of conflict and the reduction of violence. The immediate objective is to strengthen the capacity of African institutions and actors to manage conflicts in their own region. CCR seeks to influence policy and academic debates on African security and governance issues by providing a neutral platform for diverse African actors. The programme pursues these goals by providing training and strengthening the capacity of national and regional organizations, as well as United Nations agencies and offices in Africa.

Type of Work: Research, training, policy
HQ: Cape Town, South Africa
http://ccrweb.ccr.uct.ac.za/

Centre for Democracy and Development

The Centre for Democracy and Development is an NGO that promotes the values of democracy, peace and human rights in Africa, especially in the West African sub-region. Established in 1997, it aims to serve as a catalyst in the transformation of West Africa into an integrated, economically vibrant and democratically governed community of nations that offers security to its population and is capable of peaceful conflict management. It carries out advocacy, training and research in a number of areas, including governance, human rights, gender, and social and economic development. Key programme areas include the promotion of constitutionalism in Africa and governance in the security sector.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, research, training
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.cdd.org.uk

Centre for Policy Studies

The Centre for Policy Studies (CPS) is an independent, non-profit policy research institute originally established in 1987 as part of the University of the Witwatersrand. CPS engages with, but remains independent of all political parties and interest groups, and is currently engaged in a major expansion programme with a strong emphasis on Africa. It is also increasingly seeking partnerships and joint projects with similar institutions in other societies, particularly in Africa and other middle-income developing countries. CPS places emphasis on field research – gathering information on political, social, economic, governance and democratization trends at the grass roots level. The Centre's research agenda covers the following programme areas: governance, democratization, civil society, development and delivery, Africa's international relations, employment and enterprise, and policy and implementation.

Type of Work: Research, policy
HQ: Johannesburg, South Africa
www.cps.org.za

CODESRIA

CODESRIA, the Council for the Development of Social Science Research in Africa was established in 1973. It is an independent, pan-African research organization with a primary focus on the social sciences. CODESRIA's objectives are to promote and facilitate research and knowledge production in Africa using a holistic, multi-disciplinary approach; to promote and defend the principle of independent thought and the academic freedom of researchers in the production and dissemination of knowledge; to encourage and support the development of African comparative research with a continental perspective and a sensitivity to the specificity of development processes in Africa; and to promote contact and dialogue between African researchers and researchers on Africa elsewhere in the world, as well as interaction between the Council and similar international organizations.

Type of Work: Research, policy, networking
HQ: Dakar, Senegal, www.codesria.org

Foundation for Democracy in Africa

The Foundation for Democracy in Africa (FDA) is a non-profit, non-partisan development organization committed to promoting democracy, sustainable development and economic growth throughout Africa. It was formed in 1994 and provides training and technical support throughout the continent. Activities include the design and management of training programmes, including the training of NGO managers, election observers, political party operatives and business people.

Type of Work:Training, technical assistance
HQ: Washington DC, United States
www.democracy-africa.org

Goree Institute

The Goree Institute is a public interest, pan-African organization established in 1992 to work for the promotion of open and self-sufficient societies in Africa. Programme areas include community development, democratic governance, political dialogue and civil society involvement in election processes. The Institute seeks to encourage greater transparency and mutual understanding, whilst fostering civil societies that are socially engaged but independent.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, networking
HQ: Goree, Senegal
www.goreeinstitute.org

Institute for Security Studies

The Institute for Security Studies (ISS) is a non-profit trust that was originally established as the Institute for Defence Policy in 1991. It is a regional research institute operating across sub-Saharan Africa. As a leading African human security research institute, the ISS works towards a stable and peaceful Africa characterized by sustained development, human rights, the rule of law, and democracy and collaborative security. To achieve these objectives, ISS is involved in a range of activities including applied research, training, and capacity building. It works collaboratively with others: facilitating and supporting policy formulation; monitoring trends and policy implementation; collecting, interpreting and disseminating information; and networking at national, regional and international levels.

Type of Work: Research, policy, networking
HQ: Pretoria, South Africa
www.iss.co.za

InterAfrica Group

The InterAfrica Group (IAG) is a centre for dialogue on humanitarianism, peace and development in the Horn of Africa (Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia and Sudan). It cooperates and maintains dialogue with a range of NGOs, governmental and inter-governmental organizations, bi-lateral and multi-lateral institutions in the region and around the world. The main programme areas of IAG are economic reform; governance and democratic development; and humanitarianism and peace-building. In these areas, IAG seeks to serve as a forum for debate and reflection; facilitate the search for non-violent, just and lasting solutions to conflict; promote public awareness of human rights, constitutional rights and international humanitarian law; assist civic institutions in the countries of the region and enhance their capacities to represent the interests of their constituents; promote standards and accountability among humanitarian agencies; and study the problems of the region and assist in the development of locally-rooted contributions to international debates on development, economic policy, humanitarianism and conflict resolution.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, research, training, networking
HQ: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
www.interafrica.org

Organization for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa

The Organization for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa (OSSREA) is a regional research and capacity-building organization founded in 1980. It has national chapters and liaison offices in 21 countries in the region. OSSREA's objectives are to promote the development of an African research tradition; promote collaborative research and facilities for scholarly exchange of ideas and publications between individuals and institutions engaged in research and/or teaching; promote the training of African scholars in the study of and research in the social sciences and encourage the establishment of institutions dedicated to this goal; work in close cooperation with other individuals and institutions in Africa and elsewhere in the world engaged in research and/or teaching; establish a special fund for research grants and training fellowships; and facilitate dialogue, cooperation and collaboration between researchers, other scholars and policy makers in Africa with a view to enhancing the impact of research on policy-making and development planning. Activities include an annual research grant competition; workshops and conferences; capacty-building; research and networking.

Type of Work:
Research, funding, training, policy, networking
HQ: Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
www.ossrea.net

Arab States region

Arab NGO Network for Development

The Arab NGO Network for Development is an independent, democratic, civic organization set up in 1996. It aims to strengthen civil society and enhance the values of democracy and respect for human rights and sustainable development in the Arab region. Its membership includes 45 networks and NGOs from 12 Arab countries active in the fields of social development, human rights, gender, and the environment. The network advocates and lobbies on issues related to development, trade and democracy.

Type of Work: Advocacy, networking
HQ: Beirut, Lebanon
www.annd.org

Regional Human Security Centre

The Regional Human Security Centre at the Jordan Institute of Diplomacy (RHSC/JID) seeks to promote awareness of human security issues in the countries of the Middle East. The first centre of its kind in the region, it strives to: identify common issues threatening the human security of people in the Middle East; serve as a forum where practitioners, experts, and academics can discuss and propose working solutions for human security threats; submit relevant recommendations and solutions to policy makers; raise the level of awareness of human security issues among practitioners and policy makers; serve as a source of information on human security issues in the Middle East; and conduct full-scale studies on human security issues.

Type of Work: Research, training, policy, advocacy
HQ: Amman, Jordan
www.id.gov.jo/human

Asia Pacific region

Asia Foundation

The Asia Foundation is a non-profit organization committed to the development of a peaceful, prosperous, and open Asia Pacific region. It has 50 years of experience in Asia and collaborates with private and public partners to support leadership and institutional development, exchanges, and policy research. The Foundation provides grants to organizations using a collaborative process of problem identification and strategic planning for work within its four programme areas: Governance, Law, and Civil Society; Women's Participation; Economic Reform and Development; and International Relations. Within its Governance programme, the Asia Foundation works to promote participatory, accountable and transparent governance and to strengthen the rule of law. It has a network of 17 offices in Asia, and two offices in the US that address issues at both country and regional levels.

Type of work: Advocacy, policy, funding, research
HQ: San Francisco, United States
www.asiafoundation.org

Central and Eastern Europe region

Asia Pacific Research Network

The Asia Pacific Research Network (APRN) was established in 1999 to develop co-operation among alternative research centres, NGOs, and social movements in Asia and the Pacific in order to strengthen advocacy from the community up to the global level. APRN promotes exchange between researchers, facilitates cooperation to develop research capacity among its members as well as non-members, and promotes research cooperation and co-ordination among its members as well as with other NGOs and social movements within and outside the region. APRN has grown to include 33 research organizations in 15 countries in the Asia Pacific region.

Type of work: Networking
HQ: Manila, the Philippines
www.aprnet.org

Asian Cultural Forum for Development

The Asian Cultural Forum for Development (ACFOD) is a regional non-profit NGO promoting development. Established in 1975, ACFOD has members in some 30 countries in the Asia Pacific region. It advocates for development and peace, promoting harmony and human rights, gender justice, equity, participatory democracy and sustainable development. The Forum is principally engaged in research and training activities.

Type of work: Advocacy, research, training
HQ: Bangkok, Thailand
http://ksc11.th.com/acfodbkk

European Forum for Democracy and Solidarity

The European Forum for Democracy and Solidarity was founded in 1993 by social democratic parties and political foundations in European Union countries as a joint institution that supports transformation and democratization processes in Central and Eastern Europe. The Forum functions as a platform for cooperation between social democratically oriented people, groups and parties in the region. It informs the international social democratic movement on the political situation in Eastern and Central Europe with an emphasis on the development of social democracy. It initiates assessments and projects in countries where social democracy is still weak; organizes international conferences and some smaller scale assessment visits and seminars; and maintains a Networking and Democracy project.

Type of work: Networking, training, technical assistance
HQ: Amsterdam, the Netherlands
www.europeanforum.net

European Stability Initiative

The European Stability Initiative (ESI) is a non-profit research and policy institute, created in recognition of the need for independent, in-depth analysis of the complex issues that promote stability and prosperity in Europe. The institute was founded in 1999 by a multi-national group of practitioners and analysts with extensive experience in the regions it studied. ESI is committed to providing policy makers with relevant strategic analysis.

Type of work: Policy, research
HQ: Berlin, Germany, www.esiweb.org

Institute for Democracy in Eastern Europe

The Institute for Democracy in Eastern Europe (IDEE) is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the active promotion of democracy, civil society, and human rights throughout Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Union, and other communist or post-communist countries. IDEE has carried out programmes of small and medium grants, competitions, direct support, training, internships, exchange, and education initiatives for more than 3,000 publications, civic and human rights organizations, political groups and opposition movements.

Type of work: Advocacy, policy, training
HQ: Washington DC, United States
www.idee.org

Institute for Regional and International Studies

The Institute for Regional and International Studies (IRIS) was established as an independent, non-governmental think-tank in 1987. The Institute works to initiate, develop and implement civic strategies for democratic politics at the national, regional and international levels. Through its activities, IRIS promotes the values of democracy, civil society, freedom and respect of the rule of law; assists the process of Bulgarian integration in NATO and the EU; and provides public policy analyses on current domestic and international issues. IRIS represents a combination of an advocacy-oriented and an education-oriented research organization. The organization's main focus is on South-Eastern Europe.

Type of work: Research, advocacy, policy
HQ: Sofia, Bulgaria
www.iris-bg.org

Open Society Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative

The Open Society Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative (LGI) was launched in 1997. The initiative builds on the understanding that development of democratic and effective government at sub-national levels remains one of the central tasks of transition and that the sharing of expertise between countries can contribute significantly to the reform process in the Central and Eastern European region. LGI's mission is to foster such cross-border cooperation and to support and disseminate throughout the region potentially important policy studies that could have a significant impact on public policy reform. LGI's activities fall under its programme areas which are: Regional Networks of Institutions and Professionals; Policy Studies and Dissemination; and Technical Assistance and Consultancy. LGI Development Ltd. (LGID) is a non-profit company that essentially complements the mission of LGI. LGID seeks to promote democratic and effective governance throughout Central and Eastern Europe, the former Soviet Republics and beyond. It supports decentralization, public policy formulation, and reform of public administration and services.

Type of work: Research, policy, technical assistance, networking
HQ: Budapest, Hungary
http://lgi.osi.hu

Partners for Democratic Change

Partners for Democratic Change (Partners) is an international organization committed to building sustainable local capacity to advance civil society and a culture of change and conflict management worldwide. Established in 1989, Partners has helped develop change and conflict management skills and processes, facilitate the resolution of disputes, and build consensus on local issues in over 50 countries. Partners' local and trans-national initiatives seek to strengthen citizen participation, good governance, the empowerment of disadvantaged groups, and the rule of law. Partners builds the capacity of local institutions to promote change. Its national centres are currently located in Albania, Argentina, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Georgia, Hungary, Kosovo, Lithuania, Poland, Romania and Slovakia. The centres share Partners' mission and a common set of programmes that include training of leaders and practitioners from all sectors in effective change and conflict management skills and processes.

Type of work: Advocacy, policy, training
HQ: Washington DC, United States
www.partnersglobal.org

VOICE International

VOICE International (Voluntary Organizations Initiative in Central and Eastern Europe/Eurasia) is a non-profit information clearinghouse and technical assistance network. The mission of VOICE International is to assist in the strengthening of civil society by supporting the formation, independence, and diversity of non-governmental organizations in Central and Eastern Europe and the newly independent states. VOICE's three programmes to achieve this are: provision of a clearinghouse to facilitate the exchange of information on issues germane to the democratic development of civil society and its programmes; the customization of publications that meet specific needs which are not met by existing materials; and the provision of technical assistance to civic organizations throughout the region in implementing their objectives.

Type of work: Advocacy, research, technical assistance
HQ: Arlington (VA), United States
www.voiceinternational.org

Latin America and the Caribbean region

Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress

Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress is a non-profit organization which seeks to build just and peaceful societies in Central America. Established in 1988, the Foundation's work is divided between three active and expanding programmes: the Center for Human Progress; the Center for Organized Participation; and the Center for Peace and Reconciliation. The Foundation runs several projects aiming to define approaches and strategies that contribute to democratic governance and that guarantee sustainable and equitable human development in societies affected by internal strife and to develop efficient mechanisms, support methods and spaces for dialogue aimed at the prevention and peaceful resolution of conflicts based on principles and norms of international law. Arias works throughout the Central American region.

Type of work: Advocacy, policy, research
HQ: San Jose, Costa Rica
www.arias.or.cr

Consejo Latino-americano de Ciencias Sociales

Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales/ Latin American Council of Social Sciences (CLASCO) is a network of over 100 research institutions throughout Latin America and the Caribbean committed to the promotion of scientific research in all fields of the social sciences and to enhancing scholarly exchange and cooperation within and outside the region. Through numerous programmes and activities, CLACSO seeks to contribute to the generation of sound knowledge capable of furthering a balanced, equitable, and ecologically sustainable process of development aimed at both the improvement of the general welfare of Latin American societies and the consolidation of their democratic practices and institutions. Created in 1967, the Council links research institutions in public and private universities as well as independent centres, and represents its affiliates in international scholarly and policy-making fora.

Type of work: Research, policy
HQ: Buenos Aires, Argentina
www.clasco.org

Fundación Pablo Iglesias

Fundación Pablo Iglesias is a cultural foundation with ties to the Spanish socialist movement. Since 1995, the foundation has worked towards institutional strengthening and democratic consolidation in Latin America. Activities include training and professional development courses. Key themes within its area of work include democratic governance and human development; democracy, state and political culture; globalization and state reform; and formulation, analysis and implementation of public policy, decentralization processes, and modernization of parliamentary practice.

Type of work: Advocacy, training
HQ: Madrid, Spain
www.fpabloiglesias.es

InterAmerican Democracy Network

Civil society organizations from around the LAC region joined together in 1995 to create the Inter-American Democracy Network (IADN). The IADN was established to support the democratization process in Latin America through citizen participation and has become the hemisphere's largest network of civil society organizations, with more than 350 members in 24 countries. The network seeks to promote citizen participation through cooperation, training and information dissemination. IADN's activities include efforts to increase transparency, good governance and decentralization; raise awareness; and strengthen civil society.

Type of work: Networking, advocacy, policy, training
HQ: Buenos Aires, Argentina
www.redinter.org

Parliamentary Development

Parliamentary Development

This section describes CSOs that aim primarily to strengthen the fundamental representative, legislative and oversight roles of parliaments. The range of work carried out by these organizations includes legislative and judicial reform; research on, and development of, parliamentary systems; and advocacy to encourage parliamentarians to respect the rule of law and follow accountable legislative practices. Other activities include the development of parliamentary networks that share expertise and dialogue on legislative policy and practices; capacity development for parliamentarians, political parties and other political leaders on legislative processes; as well as capacity development of CSOs. Some of the organizations listed also engage in participatory public budget development and monitoring in addition to analysis and advocacy on budget reform.

Of the 15 CSOs outlined, six carry out their activities in more than one region, while nine organizations work only in one specific region and are classified accordingly. Many of the organizations listed are professional associations, networks or institutes that work with parliamentarians, political leaders and/or lawyers.

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CSOs with a global remit

Center on Budget and Policy Priorities

The Center on Budget and Policy Priorities is a non-partisan research and policy institute. Established in 1981, it runs the International Budget Project. This assists NGOs and researchers in their efforts both to analyse government budget policies and to improve government budget processes and institutions. The project supports applied research that is of use in ongoing policy debates, and covers, inter alia, research on the effects of budget policies on the poor. The overarching goal of the project is to make budget systems more responsive to the needs of society and more transparent and accountable to the public. The project works primarily with researchers and NGOs in developing countries and new democracies.

Type of work: Research, technical assistance, policy
HQ: Washington DC, United States
www.internationalbudget.org

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) was founded in 1911. Its members are the national, provincial, state and territorial parliaments and legislatures of the countries of the Commonwealth. There are now CPA Branches in nearly 170 parliaments and legislatures, with a total membership approaching 15,000 parliamentarians. CPA's mission is to promote knowledge and understanding about parliamentary democracy as well as respect for the rule of law and individual rights and freedoms. The CPA seeks to build an informed parliamentary community able to deepen the Commonwealth's democratic commitment and to further cooperation among its parliaments and legislatures. Its work focuses on good governance, democracy and elections, and human rights. Special attention is paid to gender sensitizing (through the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians) and to promoting awareness of parliamentary democracy among the youth of the Commonwealth.

Type of work: Advocacy, policy, training, networking
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.cpahq.org

Inter-Parliamentary Union

The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) is the international organization of parliaments of sovereign states. Established in 1889, it is the focal point for worldwide parliamentary dialogue. It works for peace and cooperation among peoples and for the establishment of representative democracy. Issues of defence and promotion of representative democracy are core areas of action for the Union. The IPU's Programme for the Study and Promotion of Representative Institutions seeks to improve knowledge on the working of parliaments by gathering and disseminating information on their constitutional powers, structure and working methods, as well as on the status of their members, on electoral systems, and on national parliamentary elections and their results.

Type of work: Research, training, networking
HQ: Geneva, Switzerland
www.ipu.org

Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy

The Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (IMD) is an independent foundation set up by Dutch political parties in 2000. The main objective of IMD is to support the process of democratization in young democracies by strengthening political parties as pillars of parliamentary democracy. This includes supporting institutional development and capacity building of political parties so that a well-functioning, sustainable, and pluralistic system of party politics is created. IMD works in a strictly non-partisan and inclusive manner and runs programmes in countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Type of work: Training, technical assistance
HQ: The Hague, the Netherlands
www.nimd.org

Parliamentarians for Global Action

Parliamentarians for Global Action (PGA) is a non-profit network of over 1,350 legislators from 110 parliaments engaged in a range of action-oriented initiatives that promote democracy, peace, justice and development throughout the world. It was established in 1979 by concerned parliamentarians from around the world to address global problems. Its initial focus was on disarmament and the prevention of nuclear proliferation. Today PGA works on an expanded list of global issues such as fostering democracy, conflict prevention and management, international law and human rights, population and sustainable development. Areas of work include the Peace and Democracy programme where PGA works with parliamentarians to build better relationships between parliaments, and to support the principles of parliamentary democracy by establishing moderate, stable political systems in each country.

Type of work: Networking, training
HQ: New York, United States
www.pgaction.org

The Parliamentary Center

The Parliamentary Centre is a not-for-profit organization devoted to improving the effectiveness of representative assemblies and governance mechanisms in Canada and around the world. It is a global agency that supports democratic institutions in Asia, Africa, Latin America, Eastern Europe and the Middle East. The Centre works to design, implement and manage programmes; conduct and publish research; and establish and expand parliamentary networks. With links to legislatures and parliaments in Canada and abroad, the Centre acts as a broker and facilitator, fostering partnerships and providing access to a range of expertise.

Type of work: Advocacy, policy, research, networking, training
HQ: Ottawa, Canada
www.parlcent.ca

Africa region

Centre pour la Gouvernance Démocratique

Centre pour la Gouvernance Démocratique (CGD) is an independent institute. Its mission is to promote a form of democratic governance which favours participation, transparency, accountability, efficiency, the rule of law, and consensus in making economic, social and political choices. It strives to be an important voice in setting the public agenda on these issues. CGD's geographic focus is the Western African region in general and Burkina Faso in particular. As a centre dedicated to providing training and research, CGD seeks to become a credible and impartial space for democratic dialogue. CGD offers services in counselling, training, civic education, and applied research.

Type of work: Advocacy, training, research
HQ: Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso
www.cgdbf.org

Institute for Democracy in South Africa

The Institute for Democracy in South Africa (IDASA) is an independent, public interest organization committed to promoting sustainable democracy in South Africa and the broader African region. It helps to build democratic institutions, educate citizens and advocate for social justice. IDASA monitors government budgetary allocations, spending and processes through its Budget Information Service (BIS); develops budgetary literacy amongst advocacy organizations and citizens; and provides training to elected representatives and government officials on various aspects of public finance. IDASA was one of the first civil society organizations in South Africa to implement innovative applied budget research. Along with general monitoring, there are also specific projects that focus on regional budgets, e.g. the children's budget and the HIV/AIDS budget, plus sectoral analysis of provincial socio-economic spending on women, education and tax. IDASA is involved in similar work with civil society groups across Sub-Sahara Africa.

Type of work: Advocacy, policy, research, training
HQ: Pretoria and Cape Town, South Africa
www.idasa.org.za

Arab States region

Arab Inter-parliamentary Union

The Arab Inter-parliamentary Union (AIPU) was set up as an association of Arab parliaments in 1974 to enhance inter-Arab cooperation. AIPU seeks to strengthen contacts and promote dialogue among Arab parliaments and Arab parliamentarians; foster debate on common Arab issues; strengthen democratic concepts and values in Arab countries; work for the co-ordination and unification of legislation in Arab countries; and consolidate cooperation among peoples of the world for the establishment of peace based on justice.

Type of work: Networking
HQ: Damascus, Syria
www.arab-ipu.org

Lebanese Center for Policy Studies

The Lebanese Center for Policy Studies (LCPS) is an independent, non-profit research institute. LCPS was founded in 1989 by a group of Lebanese citizens concerned with the public interest. It addresses issues of political, social, and economic development in Lebanon, the Arab region and the world. The Center publishes studies and organizes conferences that analyse and aim to improve public policy. Its scope of research includes, inter alia, administrative and political reform, citizenship and civil society, electoral and parliamentary reform, and decentralization and local government. LCPS publishes electronic and printed material to increase public awareness of critical policy issues.

Type of work: Research, advocacy, policy
HQ: Beirut, Lebanon
www.lcps-lebanon.org

Asia Pacific region

Center for Asia-Pacific Women in Politics

The Center for Asia-Pacific Women in Politics (CAPWIP) is a non-partisan, non-profit regional NGO dedicated to promoting equal participation of women in politics and decision-making. CAPWIP was established in 1992 by a group of women from the Asia Pacific region who share a vision of governance that affirms gender equality, integrity and accountability, excellence, sustainable development and peace. The network operates through a number of national affiliates clustered into 5 sub-regional groupings: Central Asia, East Asia, Pacific, South-east Asia, and South Asia. Its plan of action focuses on transforming politics by getting more women into leadership positions at all levels and developing an effective and responsible women's electorate.

Type of work: Research, training, networking
HQ: Manila, the Philippines
www.capwip.org

Central and Eastern Europe region

Center for Legislative Development

The Center for Legislative Development (CLD) was set up in 1988 as an independent, non-partisan, legislative support structure. CLD offers training and educational services such as study visits of parliamentary delegations, local government officials, civil society organizations, and women political leaders. These services aim to strengthen legislative processes; legislative organization and management; budget processes; legislative oversight; legislative committees; representation; political parties; and decentralization. CLD offers technical assistance for legislatures in emerging and newly emerging democracies, government agencies, and NGOs. It also tracks and monitors legislation on selected policy areas and offers CSOs an analysis of proposed legislation on women's issues and other gender concerns, local governance, and political reform.

Type of work: Training, technical assistance, research
HQ: Manila, the Philippines
www.cld.org

East-West Parliamentary Practice Project

The East-West Parliamentary Practice Project (EWPPP) was founded in 1990 as a joint initiative of the European Cultural Foundation and the Ford Foundation, with the aim of providing support for parliaments in the newly emerging democracies in Central Europe and the former Soviet Union. In 1995, EWPPP became an independent foundation. The foundation aims to contribute to overall European regional stability by supporting and strengthening parliaments in countries faced with the challenges related to the process of democratic, political, social and economic transition. EWPPP concentrates its efforts on strengthening parliamentary democracy in Eastern Europe and Eurasia; encouraging the development of an enduring democratic culture; developing channels of communication among members of parliament across national boundaries in the framework of European integration; and promoting cooperation between parliaments and civil society.

Type of work: Advocacy, policy, research , training
HQ: Amsterdam, the Netherlands
www.ewppp.org

Latin America and the Caribbean region

Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas

The Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas was established in 1999 and brings together women members of national parliaments, regional assemblies and inter-parliamentary organizations of the Americas. In the framework of the integration processes of the Americas, it seeks to foster dialogue on issues related to the advancement of women in order to promote gender equity, peace and human development as well as the involvement of women in the decision-making processes. Key objectives are to encourage the representation, participation and action of women in the parliaments of the Americas; to ensure that both men and women parliamentarians take into consideration the rights and demands of women based on a human rights perspective and a better distribution of wealth; and to create communication mechanisms for the activities of women parliamentarians.

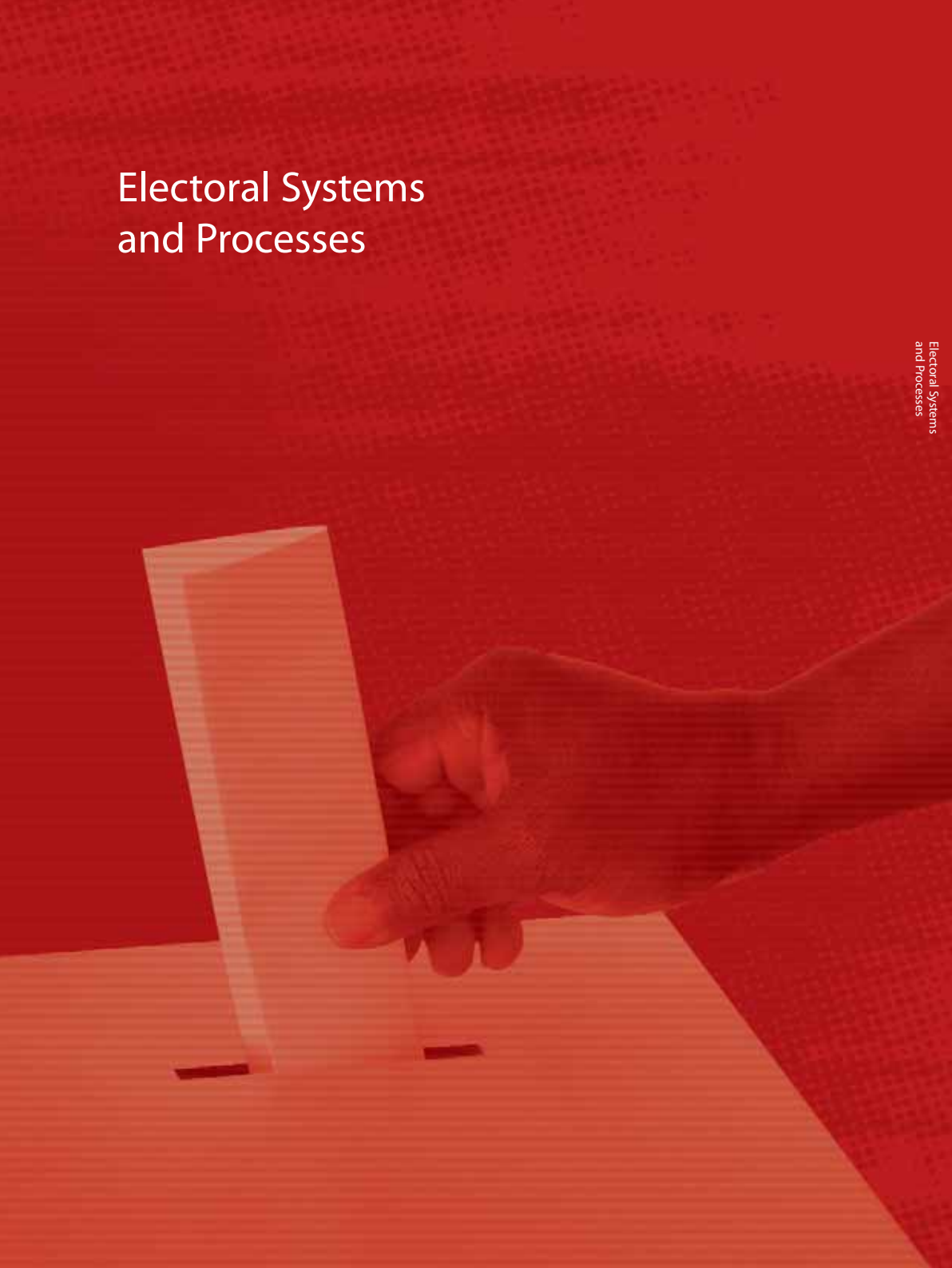
Type of work: Networking, advocacy
HQ: Québec, Canada
www.feminamericas.org

Poder Ciudadano

Poder Ciudadano is a non-profit foundation established in 1989. It works to build citizenship and promote collective action to support political system reform and oversight, budget transparency by governments, and the promotion of participatory budget development. It participated in the Latin American Index of Budget Transparency in 2003, and organizes workshops to train citizens on participatory budget development in Argentina and the wider Latin American region.

Type of work: Policy, advocacy, training
HQ: Buenos Aires, Argentina
www.poderciudadano.org

Electoral Systems and Processes



Electoral Systems and Processes

This section profiles a range of CSOs that aim to strengthen electoral systems and processes and the rule of law. The range of work carried out by these organizations includes capacity building to strengthen electoral institutions and administration; civic and voter education programmes to encourage citizen engagement in elections and government policy-making; development of voter registration systems; electoral monitoring; electoral system reform; and the mobilization and co-ordination of resources for electoral processes. Other activities include the strengthening of CSOs to participate in government policy-making, research on and dissemination of information on electoral processes and results, and the lobbying for free and fair election processes.

19 CSOs are included in this section, 4 of which work in more than one region. 15 organizations profiled work primarily in one specific region. Many of the organizations are foundations or institutes that specialize in electoral issues, while others are networks of election monitoring and human rights organizations, or networks of electoral organizations. Though there are some CSOs that represent citizens in general, all specialize in electoral and government policy-making processes.

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CSOs with a global remit

International IDEA

The International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) was set up in 1995 with a mandate to support sustainable democracy worldwide. The Institute works with both new and long-established democracies, helping to develop and strengthen the institutions and culture of democracy. It operates at international, regional and national levels, working in partnership with a range of institutions. IDEA uses comparative experience, analysis and extensive dialogue with practitioners to identify examples of good practice and produce tools and guidelines on democracy support. It has regular publications, an expanding website and a range of databases. It builds networks of experts, develops training materials and provides strategic advice on issues related to its work programme. IDEA works with the international democracy assistance community as well as in-country with local stakeholders in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Arab states and the South Caucasus.

Type of work: Policy, networking, training, technical assistance, research
HQ: Stockholm, Sweden
www.idea.int

International Foundation for Election Systems

The International Foundation for Election Systems (IFES) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1987. It aims to strengthen inclusive and transparent political processes in emerging and established democracies around the world. IFES works in more than 100 countries on five continents and plays a key role in implementing projects focused on democratic participation, electoral processes and administration, rule of law, civil society, governance and applied research. IFES provides comprehensive assistance to governments, political parties and CSOs in election planning and administration, election law development, political party development, and voter and civic education.

Type of work: Technical assistance, training, research, advocacy
HQ: Washington DC, United States
www.ifes.org

The Carter Center

The mission of the Carter Center is to help create a world in which every man, woman, and child has the opportunity to enjoy good health and live in peace. Founded in 1982, the Center is a charitable organization that has helped to improve the quality of life for people in more than 65 countries. Through its Democracy Program, the Center conducts international election monitoring; works to strengthen the capacity of civic organizations to participate in government policy-making; and promotes the rule of law. Observers analyse election laws, assess voter registration processes, voter education efforts, and the openness of campaigns – focusing on competitiveness, unhindered participation in the election process, and access to the media.

Type of work: Training, technical assistance, advocacy
HQ: Atlanta, United States
www.cartercenter.org

Africa region

The MacDougall Trust

The MacDougall Trust is an independent educational research charity established in 1948. The Trust seeks to advance knowledge and encourage research in political or economic science; functions of government and the services provided to the community by public and voluntary organizations; methods of election and the selection of government and other representative organization leaders; and representative democracy, its forms, functions, development and associated institutions. It does this mainly by publishing a periodical entitled 'Representation: the journal of representative democracy' and by maintaining and developing the Lakeman Library for Electoral Studies.

Type of work: Research
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.electoral-reform.org.uk/ers/mcd

Akina Mama wa Afrika

Akina Mama wa Afrika (AMwA) is an international, pan-African, non-governmental development organization set up in 1985. Co-ordinating local, regional and international initiatives, Akina Mama serves as a mobilizing, networking, information, advocacy and training forum for African women, building their leadership capacities to influence policy and decision-making. In 1996, AMwA set up the African Women's Leadership Institute (AWLI) as part of its Africa Programme.

Type of work: Research, advocacy, networking, training
HQ: London, United Kingdom
http://akinamama.org

Association of African Election Authorities

The Association of African Election Authorities (AAEA) was founded in 1997. It is a membership organization dedicated to the professionalization of election administration through information exchange and regional networking. The Association promotes free and fair elections; independent and impartial elections by organizations and administrators; public confidence in the election process through open and transparent electoral procedures; and participation by citizens, political contestants, and non-partisan NGOs in electoral processes. Activities include election observation, training, roundtable discussions, and educational exchanges.

Type of work: Networking, advocacy, technical assistance, training
HQ: Accra, Ghana
www.ifes.org/afrassoc1

Electoral Institute of Southern Africa

The Electoral Institute of Southern Africa (EISA) is a not-for-profit company established in 1996. Its mission is to strengthen electoral processes, good governance, human rights and democratic values. Activities include research, capacity building, advocacy and other targeted interventions. The organization services governments, electoral commissions, political parties, civil society organizations and other institutions operating in the democracy and governance fields throughout Africa. Key programme areas include Democracy, Conflict Management and Electoral Education; Elections and Political Processes; and Balloting and Electoral Services.

Type of work: Advocacy, policy, training, technical assistance, research
HQ: Johannesburg, South Africa
www.eisa.org.za

Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS)

Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS) was set up as an international NGO in 1996. FAS seeks to encourage women's participation in political processes. It also conducts peace and fact-finding missions to evaluate and redefine the role women play in conflict resolution and peace-building in post-conflict areas. Key activities include voter education, election observer missions, training workshops, and support for information and experience exchange among women and their associations in numerous parts of Africa.

Type of work: Advocacy, technical assistance, training, networking
HQ: Geneva, Switzerland
www.fasngo.org

Gender Links

Gender Links was established as a non-profit organization in 2001. The organization aims to increase participation and representation of women in the electoral process and in political office. It also seeks to transform gender relations in and through the media by conducting research on gender disparities in the internal structures and editorial output of the media. Areas of activity include efforts to strengthen the media and communication skills of gender activists and women in decision-making. In addition, Gender Links leverages its skills and expertise by providing research and advisory services on gender and governance more broadly.

Type of work: Research, advocacy, policy, training, research
HQ: Johannesburg, South Africa
www.genderlinks.org.za

Institute for Education in Democracy

The Institute for Education in Democracy (IED) is an NGO established in 1993. Its mission is to promote democracy in Africa. Since its inception, IED has provided non-partisan leadership in monitoring the democratic process in Kenya and other parts of Africa through programmes on electoral processes, voter education, research and provision of technical assistance. It is committed to a non-partisan approach and promotes the view that an informed citizenry is an empowered citizenry that can take part in the development of their country.

Type of work: Training, technical assistance, research
HQ: Nairobi, Kenya, www.iedafrica.org

Asia Pacific region

Research Group on the Democratic, Economic and Social Development of Africa

Set up in 1990, the Research Group on the Democratic, Economic and Social Development of Africa (GERDDES-AFRICA) is a non-partisan, pan-African network that seeks to promote democracy in the service of social and economic development, and cultivates African expertise in conflict prevention and management. The GERDDES programme organ, the International Research Centre on Democracy and Development (IRCD), takes part in organizing and monitoring elections and engages in social and political mediation.

Type of work: Advocacy, policy, technical assistance HQ: Cotonou, Benin
www.gerddes.org

Southern African Research and Documentation Centre

The Southern African Research and Documentation Centre (SARDC) is an independent regional information resource centre which seeks to enhance the effectiveness of key development processes in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region. One of SARDC's key objectives is to assist governments, organizations and people of the SADC region to move quickly and effectively toward the empowerment and involvement of people in development. The Sustainable Democracy programme provides documentation and publications on elections in the southern African region. Other Centre activities include collection and provision of relevant and accessible information, based on national and regional perspectives; and capacity building for collecting, storing and accessing information on a sustainable basis.

Type of work: Research, advocacy, policy HQ: Harare, Zimbabwe www.sardc.net

Asian Network for Free Elections

The Asian Network for Free Elections (ANFREL) was formed in 1997 as a regional network of election monitoring and human rights organizations. Its aims are to support democratization and related processes and initiatives in Asia. Activities include capacity building, training and support of election monitoring by local groups as well as lobbying and dissemination of election results and democracy-related information. ANFREL has represented international efforts to ensure the integrity, credibility and transparency of electoral processes in countries such as Cambodia, the Philippines, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh, East Timor and Thailand.

Type of work: Networking, training, technical assistance, advocacy
HQ: Bangkok, Thailand
www.anfrel.org

Asia-Pacific Civic Education Network

The Asia-Pacific Civic Education Network (APCEN) is a network of civic educators within the Asia Pacific region. Its main purpose is to establish effective communication linkages between groups that seek to promote civic education in their respective countries. The primary activities of the Network are to disseminate information about civic education reform through its electronic network and website as well as to organize and conduct conferences and workshops on civic education, democracy and democratic governance.

Type of work: Advocacy, policy, training, networking
HQ: Penang, Malaysia
http://apcen.edfac.usyd.edu.au/

Central and Eastern Europe region

Association of Central and Eastern European Election Officials

The Association of Central and Eastern European Election Officials (ACEEEO) is a non-partisan association established in 1991. The main objectives of ACEEEO are to foster free, democratic and fair elections; to promote the institutionalization and professionalization of democratic processes and procedures; to support the development of open and democratic election systems in the region; and to provide a non-partisan and politically neutral forum for the exchange of information among election officials and experts. Activities include support on electoral technology, campaign finance reform, and citizens' participation in electoral processes.

Type of work: Advocacy, policy, networking
HQ: Budapest, Hungary, www.aceeeo.org

European Network of Election Monitoring Organizations

The European Network of Election Monitoring Organizations (ENEMO) was set up as an international network of election monitoring organizations in 2001. The network promotes the involvement of civic organizations in election monitoring. As an effective way to engage, educate and empower citizens, ENEMO promotes election-monitoring standards of network members, supports international and exchange projects among ENEMO members, develops European-wide information resources on electoral legislation and systems, and provides international support to members.

Type of work: Networking, training, technical assistance, advocacy
HQ: Belgrade, Serbia, www.gong.hr/enemo

Latin America and the Caribbean region

Association of Caribbean Electoral Organizations

The Association of Caribbean Electoral Organizations (ACEO) is an association established in 1998 to promote cooperation and mutual assistance among electoral authorities in the Caribbean and the use of election processes that ensure free, fair and peaceful elections. These objectives are achieved, in part, through strengthening independent and impartial electoral organizations and administrators; promoting public confidence through transparent electoral procedures; providing a forum for the exchange of experiences, information and technology pertaining to elections; and establishing a Caribbean-based resource centre for research and information.

Type of work: Networking, research
HQ: Washington DC, United States
www.ifes.org/caribbean

Center for Electoral Promotion and Assistance

The Center for Electoral Promotion and Assistance (CAPEL) is part of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, an independent NGO established in 1980. It offers technical electoral advice and promotes elections and the values of a democratic culture and full political participation without discrimination. Activities include election monitoring, research and analysis, as well as training courses and seminars for electoral officials in the Latin America and the Caribbean region.

Type of work: Research, advocacy, training, technical assistance
HQ: San Jose, Costa Rica
www.iidh.ed.cr/comunidades/RedElectoral

Conciencia

Conciencia is a non-partisan, non-profit association that believes that responsible political participation constitutes a citizen's undeniable duty. Its mission is to increase peoples' awareness about citizenship by transmitting democratic and republican ideals that encourage people to exercise their citizenship as a right and as a responsibility, and actively participate in community and civic life of Argentina. Conciencia carries out programme activities to inform and educate and has 36 chapters spread all over the country. It also established and supports a pan-American network in 16 countries.

Type of work: Advocacy, training, networking
HQ: Buenos Aires, Argentina
www.concienciadigital.com.ar

Justice and Human Rights

Justice and Human Rights

This section describes CSOs that work to promote human rights and strengthen the independence and integrity of both formal and informal justice systems in order to make them more effective in meeting the need for justice for all. These organizations are involved in a wide range of activities, such as efforts to strengthen human rights and legal systems at national, regional and global levels; human rights monitoring; research; public education; training and protection. Other focus areas include security sector reform; advocacy for a human rights-based approach to programming; campaigning for ratification and reporting on treaties; and training and capacity building to encourage compliance on human rights law. In addition, some organizations also offer direct legal assistance and counselling to people and organizations whose rights have been denied.

Of the 67 CSOs profiled, 32 work in more that one region of the world. 35 of the organizations outlined work in one specific region only and are classified accordingly. Most of the CSOs listed are networks that specialize in all human rights areas including civil, cultural, economic, political and social rights and/or on legal issues. Others are non-profit institutes working in this area, or professional associations of lawyers and jurists.

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CSOs with a global remit

Advocats Sans Frontières
Advocats Sans Frontières (ASF) was founded in 1992 by a small group of lawyers. Its purpose is to promote, strengthen and protect civil, political, social and cultural human rights of individuals and peoples. ASF volunteer lawyers and judges conduct judiciary diplomacy, in collaboration with local lawyers. Its activities stand as the expression of a political philosophy that allows for differences while promoting human rights. It has field missions in countries such as Burundi, Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), the occupied Palestinian territory, Rwanda and Timor-Leste.

Type of work: Advocacy, policy, training
HQ: Brussels, Belgium
www.asf.be

American Bar Association
The American Bar Association (ABA) is one of the largest voluntary professional associations in the world with more than 400,000 members. Founded in 1878, it provides assistance in legal institution-building, judicial reform, drafting of legislation, and other law-related areas. Programmes include the Central and Eastern Europe Law Initiative (CEELI), which aims to advance the rule of law by supporting legal reform processes in Central and Eastern Europe and the Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union; the Asia Law Initiative (ABA-Asia) – a public service project which promotes the rule of law in Asia, including judicial reform, legal profession reform, legal education reform, criminal law/anti-corruption, environmental advocacy, and gender issues; and the Africa Law Initiative (ABA-Africa), which provides legal expertise, advice and training to judges, lawyers and government officials in Africa.

Type of work: Training, advocacy, policy, technical assistance
HQ: Washington DC, United States
www.abanet.org

Amnesty International
Amnesty International (AI) is a self-governing worldwide network established in 1961. AI's vision is of a world in which every person enjoys all human rights as enshrined in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other international human rights standards. AI undertakes research and action focused on preventing and ending grave abuses of the rights to physical and mental integrity, freedom of conscience and expression, and freedom from discrimination. AI has 1.8 million members, supporters and subscribers in over 150 countries. Through its national sections and local volunteer groups, AI runs campaigns on violence against women, the arms trade, the death penalty, torture, child soldiers and the rights of refugees. It promotes international justice and has a website with information on activities of treaty bodies that encourages other organizations and individuals to contribute to their work.

Type of work: Advocacy, policy, research, networking
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.amnesty.org

Centre for International Legal Cooperation

The Centre for International Legal Cooperation (CILC) is a Dutch NGO that provides expert assistance to developing and transition countries engaged in legal and judicial reform. CILC believes that a functioning, reliable legal system is a critical precondition for the political, economic, and social well being of a country's population. It develops and implements international legal cooperation projects that cover many different aspects of legal and judicial reform. Moreover, it helps to draft and develop systems to implement national legislation, upgrade law schools, establish and support Judicial Training Centres, promote judicial independence, and educate the public about the law and access to justice. The development and implementation stages of each project involve working closely with stakeholders in the country or countries concerned.

Type of work: Technical assistance, training
HQ: Leiden, the Netherlands
www.cilc.nl

Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative

The Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI) is an independent, non-partisan, international NGO that works for the practical realization of human rights in the countries of the Commonwealth. CHRI promotes awareness of and adherence to the Harare Commonwealth Declaration, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and other internationally recognized human rights instruments. Core programmes are on access and right to information, constitutionalism, access to justice, and police and prison reform. It does fact-finding missions and maintains offices in India, the UK and Ghana but works throughout the Commonwealth.

Type of work: Advocacy, research
HQ: New Delhi, India
www.humanrightsinitiative.org

Forefront

Forefront is a global network of human rights defenders committed to promoting sustainable social change by providing protection and support to activists defending human rights in their communities. It was founded in 1998 to provide assistance to human rights defenders and their organizations in countries around the world. The network works with more than 50 human rights organizations in 30 countries. Forefront provides these partners with focused technical assistance tailored to their needs, access to technology and funding, support in times of crisis, and training that emphasizes exchange between activists. Forefront also strengthens and serves the broader grassroots human rights community through research and publications.

Type of work: Networking, advocacy, technical assistance, research
HQ: New York, United States
www.forefrontleaders.org

Global Fund for Women

The Global Fund for Women is a foundation established in 1987. An international network of women and men committed to a world of equality and social justice, the Fund advocates for and defends women's human rights by making grants to support

women's groups around the world. Grants are made to organizations working on issues such as ending gender-based violence and building peace; ensuring economic and environmental justice; advancing health and sexual reproductive rights; expanding civic and political participation; and increasing access to education.

Type of work: Funding, advocacy
HQ: San Francisco, United States
www.globalfundforwomen.org

Global Rights

Global Rights is a non-profit human rights advocacy group that partners with local activists to challenge injustice and amplify new voices within the global discourse. It was set up in 1979 and has offices around the world. Global Rights works with local activists to expose human rights violations; provides human rights lawyering; and advocates legal and policy reform. It trains human rights activists and assists in capacity development.

Type of work: Advocacy, training, legal assistance
HQ: Washington DC, United States
www.globalrights.org

Human Rights Education Associates

Human Rights Education Associates (HREA) is an international NGO dedicated to quality education and training that promotes understanding, attitudes and actions to protect human rights, and foster the development of free and just communities. It provides assistance in curriculum and materials development; training of professional groups; research and evaluation; organization al development; and networking with human rights education resources and professionals. HREA works with individuals, non-governmental organizations, inter-governmental organizations and governments interested in implementing human rights education programmes.

Type of work: Advocacy, training, networking, research
HQ: Concord (MA), United States
www.hrea.org

Human Rights First

Human Rights First (formerly Lawyers Committee for Human Rights) is an independent non-profit organization that has operated for more than 25 years. It works in the United States and abroad to create a secure and humane world by advancing justice, human dignity and respect for the rule of law. It supports human rights activists who fight for basic freedoms and peaceful change at the local level; works to protect refugees in flight from persecution and repression; seeks to assist in building a strong international system of justice and accountability; and aims to help make sure human rights laws and principles are enforced throughout the world.

Type of work: Advocacy
HQ: New York, United States
www.humanrightsfirst.org

Human Rights Watch

Human Rights Watch (HRW) started in 1978 as Helsinki Watch and has grown to become the largest human rights organization based in the United States. HRW urges changes in policy and practice, defending human rights worldwide. It monitors and campaigns on women's

rights, children's rights, and the flow of arms to abusive forces. Other special projects include academic freedom, human rights responsibilities of corporations, international justice, prisons, drugs, and refugees. HRW researchers conduct fact-finding investigations into human rights abuses in all regions of the world. Their findings are published in dozens of books and reports every year, generating extensive coverage in local and international media. HRW has offices in New York, Brussels, London, Moscow, Hong Kong, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Washington.

Type of work: Advocacy, policy, research, networking
HQ: New York, United States
www.hrw.org

Interights

Interights is an international legal centre set up as a charity in 1982. It aims to develop and sustain legal protection for human rights and freedoms worldwide, fully realize and exploit all legal avenues available to protect these rights, and provide greater global access to information on judicial decisions concerning human rights. Interights helps lawyers, judges, victims and other non-governmental organizations to prepare cases before regional, national and international courts; provides training for lawyers and judges to teach them more about using international human rights law; advises regional institutions on appropriate administrative and judicial systems; and publishes legal resources on- and offline so as many people as possible have access to information on developments in human rights law. It provides technical assistance to strengthen capacity and develop jurisprudence through its programmes in Africa, the Commonwealth, Central and Eastern Europe and South Asia. Programmes combine casework, education, training, institutional development and resource provision.

Type of work: Advocacy, training, technical assistance, legal assistance
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.interights.org

International Alert

International Alert is an independent, international non-governmental organization that works to help build lasting peace in countries and communities affected or threatened by violent conflict. Established in 1985, the organization works through capacity building, mediation and dialogue, with regional programmes in Africa, the Caucasus and Central, South and South East Asia. It also conducts policy analysis and advocacy at government, EU and UN levels on cross-cutting issues such as business, humanitarian aid and development, gender, security and religion in relation to conflict.

Type of work: Training, research, advocacy
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.international-alert.org

International Bar Association

The International Bar Association (IBA) was established in 1947 with the aim of supporting the establishment of law and administration of justice worldwide. It is comprised of 16,000 individual lawyers and over 190 Bar Associations and Law Societies. The principal aims and objectives of the IBA are to promote an exchange of

information between legal associations worldwide; to support the independence of the judiciary and the right of lawyers to practise their profession without interference; and support human rights for lawyers worldwide through its Human Rights Institute. IBA works towards these objectives through services for individual lawyer members through its Divisions, Committees and Constituents; support for activities of Bar Associations and in particular, by developing bars; and support of human rights for lawyers worldwide.

Type of work: Research, training, networking, advocacy
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.ibanet.org

International Centre for Human Rights and Democracy Development

The International Centre for Human Rights and Democracy Development (Rights & Democracy) is a non-profit charitable organization. It was established by the Canadian parliament in 1988 to work with individuals, organizations and governments to promote human and democratic rights. The organization aims to act as a bridge between Canada and the world; between Canadian NGOs and NGOs around the world, particularly in developing countries; and between civil society organizations and governments in Canada and abroad. It focuses on four themes: democratic development, women's human rights, globalization and human rights, and the rights of indigenous peoples. It has two special operations: Urgent Action/Important Opportunities to respond to human rights crises and seize important opportunities as they arise, and International Human Rights Advocacy, to enhance the work of human rights advocates in the effective use of regional and international human rights mechanisms. It has partnerships with human and women's rights groups around the world.

Type of work: Advocacy, policy, networking
HQ: Montreal, Canada
www.dd-rd.ca

International Centre for Not-for-Profit Law

The International Centre for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL) is an international not-for-profit organization that promotes an enabling legal environment for civil society, freedom of association and public participation around the world. ICNL strives to create a world where civil society, in all its forms, can freely develop and participate in public decisions. In pursuit of that goal, ICNL helps to establish the legal framework for strengthening civil society, by providing technical assistance to more than 90 countries from its experienced in-house staff and global network of legal specialists and partnering with civil society representatives, government officials, scholars and business leaders. Focus areas include civil society legal frameworks; good governance and accountability; civil society sustainability; public-private partnerships; self-regulation; public participation and advocacy; training and dissemination of knowledge.

Type of work: Advocacy, policy, research, technical assistance, training, legal assistance
HQ: Washington DC, United States
www.icnl.org

International Centre for Transitional Justice

The International Centre for Transitional Justice (ICTJ) is an independent NGO that assists countries pursuing accountability for past mass atrocity or human rights abuse. It was established in 2001 and works in societies emerging from repressive rule or armed conflict, as well as in established democracies where historical injustices or systemic abuse remain unresolved. It provides comparative information, legal and policy analysis, documentation, technical assistance and strategic research to empower local actors to make informed transitional justice policy decisions. The Centre is committed to building local capacity and strengthening the emerging field of transitional justice. It cooperates closely with organizations and experts around the world to do so. ICTJ currently works in Africa, the Americas, Europe and the Asia Pacific.

Type of work: Research, technical assistance
HQ: New York, United States
www.ictj.org

International Commission of Jurists

The International Commission of Jurists (ICJ) was founded in 1952. It is a network dedicated to the primacy, coherence and implementation of international law and principles that advance human rights. The network consists of 82 autonomous national sections and affiliated legal organizations in 62 countries across Africa, the Asia-Pacific, Europe, the Middle East, Latin America and the Caribbean and North America. ICJ has three core thematic programmes that address pressing human rights needs and build on the ICJ's core competencies. The National Implementation Programme assists in the national implementation of international human rights standards both through direct monitoring and the provision of expert technical assistance. The Evolving Law Programme aims to add precision to existing standards and to propose new international standards. The Programme for the Promotion and Protection of Standards works to ensure that existing human rights standards are maintained and strengthened.

Type of work: Technical assistance, training, advocacy, policy, networking
HQ: Geneva, Switzerland
www.icj.org

International Council on Human Rights Policy

The International Council on Human Rights Policy is an independent non-profit foundation established in 1998. It aims to provide a forum for applied research, reflection and forward thinking on matters of international human rights policy. Projects are designed so that target audiences are involved progressively in research as it proceeds. The Council seeks to identify issues that impede efforts to protect and promote human rights and propose approaches and strategies that will remove such impediments. It strives to stimulate cooperation and exchange across the non-governmental, governmental and intergovernmental sectors; and to mediate between competing perspectives.

Type of work: Research, networking
HQ: Geneva, Switzerland
www.ichrp.org

International Federation for Human Rights

The International Federation for Human Rights (FIDH) was set up in 1922. It is a federation of 116 human rights organizations in nearly 100 countries. The federation co-ordinates and supports the activities of its members and serves as their voice at the international level. FIDH's aim is to obtain effective improvements in the protection of victims, prevent Human Rights abuse and prosecute those responsible. FIDH's mandate is to act effectively and practically to ensure respect of all the rights laid down in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights: the civil and political rights, but also the economic, social and cultural rights. FIDH protects defenders and mobilizes the international community in order that their role be recognized. It seeks to use all available national and international mechanisms for fighting impunity and ensure that globalization is respectful of human rights. It conducts fact-finding missions; organizes training programmes and works to mobilize public opinion.

Type of work: Advocacy, training, networking, research
HQ: Paris, France
www.fidh.org

International Law Association

The International Law Association (ILA) was founded in 1873 and has around 3,700 members spread among branches worldwide. The main objectives of the Association are the study, clarification and development of both public and private international law. It is in the work of the various International Committees that these aims are pursued and biennial conferences provide a forum for comprehensive discussion and endorsement for the work of these committees. The ILA welcomes as members all those interested in its objectives. Its membership ranges from lawyers in private practice, academia, government and the judiciary, to non-lawyer experts from commercial, industrial and financial spheres, and representatives of bodies such as shipping and arbitration organizations and chambers of commerce.

Type of work: Research
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.ila-hq.org

International Senior Lawyers Project

The International Senior Lawyers Project (ISLP) is a non-profit organization incorporated in 2000 to create a vehicle through which senior lawyers could use their skills and expertise to promote the rule of law and human rights. The three programme areas of ISLP are human rights and social justice; economic development and participation in the global economy; and access to justice. Projects have so far been based in Eastern Europe, South-East Asia, Uganda and South Africa.

Type of work: Training, technical assistance
HQ: New York, United States
www.islp.org

Isis-Women's International Cross-Cultural Exchange

Isis-Women's International Cross-Cultural Exchange (Isis-WICCE) was founded as an action oriented women's resource centre in 1974. The mission of Isis-WICCE is to promote justice and empowerment of

women globally through documenting violations of women's rights and facilitating the exchange of information and skills to strengthen women's capacities, potential, and visibility. The organization has three main programme areas: the Exchange Programme, the Information and Documentation Programme and the Publication Programme. Isis-WICCE has two sister organizations – Isis International Manila (the Philippines) and Isis Internacional Santiago (Chile).

Type of work: Advocacy, policy, training, research, networking
HQ: Kampala, Uganda
www.isis.or.ug

Lawyers Without Borders

Lawyers Without Borders (LWOB) is a US-based NGO. The main goal of LWOB is to engage the legal profession in supporting capacity building of NGO's worldwide, advancing the rule of law, protecting the integrity of the legal process through neutral observation, offering support to lawyers in the field, and serving as a law oriented clearinghouse linking needs with the legal resources to meet them. Project areas of LWOB include linking non-profits in need of legal services with pro bono lawyers; linking projects in need of research with teams of law students; educating lawyers to do pro bono work through the LWOB Journal Borderlines and training programmes; and developing neutral observation models for closed trials and tribunal proceedings, detainees and conflict scenarios.

Type of work: Training, technical assistance
HQ: Hartford (CT), United States
www.lawyerswithoutborders.org

MADRE

MADRE is an international non-profit women's human rights organization that works in partnership with women's community-based groups in conflict areas worldwide. It works with women who are affected by violations to help them win justice and, ultimately, change the conditions that give rise to human rights abuses. Key programme areas include human rights advocacy and education, indigenous peoples' rights and resources, and armed conflict and forced displacement. At present, MADRE works in Cuba, Guatemala, Haiti, Iraq, Kenya, Mexico, Nicaragua, the occupied Palestinian territory, Peru and Rwanda.

Type of work: Advocacy, policy, training, networking
HQ: New York, United States
www.madre.org

Open Society Justice Initiative

The Open Society Justice Initiative is an operational programme of the Open Society Institute (OSI), a private operating and grant making foundation. The Justice Initiative develops strategies for law reform adequate to the challenge of globalization yet rooted in local needs. Its projects seek to shape law reform policy and achieve concrete results through hands-on technical assistance to governments, NGOs, and intergovernmental bodies. Other support provided includes litigation and legal assistance, knowledge dissemination and network building among law reform advocates, and advice to donor institutions supporting the rule of law. This work aims to advance five

priority areas: national criminal justice, international justice, freedom of information and expression, equality and citizenship, and anti-corruption. Projects are currently underway in Africa, Central Asia and the former Soviet Union, South-east Asia, Central and Eastern Europe and Latin America. The Initiative maintains offices in Budapest, Abuja and New York.

Type of work: Policy, training, research, networking, technical assistance, legal assistance
HQ: New York, United States
www.justiceinitiative.org

Penal Reform International

Penal Reform International (PRI) is an international NGO founded in 1989. It has members in five continents and in over 80 countries that work to improve penal systems. PRI develops programmes on a regional basis, assisting both NGOs and individuals to establish projects in their own countries. It promotes the exchange of information and good practice between countries with related conditions. It provides technical expertise and practical advice to NGOs and governments seeking to make specific reforms to their penal systems; supports penal reform activists and specialists to set up non-governmental penal reform organizations in their own countries; produces training materials and delivers training in international standards in human rights for criminal justice officials and NGO staff; and organizes national, regional and worldwide conferences, seminars and exchange visits. PRI's regional programmes include sub-Saharan Africa, the Middle East, Central and Eastern Europe, Central Asia, South Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean.

Type of work: Training, technical assistance, networking
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.penalreform.org

People's Movement for Human Rights Education

Founded in 1988, the People's Decade of Human Rights Education/ People's Movement for Human Rights Education (PDHRE-International) is a non-profit, international service organization that works directly and indirectly with its network of affiliates to develop and advance pedagogies for human rights education. PDHRE's members include experienced educators, human rights experts, United Nations officials, and advocates and activists, who collaborate to conceive, initiate, facilitate, and service projects on education in human rights for social and economic transformation. The organization is dedicated to publishing and disseminating demand-driven human rights training manuals and teaching materials, and otherwise servicing grassroots and community groups engaged in a creative, contextualized process of human rights learning, reflection, and action.

Type of work: Advocacy, training, research
HQ: New York, the United States
www.pdhre.org

Physicians for Human Rights

Physicians for Human Rights (PHR) was founded as a non-profit, non-governmental membership organization in 1986. Key activities include the investigation and exposure of violations of human rights worldwide. PHR members work to stop torture, disappearances, and political killings by governments and opposition groups; to improve health and sanitary conditions in prisons and detention centres; to investigate the physical and psychological consequences of violations of humanitarian law in internal and international conflicts; to defend medical neutrality and the right of civilians and combatants to receive medical care during times of war; to protect health professionals who are victims of violations of human rights; and to prevent medical complicity in torture and other abuses. The organization supports institutions that hold perpetrators of human rights abuses accountable for their actions and educates health professionals to become active in supporting a movement for human rights.

Type of work: Advocacy, research
HQ: Cambridge (MA), United States
www.phrusa.org

Swedish NGO Foundation for Human Rights

The Swedish NGO Foundation for Human Rights was set up in 1991. It is a politically and religiously independent, non-profit foundation comprised of four Swedish NGOs. The Foundation aims to promote the exchange of experience between organizations in national and regional networks. It cooperates with human rights organizations, primarily in Latin America and Africa, although it also has partner organizations in South-east Asia. Financial support is provided for activities such as monitoring and providing information about human rights; documentation of human rights violations; providing legal aid to victims of human rights violations; training of paralegals; and organizing seminars and studies in relation to human rights.

Type of work: Networking, funding
HQ: Stockholm, Sweden
www.humanrights.se

The Brennan Center for Justice

The Brennan Center for Justice at New York University School of Law is a charitable organization established in 1995. It unites thinkers and advocates in pursuit of a vision of inclusive and effective democracy. The Center aims to develop and implement an innovative, non-partisan agenda of scholarship, public education, and legal action that promotes equality and human dignity, while safeguarding fundamental freedoms. It seeks to find innovative and practical solutions to intractable problems in the areas of democracy, poverty, and criminal justice. Key programmes areas include community justice, access to justice and economic justice.

Type of work: Research, advocacy, policy
HQ: New York, United States
www.brennancenter.org

Africa region

The Danish Institute for Human Rights

The Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR) is a centre for gathering knowledge on human rights in Denmark, Europe and the rest of the world. The objectives of the Institute are to create a self-supporting and independent platform for research in human rights areas; give advice to the Danish authorities; organize and promote education on human rights at all levels; provide information to voluntary organizations , researchers, public authorities as well as interested individuals in Europe and beyond; promote co-ordination among voluntary organizations and provide aid for their work for human rights; and to support and establish Nordic and other international cooperation in the field of human rights. The work at DIHR comprises research, information, education/training and substantiation/documentation.

Type of work: Research, training
HQ: Copenhagen, Denmark
www.humanrights.dk

African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies

The African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights was established as an NGO by an act of the Gambian Parliament in 1989. It strives to promote and protect human rights on the African continent. One of the Centre's objectives is to give meaning to Article 25 of the African Charter, which requires States Parties to " promote and ensure, through teaching, education and publication, respect of the rights and freedoms contained in the Charter and to see to it that these freedoms and rights, as well as corresponding obligations are understood." The Centre cooperates with other African and international human rights institutions in the implementation of eight inter-related human rights programmes, including initiatives on human rights procedures, research, documentation, training and education, and NGO networking in the African region.

Type of work: Research, advocacy, policy, training, networking
HQ: Banjul, the Gambia
www.acdhrs.org

Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa

The Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa (IHRDA) works to make human rights a reality in the entire region. All of the Institute's programmes work towards the advancement of human rights in Africa through the implementation of African human rights treaties. Programmes are closely linked to one another, each one complementing, inspiring, and supporting the others.

The Capacity Building programme trains individuals in procedures of the African regional human rights system; the Litigation programme assists individuals and NGOs litigating before the African Commission; and the Research and Publications programme makes important jurisprudence and information available.

Type of work: Advocacy, research, technical assistance
HQ: Banjul, the Gambia
www.africaninstitute.org

La Ligue Africaine de Droits de l'Homme et des Peuples

La Ligue Africaine de Droits de l'Homme et des Peuples (L.A.D.H.P) is an NGO established in 1985. The organization works throughout Africa, seeking to make mechanisms for the protection of fundamental human rights accessible to the people and to ensure that African governments effectively implement the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights as well as other human rights instruments. It holds conferences and courses on human rights, teaches secondary and primary school students and police, and has a programme to introduce human rights education into official circles. Additionally, it is forming consumer associations for water, telephone, electricity, and housing; has a programme to protect refugees, especially people deported from Mauritania; and works to monitor detention conditions in Senegalese prisons.

Type of work: Advocacy, training
HQ: Dakar, Senegal
N/A

Lawyers for Human Rights

Lawyers for Human Rights (LHR) was established in 1979. It aims to be a leading, effective human rights and constitutional watchdog and advocate; an international force in the development and delivery of human rights with a primary focus in Africa; and a key contributor to clear strategic policy on the delivery of socio-economic rights for the disadvantaged. LHR strives to promote awareness, protection and enforcement of legal and human rights through the creation of a human rights culture and fights oppression and the abuse of human rights.

Type of work: Advocacy, policy
HQ: Pretoria, South Africa
www.lhr.org.za

Rencontre Africaine pour la Défense des Droits de l'Homme

Rencontre Africaine pour la Défense des Droits de l'Homme (RADDHO) is an international NGO established in 1990. It works to promote and defend human rights in Senegal and the broader West Africa region. RADDHO does this through wide-ranging research and publications, advocacy, education efforts and direct assistance. It regularly organizes training courses, conferences, roundtables, and meetings with political parties.

Type of work: Research, advocacy policy, training
HQ: Dakar, Senegal
www.raddho.africa-web.org

Southern African Legal Assistance Network

The Southern African Legal Assistance Network (SALAN) was founded in 1994 to encourage dialogue and the sharing of information on human rights in Southern African countries. SALAN operates as a network of non-profit NGOs in the Southern African Development Community (SADC) region that advocates for the rights of the poor, disadvantaged and marginalized. The network provides legal services, engages in public legal education, participates in law reform and policy change, and undertakes public interest litigation. The Network seeks to strengthen individual members in their national arenas and increase the network's capacity to contribute to regional issues that develop a culture of respect for human rights and the rule of law.

Type of work: Advocacy, policy, networking, training, technical assistance
HQ: Lusaka, Zambia, www.salan.org

Women in Law and Development in Africa

Women in Law and Development in Africa (WiLDAF) is a pan-African network of organizations and individuals working in the area of women's rights. It was established in 1990 with the aim of promoting and strengthening action-strategies that link law to the development and empowerment of women. WiLDAF has members in thirty-one countries in Africa. Key programme areas include capacity building through education and training; and the promotion of human rights through advocacy, lobbying and networking.

Type of work: Training, advocacy, policy, networking HQ: Harare, Zimbabwe
www.wildaf.org.zw

Arab Center for International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Education

The Arab Center for International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Education (ACIHL) was established in 2000 by a group of human right activists and accredited legal experts. It is an independent association that aims to extend its services and activities to the entire Arab World. The Center seeks to equip activists and humanitarians to become a professional cadre of human rights activists and legal experts in international humanitarian law. ACIHL conducts training programmes and holds workshops, conferences, and roundtable discussions to promote and educate humanitarians and human rights activists on current issues and future developments that impact human rights and international humanitarian law. Other activities include research and analysis; networking with Arab, international, governmental and non-governmental organizations; and the publication of reports.

Type of work: Research, advocacy, training, networking
HQ: Lyon, France
www.acihl.org

Arab Center for the Independence of the Judiciary and the Legal Profession

The Arab Center for the Independence of the Judiciary and the Legal Profession (ACIJLP) works to support and strengthen the independence of the judiciary and the legal profession in the Arab region. It promotes making national legislations consistent with international instruments; reinforcing the ordinary judiciary in accordance with standards for fair and impartial trials as stipulated in international instruments;

implanting and disseminating values and principles of human rights; strengthening principles of international criminal justice and legitimacy; and advancing the level of legal education in the Arab region. It runs research, training, monitoring, international criminal justice, legal and technical aid programmes.

Type of work: Advocacy, policy, training, research
HQ: Cairo, Egypt
www.acijlp.org

Arab Institute for Human Rights

The Arab Institute for Human Rights was founded in 1989. It seeks to promote human rights in the Arab region on the basis of the fundamental values of the Universal Declaration. The Institute aims to raise awareness on civil, political, cultural, social and economic human rights. It disseminates and promotes human rights education through seminars, workshops and research. The Institute is active in four key areas: documentation and information, research, communication and publications, and training. Within those areas, it conducts numerous activities throughout the Arab region.

Type of work: Advocacy, policy, research, training
HQ: Tunis, Tunisia
www.aihr.org.tn

Arab Lawyers' Union

Arab Lawyers' Union (ALU) is a pan-Arab confederation of bar associations and law societies established in 1944. It includes twenty-four national bar associations of Arab countries. Its membership includes more than 400,000 Arab lawyers based in 21 Arab countries. The mission of ALU is to develop the lawyer profession in Arab countries to make it a true auxiliary of justice; work for judicial independence; contribute to the development of the law and to the unification of laws in Arab countries; promote and protect human rights, basic freedoms and the primacy of law; and assist the struggle for justice in Palestine.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy
HQ: Cairo, Egypt
N/A

Kurdish Human Rights Project

The Kurdish Human Rights Project (KHRP) is a registered charity committed to the protection of the human rights of all persons within the Kurdish regions, irrespective of race, religion, sex, political persuasion or other belief or opinion. KHRP works on human rights advocacy and training; trial observation and fact-finding; research and publication; public awareness raising; and human rights education. It provides direct legal assistance to a large number of individuals in the Kurdish regions (Iran, Iraq, Syria, Turkey and the former Soviet Union) and has published extensively on human rights abuses in the region.

Type of work: Advocacy, research, legal assistance, training
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.khrp.org

Asia Pacific region

The Arabic Network for Human Rights Information

The Arabic Network for Human Rights Information is a central repository for human rights information and websites in Arabic throughout the Middle East and North Africa. It aims to increase the availability of local, regional, and international human rights organizations' publications to researchers, the media, and the interested public; widen the circle of those interested in human rights issues; increase and widen the use of the Arabic language on the internet, particularly in the area of human rights; and raise awareness about human rights issues among the Arabic-reading public.

Type of work: Advocacy, networking, technical assistance
HQ: Cairo, Egypt
www.hrinfo.org

Asian Centre for Human Rights

The Asian Centre for Human Rights is a non-governmental organization dedicated to the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the Asian region. It provides accurate and timely information; conducts investigations, research and campaigns and lobbies about country situations or individual cases. It seeks to increase the capacity of human rights defenders and civil society groups; provide input into international standard-setting processes on human rights; provide legal, political and practical advice; and secure economic, social and cultural rights through rights-based approaches to development.
The Centre maintains a particular focus on India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, the Philippines and Nepal.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, research, technical assistance
HQ: New Delhi, India
www.achrweb.org

Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development

The Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development grew out of the 1999 Asian Human Rights Organizations Meeting.
It collaborates with human rights organizations across Asia to develop a regional response for the promotion of human rights and democracy in the region.
To promote adherence to human rights standards, the Asian Forum implements various training programmes on both human rights standards and UN mechanisms. It encourages regional governments to establish national and regional human rights mechanisms. Moreover,

the Forum conducts fact-finding missions, trial observations, and produces reports and publications based on its work, some of which are done in conjunction with other regional and international organizations.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, training, research
HQ: Bangkok, Thailand
www.forumasia.org

Asian Human Rights Commission

The Asian Human Rights Commission (AHRC) was founded in 1986 by a group of jurists and human rights activists in Asia. AHRC is an independent, non-governmental body, which seeks to promote greater awareness and the realization of human rights in the Asia region. It also aims to mobilize Asian and international public opinion to obtain relief and redress for the victims of human rights violations. The Commission promotes civil and political rights, as well as economic, social and cultural rights. AHRC issues Urgent Appeals on behalf of persons or groups whose human rights have been violated, and for whom some immediate intervention by people around the world may lead to a remedy or official reaction; runs a human rights correspondence school; and campaigns to promote and protect human rights in Asia.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, training
HQ: Hong Kong, China
www.ahrchk.net

Inhured International

Inhured International is an independent NGO that has worked for the advancement of human rights, genuine and participatory democracy, and people-centred development since 1991. Activities include documentation, dissemination of information, education and training, research, legal assistance, seminars and conferences. Inhured International has also been active in monitoring the violations of human and environmental rights in development projects.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, research, training, legal assistance
HQ: Kathmandu, Nepal, www.inhured.org

Law and Society Trust

The Law and Society Trust was set up in 1982 as a non-profit making body committed to improving public awareness on civil, political, social, economic and cultural rights, and equal access to justice. The Trust seeks to play an important role in promoting cooperation between governments and civil society within South Asia on questions relating to human rights, democracy and minority protection. It has participated in initiatives to develop a global policy agenda and has commissioned studies and publications. It seeks to use law as a resource in the battle against underdevelopment and poverty. The Trust runs a series of programmes to improve access to the mechanisms of justice, as well as programmes to improve the legal skills of its members so they can use law as a toll for social change. Activities include support for publications, studies, workshops, seminars and symposia.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, research, networking, training
HQ: Colombo, Sri Lanka
www.lawandsocietytrust.org

Central and Eastern Europe region

Mekong Region Law Center

The Mekong Region Law Center (MRLC) was formally established in 1994 as a non-profit association of the legal communities of Cambodia, Lao P.D.R., Thailand and Vietnam. The Center aims to promote the rule of law, encourage sustainable socio-economic development and facilitate the process of legal development within the countries of the region. The MRLC seeks to further this mission through a variety of legal programmes, which enhance legal education, strengthen legal capacity, encourage complementarity of legal systems and create a regional approach to problem solving.

Type of Work: Networking, training, research
HQ: Bangkok, Thailand
www.mekonglawcenter.org

South Asia Forum for Human Rights

The South Asia Forum for Human Rights (SAFHR) is a regional public forum for the promotion of respect for universal values of human rights. Set up in 1990, the network seeks to promote respect for universal standards of human rights with emphasis on universality and the inter-dependence of human rights; to provide a public regional forum for exchange of ideas and concerns on human rights, peace and substantive democracy; and to expose human rights abuses in the region. SAFHR organizes regional dialogues, produces research and publications and undertakes advocacy campaigns.

Type of Work: Networking, advocacy, research
HQ: Kathmandu, Nepal
www.safhr.org

Balkan Human Rights Network

The Balkan Human Rights Network (BHRN) consists of a number of non-governmental organizations working on various aspects of human rights. The participating organizations agree on a view of human rights as adopted and specified by a number of international human rights conventions. The aims of the network are to promote human rights standards in legislation as well as in administrative practice; contribute to peace-making and reconciliation in the Balkans; and help to develop stable and democratic societies in the region. The Network carries out research and training activities and is active in the field of human rights education.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, research, networking, training
HQ: Sarajevo, BiH
www.balkan-rights.net

Belgrade Centre for Human Rights

The Belgrade Centre for Human Rights is a non-partisan, non-political and non-profit association of citizens concerned with the advancement of human rights. The goals of the Centre are to encourage the advancement of human rights knowledge and humanitarian law; further development of democracy; and the strengthening of the rule of law and civil society in Serbia and Montenegro and other countries in transition from authoritarianism to democracy. The most important fields of the Centre's work are education, research and publishing. The Centre regularly organizes courses on human rights that are adapted to the needs of various target groups – undergraduate and graduate students, lawyers and advocates, judges and

prosecutors, political scientists and members of the armed forces and the police.

Type of Work: Training, research, advocacy
HQ: Belgrade, Serbia
www.bgcentar.org.yu

Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network

The Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network (EMHRN) is a network of more than 60 human rights organizations from over 20 countries in the Euro-Mediterranean region. Established in 1997, its objectives are to protect and promote the human rights principles as embodied in the Barcelona Declaration of November 1995 and in the bilateral association agreements between the EU and its Mediterranean partners. It assists and co-ordinates efforts by its members to monitor compliance by Partner States with the Barcelona human rights principles; to develop democratic institutions; and to promote the rule of law, human rights and human rights education in the Euro-Mediterranean region. Members of the EMHRN represent independent and non-partisan national and regional human rights organizations, institutions and individuals in the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership countries.

Type of Work: Networking, advocacy
HQ: Copenhagen, Denmark
www.euromedrights.net

Human Rights House Foundation

The Human Rights House Foundation (HRH) was established in 1989. It promotes the concept and assists with the establishment of new Human Rights Houses and the strengthening of the international network. It acts as secretariat of the Human Rights House Network. The purpose of the HRH Network is to enhance cooperation and joint activities by bringing human rights groups together in one location, to increase the visibility of member organizations and to improve the security of human rights defenders. The Foundation primarily works with human rights organizations in Central and Eastern Europe. There are established Human Rights houses in Oslo, Warsaw, Moscow, Sarajevo and Bergen with emerging houses in Baku, Istanbul, Kampala, London, Minsk, Nairobi, Tirana and Zagreb.

Type of Work: Advocacy, technical assistance
HQ: Oslo, Norway
www.humanrightshouse.org

International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights

The International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights is a self-governing group of NGOs that act to protect human rights throughout Europe, North America and Central Asia. A primary goal is to monitor compliance with the human rights provisions of the Helsinki Final Act and its Follow-up Documents. The Federation was set up in 1983. In addition to gathering and analysing information on human rights conditions in OSCE participating

States, the IHF acts as a clearinghouse for this information, disseminating it to governments, inter-governmental organizations, the press and the public at large. The secretariat supports and provides liaison among forty-two-member Helsinki committees and associated human rights groups, and represents them at the international political level.

Type of Work: Advocacy, research
HQ: Vienna, Austria
www.ihf-hr.org

Kvinna til Kvinna Foundation

Kvinna til Kvinna is a foundation dedicated to supporting women in regions affected by war and armed conflicts. It is particularly active in the Balkans, the Caucasus and parts of the Middle East. On site, the Foundation works to strengthen women's health and enhance their self-esteem and ability to participate as a force in the building of a democratic society. In its work, Kvinna til Kvinna cooperates with local women's organizations that work without consideration of ethnic, national or religious boundaries. Within this setting, the primary role of Kvinna til Kvinna is to provide financial support, assistance and advice in the development of these organizations.

Type of Work: Advocacy, technical assistance, funding
HQ: Stockholm, Sweden
www.iktk.se

Public Interest Law Initiative

The Public Interest Law Initiative (PILI) is a centre for learning and innovation that seeks to advance human rights principles by stimulating the development of a public interest law infrastructure in a wide variety of countries, particularly in Central and Eastern Europe, Russia and Asia. Founded at Columbia University in 1997, PILI established its new headquarters in Budapest in 2002. PILI's approach is to develop and support organizations and individuals who devote themselves to pursuing the public interest – an effort which is closely related to the development of civil society and the promotion and protection of human rights. The centre conducts work mainly in the areas of institutional reform, training and education. The Institutional Reform Programme supports the development of justice sector institutions which enhance the participation of a wide range of actors in pursuing the public interest. The Training and Education Programme is geared towards capacity building, aiming to strengthen the community of legal professionals and activists who undertake public interest law activities.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, training, research
HQ: Budapest, Hungary
www.pili.org

Latin America and the Caribbean region

Caribbean Human Rights Network

The Caribbean Human Rights Network was established in 1987. The Network is active on such issues as freedom of expression, democracy and elections. It has also worked to find ways of improving the system of communications between human rights groups. The Network engages in fact-finding, holds seminars and workshops, and takes initiatives at the request of its member organizations.

Type of Work: Advocacy, networking, training
HQ: St Michael, Barbados
N/A

Center for Justice and International Law

The Center for Justice and International Law (CEJIL) was founded in 1991 by a group of human rights defenders in Latin America and the Caribbean. CEJIL's objective is to achieve the full implementation of international human rights norms in the member states of the Organization of American States (OAS) through the use of the Inter-American System for the Protection of Human Rights and other international protection mechanisms. It works in three integrated programme areas: the Legal Defense programme; the Training and Dissemination programme; and the Campaign to Strengthen the Inter-American System. CEJIL provides free legal advice and monitors the inter-American human rights system.

Type of Work: Advocacy, training, legal assistance
HQ: Washington DC, United States
www.cejil.org

Center for the Administration of Justice

The Center for the Administration of Justice was established in 1984 as a unit of the College of Health and Urban Affairs (CHUA) at Florida International University. It engages in research, training and public education about the administration of justice in Florida and Latin America. With offices in Miami and overseas, CAJ has become an international resource in the area of justice sector reform in the region. The Center advances its academic mission by sponsoring workshops and seminars, producing publications, entering into academic exchange programmes and participating in academic workshops and meetings.

Type of Work: Research, training
HQ: Miami (FL), United States
http://caj.fiu.edu

Derechos Human Rights

Derechos Human Rights is a non-governmental organization that works for the promotion and protection of human rights, international humanitarian law and the right to privacy all over the world. Its work includes educating the public about human rights and human rights violations; investigating human rights abuses, including their causes, development and consequences; contributing to the development of international and national human rights law and the rule of law; preserving the memory of the victims of human rights violations and fighting against the impunity of human rights violators; and carrying out hands-on projects of assistance to human rights NGOs, activists and victims of human rights or humanitarian law violations.

Derechos works with national and international human rights organizations and activists all over the world, though its current focus is Latin America.

Type of Work: Advocacy, training, technical assistance, networking
HQ: Richmond (CA), United States
www.derechos.org

Fundación Myrna Mack

Fundación Myrna Mack/ the Myrna Mack Foundation was established in 1993 and is an international reference point in the area of impunity. Set up to promote justice and fight impunity in Guatemala, the foundation actively participates in a number of commissions and working groups to promote new legislation and reforms in the justice system. The objectives of the Foundation are to facilitate social cohesion, contribute to democracy, promote greater citizen participation, fight impunity and advocate for reform of the justice system. Myrna Mack has served as a point of reference for several rapporteurs of the United Nations as well as for the OAS.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, research
HQ: Guatemala City, Guatemala
www.myrnamack.org.gt

Latin American and Caribbean Committee for the Defense of Women's Rights

The Latin American and Caribbean Committee for the Defense of Women's Rights (CLADEM) is a regional network committed to the defense of women's rights. Activities include the formulation of legislative proposals, research, training, litigation, teaching at universities and advocacy. At the international level, CLADEM works in cooperation with other organizations to lobby for women's human rights. At the national level, it seeks to promote the preparation of monitoring instruments, legislative change and greater awareness.

Type of Work: Networking, training, advocacy, policy
HQ: Lima, Peru
www.cladem.org

Regional Foundation of Human Rights Advice

The Regional Foundation of Human Rights Advice is an inter-disciplinary and human rights NGO. The Foundation was set up in 1993 and is active in the Central American region. The Foundation's objective is to work to promote a truly democratic culture, based on the respect of human rights. Key programme areas include research on and services to victims of violence, human rights advocacy and direct assistance.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, research
HQ: Quito, Ecuador
www.derechos.org/inredh

The Commission for the Defense of Human Rights in Central America

The Commission for the Defense of Human Rights in Central America (CODEHUCA) is an independent, non-profit regional association. Its activity is based on the Universal Declaration and on Human Rights instruments approved by the General Assembly of the United Nations, as well as on the Declaration of Algiers on the Rights of Peoples. CODEHUCA's goal is to increase respect for human rights in Central America. To achieve this, the association develops and puts into practice an integrated concept of human rights; works to emphasize prevention of human rights violations; supports the most vulnerable sectors of Central American society; and contributes to institutional consolidation in the region.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, networking, training
HQ: San Jose, Costa Rica
www.codehuca.or.cr

E-governance and Access to Information

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This section profiles CSOs that promote access to information, freedom of expression, and the rights of communication and participation in furthering democratic processes. These organizations are active at several levels (local, national, regional and global). Their work includes research and advocacy to strengthen and protect legal, policy and regulatory frameworks that both promote the above rights and enable media and e-governance organizations to operate freely. Other activities include: promoting greater citizen participation, democratic dialogue and accountable and efficient public administration structures; training journalists, broadcasters and producers working in all branches of the media; networking to promote professional standards across the media sector; research, monitoring and publications on freedom of expression, censorship and abuse of rights by governments; and e-governance initiatives that include development of information and communications technology (ICT) capacities to enhance transparency and the flow of information.

66 CSOs are described in this section. 40 of these work, or have had a very significant impact, in more than one region, while 26 organizations are working in a specific region. The organizations listed are largely NGOs or NGO networks, though some foundations, trusts, institutes and one trade union federation are also profiled. These CSOs generally specialize in promoting freedom of expression, access to information and media rights.

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CSOs with a global remit

Article 19

Article 19 is a registered charity that works worldwide to combat censorship by promoting freedom of expression and access to official information. It works with partners in over 30 countries, strengthening their capacity to monitor and protest institutional and informal censorship. Article 19 engages global, regional and state institutions and the private sector in critical dialogue around access to information laws and policies, particularly in the development of standards in this area. Activities include monitoring, research, publishing, lobbying, campaigning and litigation on behalf of freedom of expression wherever it is threatened, as well as consultancy and direct assistance on freedom of information and media laws through the development of manuals and other 'tool kits' for use by national governments and other stakeholders.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, research, networking
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.article19.org

Association for Progressive Communications

The Association for Progressive Communications (APC) is an international, membership-based network of civil society organizations. Set up in 1990, it aims to empower and support groups and individuals working for peace, human rights, development and protection of the environment, through the strategic use of ICT, including the internet. APC defends and promotes the Internet as a powerful tool for raising awareness of social and environmental justice, development and democracy. It seeks to develop plain-language resources, provides opportunities for discussion and learning about the impact of Internet policy decisions on civil society as well as the development and exchange of ICT skills and methods, and produces shareable tools. Moreover, APC works to strengthen local, regional and thematic information communities. Programme activities are carried out in Africa, Latin America and Europe.

Type of Work: Networking, advocacy, training, technical assistance
HQ: Melville, South Africa
www.apc.org

Baltic Media Centre

The Baltic Media Centre (BMC) is a non-profit foundation that promotes the use of media for democracy, development, peace and stability. It provides regional, national, and in-house training for media professionals in order to strengthen international cooperation between different media and support the contribution of the media in the democratic process. BMC offers legal advice and expert consultancies, networking and other services to radio, television, independent production companies and print media. It currently works in the Baltic states, Poland, Russia, Nigeria, Afghanistan, South-East Asia, the Middle East and North Africa.

Type of Work: Training, advocacy, technical assistance
HQ: Copenhagen, Denmark
www.bmc.dk

BBC World Service Trust

The BBC World Service Trust is an independent charity set up in 1999. It aims to alleviate poverty in developing countries through the innovative use of the media. The Trust builds media expertise in many of the world's poorest countries, including countries facing a conflict or post-conflict situation. It provides consultancy services and training for journalists and media personnel and uses the media for civic education campaigns on development related issues.

Type of Work: Training, technical assistance
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/us/trust

Canadian Journalists for Free Expression

Canadian Journalists for Free Expression (CJFE) is an NGO that advocates for freedom of expression. Set up in 1981, the main purpose of CJFE is to defend the rights of journalists and contribute to the development of media freedom throughout the world. Activities include media rebuilding and training and management of the International Freedom of Expression eXchange (IFEX) Clearing House. Currently, the CJFE carries out media rebuilding and media training work in Sierra Leone, Thailand and Indonesia.

Type of Work: Advocacy, training, technical assistance
HQ: Toronto, Canada
www.cjfe.org

Committee to Protect Journalists

The Committee to Protect Journalists (CJP) is an independent, non-profit organization founded in 1981. It promotes press freedom worldwide by defending the right of journalists to report the news without fear of reprisal. CPJ publicly reveals abuses and acts on behalf of imprisoned and threatened journalists. It organizes protests at all levels – ranging from local government to the United Nations. CPJ also works behind the scenes through other diplomatic channels to effect change. The Committee publishes articles and news releases, special reports, a biannual magazine, and a comprehensive survey of attacks against the press worldwide.

Type of Work: Advocacy, research
HQ: New York, United States
www.cpj.org

Commonwealth Broadcasting Association

The Commonwealth Broadcasting Association (CBA) was founded in February 1945. It represents the interests of Commonwealth broadcasting organizations. CBA seeks to further the concept of public service broadcasting, foster freedom of expression and the right to communicate, and provide a point of contact and a forum for discussion. Its activities include training of broadcast media personnel and broadcast journalists for specific civic education campaigns and the training of broadcasters in developing Commonwealth countries in management and broadcasting skills.

It also arranges lectures, seminars and conferences for Commonwealth-based journalists.

Type of Work: Training, networking
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.cba.org.uk

Commonwealth Press Union

The Commonwealth Press Union (CPU) is an association whose members are newspaper groups, newspapers and news agencies in 49 countries of the Commonwealth. CPU emerged in 1990 and its main purpose is to advance the freedom, interests and welfare of the Commonwealth press. It provides training courses and general training of print press journalists. Other activities include the facilitation of legal assistance on issues of defamation; media law education; press freedom advocacy; advisory and implementation work in the area of establishing self regulation of the press; and monitoring of the press during elections.

Type of Work: Advocacy, training, technical assistance
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.cpu.org.uk

Freedom House

Freedom House is a non-profit, non-partisan organization set up more than 60 years ago. As a voice for democracy and freedom, Freedom House seeks to champion the rights of democratic activists, religious believers, trade unionists, journalists, and proponents of free markets. It conducts an array of US and overseas research, advocacy, education, and training initiatives that promote human rights, democracy, free market economics, the rule of law, and independent media. Since 1978, Freedom House has published Freedom in the World, an annual comparative assessment of the state of political rights and civil liberties in 192 countries and 14 related and disputed territories.

Type of Work: Research, training, advocacy, policy
HQ: Washington DC, United States
www.freedomhouse.org

Freedom of Information Advocates Network

The Freedom of Information Advocates Network (FOIANet) is an NGO network. It was formed by NGOs active in the freedom of information area to facilitate the development of common projects and information exchange. The objective of the Network is to promote the adoption of freedom of information (FOI) laws in countries that lack this and to support the implementation of FOI laws in countries that have such legislation. Network members collaborate on campaigns, advocacy, and fundraising activities by exchanging information, ideas, and strategies. They also facilitate the formation of NGO coalitions that address FOI issues at a regional or global level. Members of the FOIA Network are organizations rather than individuals. Currently there are 34 members from four continents.

Type of Work: Networking, advocacy
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.foiadvocates.net

Hirondelle Foundation

Hirondelle Foundation is an independent organization of journalists that sets up and operates media services in crisis areas. It was founded in 1995 and carries out advisory missions in post-conflict regions as well as in countries where conflict is either endemic, or open hostilities are occurring. The organization has specific experience in setting up independent radio stations and news agencies in such locations. The Foundation develops projects with a view to handing them over to local staff. Accordingly, it trains journalists, technicians and management in administration, management, marketing, publicity and human resources.

Type of Work: Technical assistance, training
HQ: Lausanne, Switzerland
www.hirondelle.org

Index on Censorship

Index on Censorship is an advocacy NGO concerned with promoting and protecting freedom of expression. Founded in 1972, its goal is to protect the basic human right of free expression. Through a bi-monthly magazine, its website and other publications, it reports on censorship issues from all parts of the world. In addition to the analysis, reportage and interviews, Index on Censorship maintains an index that contains a country-by-country list of free speech violations.

Type of Work: Advocacy
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.indexonline.org

Institute for Media, Policy and Civil Society

The Institute for Media, Policy and Civil Society (IMPACS) is a Canadian charitable organization committed to the protection and expansion of democracy and to strengthening civil society. It provides communications training, skills development tools, and services and materials to not-for-profit organizations of all sizes to develop more effective outreach skills and communication materials. Its International Media Programme aims to develop a free, critical and effective worldwide media and to enhance media's role in the process of democratic development, good governance, and public sector accountability and transparency. IMPACS has two active areas of research: Media and Peacebuilding and Media and Elections. It has experience with reconstruction of the media, strengthening peace processes through workshops with editors and publishers, and fostering stronger relationships between ethnically divided media sectors.

Type of Work: Training, research
HQ: Vancouver, Canada
www.impacs.org

Institute for War and Peace Reporting

The Institute for War and Peace Reporting (IWPR) is an international media development charity, led by journalists and peace researchers. It was set up in 1991 and aims is to strengthen local journalism in areas of conflict by training reporters, facilitating dialogue and providing reliable information. It provides intensive on-the-job training and practical collaboration between international and regional journalists for skills

and experience transfer. IWPR offers a programme toolbox, adapted for each country, which includes reference to investigative and cross-community reporting, training the trainers, and collaboration with local human rights groups. Other activities include regional conferences, research, and consultancy for international media and development agencies. IWPR runs major programmes in Afghanistan, the Balkans, the Caucasus, Central Asia and Iraq. It manages a special reporting project on war crimes tribunals.

Type of Work: Training, research
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.iwpr.net

International Centre for Journalists

The International Center for Journalists (ICFJ) was founded in 1984. It is dedicated to improving the quality of journalism worldwide, especially in countries with little or no tradition of an independent press. ICFJ provides a range of services to journalists including workshops and seminars as well as support for fellowships and exchanges covering basic and specialized reporting, news-writing, editing, television and radio production, professional ethics, freedom of expression and business management. It draws from a pool of journalists and media managers who serve as trainers, consultants, and experts. ICFJ works in partnership with news organizations, journalism schools, professional associations and media training centres in the United States and overseas. The Centre operates the International Journalists' Network (www.ijnet.org), an online source for media assistance news, professional training opportunities, tip sheets, codes of ethics and media laws.

Type of Work: Training, technical assistance
HQ: Washington DC, United States
www.icfj.org

International Federation of Journalists

The International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) is a confederation of journalists' trade unions. First established in 1926, it was re-launched in its present form in 1952. Today the Federation represents around 500.000 members in more than 100 countries. IFJ was created to deal with matters related to trade unionism and the practice of the journalist profession. It supports pluralist democracy and fundamental human rights and represents and assists its member organizations in education, research and other professional matters. A key task of the Federation is to promote information sharing and networking amongst regional groups of member organizations.

Type of Work: Advocacy, networking
HQ: Brussels, Belgium
www.ifj.org

International Freedom of Expression Exchange

The International Freedom of Expression eXchange (IFEX) is a voluntary affiliation of freedom of expression organizations that promote cooperation and exchange of information regarding the defence and promotion of freedom of expression and opinion worldwide. Established in 1992, it has 65 member organizations - located everywhere from the Pacific Islands to Europe and West Africa. Member organi-

zations report free expression abuses in their geographic region or area of expertise to the IFEX which subsequently circulates the information. This Action Alert Network (AAN) allows for a rapid, worldwide and co-ordinated response to press freedom and freedom of expression violations. The Outreach and Development programme seeks to support and strengthen fledgling freedom of expression organizations in the developing world, Eastern Europe and in the former Soviet Union.

Type of Work: Networking, technical assistance
HQ: Toronto, Canada, www.ifex.org

International Institute for Communication and Development

The International Institute for Communication and Development (IICD) is a non-profit foundation established in 1997. The Institute's mission is to assist developing countries to realize locally owned sustainable development by harnessing the potential of ICT. It aims to empower local organizations and stakeholders to make effective use of ICT on their own terms and to foster knowledge sharing on ICT by local organizations and the international community. IICD works with partner organizations from civil society, the public and private sectors. It supports them in assessing the potential uses of ICT in development and towards strengthening their capacities to formulate, implement and manage development policies and projects that make use of ICT. Focus areas include sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America.

Type of Work: Training, technical assistance
HQ: The Hague, the Netherlands
www.iicd.org

International Institute of Communications

The International Institute of Communications (IIC), founded in 1967, is an independent non-profit, forum for industry, government and academia to analyse and debate trends in communications. It aims to provide a global framework for creating dialogue about trends in communications and to promote access to communications for all people of the world. The IIC facilitates and strengthens linkages between sectors, organizations, countries and individuals in mutually respectful ways. It seeks to strengthen networking between policy makers, regulators, academics, content providers, technologists and industrialists.

Type of Work: Networking
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.iicom.org

International Media Institute

The International Media Institute (IMS) is a non-profit organization. The IMS mission is to enhance stability, freedom of expression and pluralism of the press in conflict areas through rapid assistance to media practitioners and media institutions. It carries out needs assessments for donors and civil society organizations in countries of Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Central and Eastern Europe. It also provides media professional training courses and workshops, and assists with establishing institutional structures and processes for improving conditions for the media.

Type of Work: Research, training
HQ: Copenhagen, Denmark
www.i-m-s.dk

International Press Institute

The International Press Institute (IPI) is non-profit membership corporation with members in over 115 countries. Established in 1950, IPI is the world's oldest press freedom organization connecting editors, media executives and journalists dedicated to the promotion and protection of press freedom and the improvement of journalism practices. The Institute uses several instruments to defend and promote press freedom including monitoring of media activities to detect threats to press freedom and using written protests against repressive regimes to bring the situation of journalists to the attention of the international community. In order to react to press freedom violations, IPI has a Press Freedom Fund. This provides IPI with the means to undertake missions to countries where press freedom is under threat. These missions provide legal representation and support in court cases. IPI also appeals to governments and other official institutions, and lobbies embassies with the aim of applying direct pressure on governments.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, legal assistance, networking
HQ: Vienna, Austria
www.freemedia.at

International Reporter

International Reporter (IR) is an independent NGO that works to strengthen the media coverage of Africa, Asia and Latin America. International Reporter is also a network of professional contacts and resource people and a forum for the exchange of ideas. It works to promote more balanced reporting on issues in the developing world and to encourage quality and conscience in foreign reporting. International Reporter is intended as a source of knowledge and understanding for journalists and other professionals working on international relations and coverage of development issues.

Type of Work: Networking, advocacy
HQ: Oslo, Norway
www.reporter.no

International Research & Exchanges Board

The International Research & Exchanges Board (IREX) is an international non-profit organization founded in 1968. It specializes in education, independent media, Internet development, and civil society programmes. IREX focuses on developing local capacity. Programme activities include training journalists, strengthening media outlets with little or no management experience through training and the provision of small grants, as well as consultancy services on legal/policy issues to enable independent media systems to operate. IREX also publishes an annual Media Sustainability Index (MSI). It works in the United States, Europe, Eurasia, the Middle East and North Africa, and Asia.

Type of Work: Training, research
HQ: Washington DC, United States
www.irex.org

International Tele-communications Union

The International Telecommunications Union (ITU) is an international organization established in 1865. ITU's membership includes almost all of the world's countries and over 650 private members from the telecommunications, broadcasting and information technology sectors. The main aim of ITU is to work together to co-ordinate the operation of telecommunication networks and services and advance the development of communications technology. Through the work of its study groups and its extensive programme of international and regional conferences and meetings, ITU provides a multilateral forum where governments and the private sector can meet to broker agreements in areas of mutual interest and forge the standards and policies of the information age.

Type of Work: Policy, networking
HQ: Geneva, Switzerland
www.itu.org

International Women's Media Foundation

The International Women's Media Foundation is a non-profit network dedicated to strengthening the role of women in the news media around the world, based on the belief that no press is truly free unless women share an equal voice. Since its launch in 1990, IWMF has built a network of women journalists from more than 100 countries. The network helps women in media share their strategies for success and access resources to help them achieve their goals. Activities include the hosting of forums, studies and reports that explore the obstacles women journalists face when trying to advance in their careers; and training in free press techniques and media business. The organization also examines the impact on the news business and the community when women's voices are absent from decision-making about news.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, training, networking
HQ: Washington DC, United States
www.iwmf.org

Internews

Internews is a non-profit organization that started its operations in 1992. Internews supports open media worldwide, and aims to foster independent media in emerging democracies. It trains journalists and station managers in the standards and practices of professional journalism; produces innovative television and radio programming and Internet content; and uses the media to reduce conflict within and between countries. Internews has offices, and/or implements projects through partner organizations in the former Soviet Union, Eastern and Western Europe, the Middle East, South-east Asia, South Asia, Africa and the United States.

Type of Work: Training, technical assistance
HQ: Arcata (CA), United States
www.internews.org

Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan

Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan (MKSS) was formed in 1991. It pioneered the right to information movement in India and is among the best examples in the world of a grassroots movement that has been successful in demanding increased transparency and accountability in government.

Comprised mainly of peasants and rural workers, MKSS works to shape government policy so that it meets the needs and aspirations of poor, rural constituents. The organization combines democratic dissent and direct action, including demonstrations, public marches, and rallies. Through the right to information campaign, MKSS and its partners demonstrated how government information can be leveraged by ordinary citizens to enhance their participation in governance and decision making and thereby improve their own lives. MKSS is also at the forefront for the right to work (to obtain legislation guaranteeing employment for rural workers), and for the enactment of various electoral reforms.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy
HQ: Village Devdungri (Rajasthan), India
N/A

Media Development Loan Fund

The Media Development Loan Fund (MDLF) is an NGO founded in 1995. Its mission is to assist independent media companies in developing democracies to become financially viable businesses. MDLF provides loans to media organizations; supports training and sharing of knowledge and experiences in the field; and provides online strategy development and consulting services. It works with news organizations in newly independent countries in the former Soviet Union and Central and Eastern Europe, Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Type of Work: Training, technical assistance
HQ: New York, United States
www.mdlf.org

Media Diversity Institute

The Media Diversity Institute (MDI) is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that mobilizes the power of media to lessen inter-group conflict, advance minority and human rights, and support deeper public understanding of all types of social diversity. MDI focuses on regions where news media have played a destructive role in exacerbating ethnic and religious conflicts and violations of human and minority rights. It works with media organizations, journalists, journalism educators, NGOs and governments to prevent and reconcile conflict, promote tolerance of vulnerable groups, and stimulate balanced and non-partisan journalism. It does this by working with local partner organizations to develop the most appropriate tools, training, and hands-on reporting programmes. Their work includes cross-ethnic reporting projects, media training for minority NGO groups, and reporting diversity curricula for journalism schools. Besides an office in London, MDI has offices in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia and works in countries in the Caucasus, Europe, Asia and the Middle East.

Type of Work: Training, technical assistance
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.media-diversity.org

OURMedia

Founded in 2000, OURMedia/ NUESTROS Medios is an emerging global network. Its goal is to facilitate long-term dialogue between academics, activists, practitioners and policy experts around citizens' media initiatives. OURMedia aims to provide a space for collaboration in which needs and alternatives can be identified in the

areas of communication and information infrastructure, policy, and research. It develops initiatives that aim to strengthen citizens' media, community media, and alternative media in national and international policy arenas. An objective is to help establish citizens' media as a strong voice in the international arena. The network currently has members in more than 40 countries worldwide.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, networking
HQ: Oklahoma University, United States
www.ourmedianet.org

PANOS

PANOS is a non-governmental organization. It aims to facilitate North-South and South-South dialogue by providing carefully researched, accessible, and balanced information on poverty issues. PANOS' media and communication activities involve working with the media, policy-makers and civil society to inform and stimulate debate about development issues. Core areas of work include implementation of development communication projects, research and information dissemination. It also arranges capacity-building workshops on various topics including HIV/AIDS, and offers a feature service for developing-country journalists.

Type of Work: Advocacy, research, training
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.panos.org.uk

PEN

PEN is a membership association of prominent literary writers and editors. It was set up in the early 1920s and works to defend freedom of expression worldwide. It seeks to promote intellectual cooperation and understanding among writers; create a world community of writers that emphasizes the central role of literature in the development of world culture; and defend literature against the many threats to its survival that the modern world poses. Activities include public literary events, assistance to writers in financial need, and international and domestic human rights campaigns on behalf of the many writers, editors and journalists censored, persecuted, or imprisoned because of their writing.

Type of Work: Advocacy, networking
HQ: New York, United States
www.pen.org

Privacy International

Privacy International (PI) is a non-governmental organization founded in 1995. It aims to monitor privacy invasions by governments and corporations. PI conducts campaigns and research throughout the world on issues ranging from wiretapping and national security, to ID cards, video surveillance, data matching, police information systems, medical privacy, and freedom of information and expression. It has a strong focus on monitoring freedom of information laws around the world and produces an annual status report that is available on its website. PI has traditionally maintained a focus on Europe, North America and Asia.

Type of Work: Advocacy, research
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.privacyinternational.org

Reporters Sans Frontiers

Reporters Sans Frontiers/ Reporters Without Frontiers (RSF) is a public interest association that has been in operation for almost 20 years. RSF aims to protect journalists who work in countries where there is no press freedom. It monitors press freedom abuses through its network of correspondents and condemns any attack on press freedom worldwide by keeping the media and public opinion informed through press releases and public-awareness campaigns. RSF speaks out against the abusive treatment and torture that is still common practice in many countries and supports journalists who are being threatened by providing financial and other types of support to their families. It also provides victims with legal services and represents them before relevant national and international courts. In 2002, RSF acquired a judicial arm (the Damocles Network) which ensures that perpetrators are brought to trial. The organization's initiatives are being carried out on five continents through national branches.

Type of Work: Advocacy, legal assistance
HQ: Paris, France
www.rsf.org

Search for Common Ground

Search For Common Ground (SFCG) is an international non-profit conflict-resolution organization founded in 1982. It aims to transform the way in which conflicts are dealt with by moving away from adversarial approaches, towards cooperative solutions. Through its media division, Common Ground Productions (CGP), SFCG supports journalists working worldwide to cover conflicts in ways that promote journalistic independence, while creating space in the public arena to discuss differences and to search for common ground. CGP produces radio and television programmes that aim to help people and groups in conflict to recognize their common interests and values. SFCG works in countries such as Angola, Burundi, Macedonia, the Ukraine, Indonesia and Morocco.

Type of Work: Technical assistance, training
HQ: Washington DC, United States
www.sfcg.org

The Advocacy Project

Established as a non-profit organization in 1998, the Advocacy Project (AP) aims to strengthen the capacity of advocates who are working for human rights and peace in societies in conflict. The AP currently maintains a loose partnership with over twenty community-based organizations around the world. It places special emphasis on helping them to become self-sufficient in their use of information technology and facilitates students from the north to work directly with them. The AP has established the Indigenous Media Network (IMN), which brings together indigenous journalists from all parts of the world to make their voices heard.

Type of Work: Advocacy, networking
HQ: Washington DC, United States
www.advocacynet.org

The Communications Initiative

The Communications Initiative is a partnership of development organizations that support advances in the effectiveness and scale of communication interventions for positive international development. Activities include provision, through an internet portal, of real-time information on communication and development experiences and thinking; facilitation of horizontal linkages between people engaged in communication action; and peer commentary on programmes and strategies that encourage strategic thinking on communication and development issues in addition to the resolution of problems.

Type of Work: Networking
HQ: Victoria, Canada
www.comminit.com

World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters

The World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters (AMARC) is an international NGO serving the community radio movement. Founded in 1983, it has almost 3,000 members and associates in 110 countries. AMARC defends the Right to Communicate as a universal human right at the international, national, local, and neighbourhood levels and does this through support for community and participatory radio. The organization supports democratic communication as an essential element in effective democracies. It provides hands-on training, technical assistance, and networking opportunities to radio broadcasters and producers. AMARC maintains regional offices in Latin America and the Caribbean, Africa and Europe.

Type of Work: Training, technical assistance, advocacy, networking
HQ: Montreal, Canada
www.amarc.org

World Association of Newspapers

The World Association of Newspapers (WAN) is a newspaper industry association that represents approximately 18,000 print publications globally. Its major objectives are to defend and promote press freedom and the economic independence of newspapers; contribute to the development of newspaper publishing by fostering communications and contacts between newspaper executives from different regions and cultures; and promote cooperation between member organizations. WAN supports study tours, seminars, publications and training that focus on ways to increase readership and advertising revenues. WAN also has a fund for promoting the growth of free and independent newspapers in developing countries.

Type of Work: Advocacy, networking, funding
HQ: Paris, France
www.wan-press.org

World Press Freedom Committee

The World Press Freedom Committee (WPFC) is an international umbrella organization that includes 45 journalist groups from print and broadcast, labour and management, journalists, editors, publishers and owners across the globe. WPFC has provided leadership for more than 25 years in the fight against licensing of journalists, mandatory codes of conduct and other news controls. Its activities include participation, monitoring and watchdog activities for free news media; the provision of legal assistance grants to journalists and news media prosecuted by governments; and identification of challenges against press freedom worldwide. It also provides grants to help news media and journalism schools of the developing world and in Central and Eastern Europe.

Type of Work: Advocacy, legal assistance, funding
HQ: Reston (VA), United States
www.wpfc.org

Association for Professional African Women in Communication

The Association for Professional African Women in Communication (APACWC) is a professional women's association established in 1984. It is a forum for reflection, study and action on gender and media issues. APACWC promotes a new means of media and communication that reflect on women and development in the Africa region. Key areas of activity include research, publication and training.

Type of Work: Advocacy, training, research
HQ: Yaoundé, Cameroon, N/A

Institute for the Advancement of Journalism

The Institute for the Advancement of Journalism (IAJ) is a not-for-profit media-training institute founded in 1992. IAJ's mission is to deliver effective training; facilitate African media networking; assist journalists from disadvantaged backgrounds; stimulate sound news values; raise professional standards; and support freedom of speech and information combating racism and other forms of discrimination. It provides practical, ethical media training to help journalists build and sustain democracy in Africa, and runs short professional upgrade and refresher courses to working journalists from print and broadcast media. IAJ also provides broader performance consultancy and training services to people working in the media in government departments, NGOs and private companies.

Type of Work: Training, networking, advocacy
HQ: Johannesburg, South Africa
www.iaj.org.za

Media Foundation for West Africa

The Media Foundation for West Africa is a regional NGO. Established in 1997, it works to defend and promote the rights and freedoms of the media, and to expand the boundaries of freedom of speech and expression in West Africa. Activities include advocacy on media rights and freedom of expression; monitoring, alerting and publicising of violations of and attacks on freedom of thought and expression; defence and support of journalists, writers, artists and others against intimidation that could undermine free expression; research into issues affecting media rights and freedom of expression; training and support for professional practice and media capacity building; and promotion and facilitation of programmes to inform political debate, civic empowerment and popular participation.

Type of Work: Advocacy, training, research
HQ: Accra, Ghana
www.mfwaonline.org

Media Institute of Southern Africa

The Media Institute of Southern Africa (MISA) has members in 11 of the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) countries. Launched in 1992, MISA focuses on the promotion of a free, independent and pluralistic media, as envisaged in the 1991 Windhoek Declaration. MISA aims to do this by promoting the free flow of information and cooperation among media workers. MISA's role is primarily one of coordinator, facilitator and communicator. The organization assists media networking in the sub-region, undertakes research and provides journalist training.

Type of Work: Training, research, networking
HQ: Windhoek, Namibia
www.misa.org

Netherlands Institute for Southern Africa

The Netherlands Institute for Southern Africa (NIZA) is an independent institute which provides support to local partners through its Media, Human Rights, and Economy programmes. All NIZA activities are initiated and carried out at the request of local or regional partner organizations. Activities include training, capacity building, institutional development and research. NIZA's Media Programme supports southern African organizations that are committed to strengthening the independent media sector in the region. This programme concentrates on advocacy, broadcasting, training and publishing. In all areas of its work, attention is paid to addressing issues of gender, sustainability, ICTs and donor co-ordination.

Type of Work: Training, research
HQ: Amsterdam, the Netherlands
www.niza.nl

Network for the Defence of Independent Media in Africa

The Network for the Defence of Independent Media in Africa (NDIMA) is a pan-African freedom of expression/human rights umbrella organization made up of several media houses and groups. Founded in Zimbabwe in 1993, NDIMA now has a secretariat in Kenya. NDIMA is dedicated to the promotion of freedom of expression according to Article19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

The network strives to promote and safeguard freedom of expression on the African continent and in the wider world. It provides temporary shelter and solace to displaced journalists, raises awareness and carries out training activities.

Type of Work: Advocacy, networking, training
HQ: Kiambu, Kenya
http://ndima.org

Southern Africa Media and Gender Institute

The Southern African Media and Gender Institute (SAMGI) is registered as a non-profit trust. SAMGI aims to promote human rights by increasing the range of voices heard in Southern Africa through participatory education, advocacy, lobbying and media production to improve the status of women. Its work revolves primarily around the Women's Media Watch; Training and Media; and Production programmes. The Women's Media Watch is a progressive, human rights media-monitoring body in Southern Africa, dedicated to empowering women and engaging in the transformation of the media. SAMGI advocacy, lobbying and training courses are targeted mainly at grassroots women and media practitioners.

Type of Work: Advocacy, training
HQ: Cape Town, South Africa
www.samgi.org.za

Arab Press Freedom Watch

Arab Press Freedom Watch is an independent, non-profit organization that seeks to promote principles of freedom of expression and the necessary basis for establishing a free and independent press in the Arab world. It works for the removal of all restrictive legislation and the right of freedom of speech for all. Its activities include monitoring of anti-press freedom practices in the Arab world and campaigns against such measures; support to individual journalists and unions against government oppression: as well as direct assistance to journalists that have become victims of violations of freedom of expression.

Type of Work: Networking, research, advocacy, policy
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.apfw.org

Arab Women Media Centre

The Arab Women Media Centre (AWMC) is an NGO set up in 1999. It seeks to advance the interests of women in the media through a combination of practical training for women and research. The Centre conducts and publishes studies for distribution to other NGOs, arranges seminars and workshops for women in the media and offers practical training for new graduates and unemployed media women.

Type of Work: Training, research
HQ: Amman, Jordan
www.ayamm.org

Asia Pacific region

Centre for Media Freedom in the Middle East and North Africa

The Centre for Media Freedom in the Middle East and North Africa (CMF MENA) is an independent regional NGO founded in 1998. It is dedicated to the defence of journalists and the promotion of media freedom in the Middle East and North Africa. CMF is striving to create the first regional network of media freedom defenders. The Centre's work focuses on defending journalists who are subjected to censorship; campaigning for change in media legislation; publishing reports which examine policies, laws and other socio-economic factors obstructing the development of a free, pluralistic and independent media; and contributing to the training of journalists and other media workers.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, training, research
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.cmfmena.org

Asian Media Information and Communication Centre

The Asian Media Information and Communication Centre (AMIC) is a communication centre for information, research and promotion of mass communication. Established in 1971 as a non-profit organization, it is dedicated to communication development in the Asia Pacific region. AMIC is actively engaged in communication documentation, research, training, publishing and media development. It helps individuals and institutions involved in communications to stay abreast of developments in the field by providing a forum for exchange of views and opinions among communication scholars and practitioners in Asia.

Type of Work: Research, training
HQ: Nanyang Technological University, Singapore, www.amic.org.sg

Pacific Media Watch

Pacific Media Watch is an independent non-profit organization supporting media freedom and examining issues of ethics, accountability, censorship, media freedom and media ownership in the Pacific region. Launched in 1996, Pacific Media Watch aims to press for the urgent removal of barriers to press freedom and freedom of expression; help protect and support journalists under threat; encourage debate on media ethics and improved professional standards; monitor regional media ownership; and provide an information base representing the free media of the Pacific region.

Type of Work: Advocacy
HQ: Auckland, New Zealand
www.pmw.c2o.org

Central Asian and Southern Caucasian Freedom of Expression Network

The Central Asian and Southern Caucasian Freedom of Expression Network (CASCFEN) is a voluntary association of non-profit and non-governmental organizations established in 2001. It is dedicated to protecting freedom of expression and freedom of the press in the Southern Caucasus and Central Asian region in line with Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. CASCFEN's mission is to provide assistance to press freedom groups in getting information and to be actively involved in regional developments. Activities include efforts to co-ordinate press freedom organizations in the region; campaigns for improved press freedom; information-sharing; and the organization of regional meetings.

Type of Work: Advocacy, networking
HQ: Baku, Azerbaijan
www.cascfen.org

South East Asian Press Association

The South East Asian Press Association (SEAPA) is a non-profit NGO comprising five member organizations. Established in 1997, the activities and projects undertaken by the Alliance's secretariat include research and documentation of individual cases of attacks on journalists and threats to press freedom in the nine member countries of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and Cambodia, and sharing this research within the network of the International Freedom of Expression Exchange (IFEX). The Alliance makes direct representations to governments on behalf of journalists, and conducts in-depth research missions in the field. It encourages governments in the region to relax restrictions on the exercise of free expression.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, networking, research
HQ: Jakarta, Indonesia
www.seapabkk.org

Voices Media for Social Change

Voices Media for Social Change (VOICES) is a non-profit trust established in 1991. It aims to empower disadvantaged and marginalized sections of society through strengthening communication. VOICES advocates communications for change through communication production and dissemination, communication training and action research, development education, networking and consultancy. Its programmes include Community Radio; Disability, IT and Social Change; Community Communications; Students Speak; and Women in Media.

Type of Work: Advocacy, training, networking
Bangalore, India
www.voicesforall.org

Central and Eastern Europe region

CIMERA

CIMERA is a non-profit organization active in the Caucasus, Central Asia and the Balkans. It believes that media development depends on an active civil society and a basic knowledge of the socio-political and cultural realities of the concerned societies. CIMERA supports projects and undertakes research on issues concerned with media development and the professional qualifications of journalists. It also initiates cross-border cooperation between journalists, politicians and experts to enhance debates on regional concerns.

Type of Work: Research, training, networking
HQ: Geneva, Switzerland
www.cimera.org

European Journalism Centre

The European Journalism Centre (EJC) is an independent, international, non-profit institute dedicated to high standards in journalism through the further training of journalists and media professionals. Building on an extensive international network, the Centre operates as a facilitator and partner in a wide variety of training projects. It does so mainly by supporting research, surveys and publications on media issues and also by providing training courses, workshops and seminars. At the European level, the EJC acts as a partner and organizer for media companies, professional organizations, journalism schools and governmental bodies seeking to establish activities and projects.

Type of Work: Training
HQ: Maastricht, the Netherlands
www.ejc.nl

Independent Journalism Foundation

The Independent Journalism Foundation (IJF) is a non-profit organization founded in 1991. It is committed to promoting free and independent media in Central and Eastern Europe. IJF's four centres offer training and institutional support to professional journalists and students through programmes designed to serve local needs. Programmes include training in digital TV, newspaper photography and curriculum development. IFJ also offers summer workshops and yearlong programmes for secondary school students.

Type of Work: Training
HQ: New York, United States
www.ijf-cij.org

South East Europe Media Organization

The South East Europe Media Organization (SEEMO) is an NGO that works to promote democratic values by providing assistance to members of the media in the South Eastern European (SEE) region. SEEMO aims to promote and safeguard freedom of the press; foster understanding among journalists and other media professionals; improve the standards and practices of journalism; promote the free exchange of accurate and balanced news and the free flow of information across national boundaries; help ensure the safety of journalists so they can work without government interference; and promote cooperation, and understanding. Activities include research, advocacy, training and information dissemination.

Type of Work: Research, advocacy, training
HQ: Vienna, Austria
www.seemo.at

Latin America and the Caribbean region

South East European Network for the Professionali-zation of the Media

The South East European Network for the Professionalization of the Media (SEENPM) is a network of 18 media centres and institutes in the Central and Eastern European region. Established in 2000, it aims to raise journalism standards; improve the media environment at national and regional levels; encourage cooperation among media professionals; and in this way contribute to mutual understanding and stability in South East Europe. It undertakes research on regional media issues and also provides training for journalists and media professionals on issues relevant to the development of the media.

Type of Work: Networking, training, research
HQ: Sofia, Bulgaria
www.seenpm.org

Agencia Latinoamericana de Información

Agencia Latinoamericana de Información/ Latin American Information Agency (ALAI) is a communications organization, committed to the full respect of human rights, gender equality and people's participation in development and policymaking in Latin America. Its actions are part of the struggle for the democratization of communication as a basic prerequisite for democratic society and social justice. Since 1977, it has been developing an alternative communications model that pursues a more democratic, widespread, decentralized and multicultural communications fabric, evolving in tune with social transformation processes.

Type of Work: Advocacy, technical assistance, research
HQ: Quito, Ecuador, www.alainet.org

Centro Latinoamericano del Periodismo

Centro Latinoamericano del Periodismo/ Latin American Journalism Center is a non-governmental, not-for-profit organization established in 1997. The Centre's mission is to support the development of a free and responsible press in Latin America. It carries out a programme of continuous education and professional training that emphasizes journalistic ethics and investigative, independent, and competitive journalism.

Type of Work: Advocacy, networking, training
HQ: Panama City, Panama, www.celap.net

Instituto para la Conectividad en las Américas

Instituto para la Conectividad en las Américas (ICA) is a non-profit organization established to promote collaboration between the Americas for better and more

innovative uses of ICT in the Latin American region. The organization grew out of the 2001 Summit of the Americas. Working with governments, the private sector and civil society organizations, ICA seeks to facilitate the development of domestic and regional connectivity strategies by adapting and implementing proven models and to promote the exchange of information and expertise. Activities include the co-funding of ICT projects, support for partnerships and knowledge creation as well as capacity building.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, technical assistance
HQ: Ottawa, Canada and Montevideo, Uruguay, www.icamericas.net

Inter American Press Association

The Inter American Press Association (IAPA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to defending freedom of expression and freedom of the press throughout the Americas. Established in 1942 as a Permanent Commission, it emerged as IAPA a year later. The organization advocates for the rights and responsibilities of journalists and tries to encourage high standards of professional and business conduct. IAPA does this by fostering exchange of ideas and information that contribute to the professional and technical development of the press and by fostering greater interchange among the peoples of the Americas in support of the basic principles of a free society and individual liberty.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy
HQ: Miami, United States
www.sipiapa.com

Latin American Association of Radio Education

The Latin American Association of Radio Education (ALER) is an association of 107 radio stations and communication centres in 18 Latin American and Caribbean countries. It is one of the main actors involved in popular and community radio in the region. The organization promotes the use of radio to build fairer societies and to democratize speech. ALER has been a leader in combining radio with modern ICTs since 1997, when it established its satellite service. In addition to this service, ALER distributes a daily electronic news bulletin via email and the web. Activities include training, technical assistance and research for civil society and community based organizations.

Type of Work: Technical assistance, research, networking, training
HQ: Quito, Ecuador, www.aler.org.ec

Latin American Centre for Development and Participative Communication

The Latin American Centre for Development and Participative Communication (CDESCO) is a network of specialists in the Latin American region. With more than 30 years of experience, it acts as a reference point for the sharing of experiences on development and communication, training materials, theoretical documents, and training opportunities for communicators. The Centre's website provides information on theories, methodologies and tools for communication for rural and marginalized urban groups.

Type of Work: Networking
HQ: Tucumán, Argentina, www.cdesco.org

Decentralization, Local Governance and Urban/ Rural Development

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This section describes a range of CSOs that work on decentralization, local governance and urban/rural development. It includes organizations that aim to promote and strengthen active links between various stakeholders at national and sub-national levels. It also includes organizations that work on policy development, and advocate rights-based approaches to development and active participation by citizens in all aspects of development. The extensive scope of work carried out by these organizations includes advocacy, policy development and monitoring; capacity development; and initiatives to involve poor people and other disadvantaged groups. Many of these organizations promote processes that aim to achieve sustainable development. Their activities are in part undertaken in order to increase political, financial and administrative authority at local level, ensuring greater stakeholder participation in more people-centred development processes.

Other objectives include effective local governance, gender equality, environmental protection, improved infrastructure and services for urban communities, and income generation and other services for the rural poor.

49 organizations are described in this section. 27 of these organizations operate in more than one region of the world. The profiles of 22 CSOs working at regional level are also outlined. Many of the CSOs included are coalitions, alliances or networks that work on a wide array of issues related to decentralization, local governance and urban/rural development. NGOs, research institutes, development organizations including social movements and foundations form a significant number of the organizations profiled.

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CSOs with a global remit

ActionAid International
ActionAid is an international development agency established in 1972. It works with local partners worldwide to fight poverty and injustice, helping them fight for and gain rights to food, shelter, work, education, healthcare and a voice in the decisions that affect their lives. ActionAid's partners range from small community support groups to national alliances and international networks. Working with poor people, local partners and organizations in fighting poverty, ActionAid has prioritized five areas of work: education, HIV/AIDS, food, emergencies, and women and girls. The organization runs projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, networking, training
HQ: Johannesburg, South Africa
www.actionaid.org

Association for Women's Rights in Development
The Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID) is an international membership organization connecting, informing and mobilising people and organizations committed to achieving gender equality, sustainable development and women's human rights. Founded in 1982, its goal is to cause policy, institutional and individual change that will improve the lives of women and girls everywhere. AWID does this by facilitating ongoing debates and by building the individual and organization al capacities of those working for women's empowerment and social justice. AWID structures its work around Strategic Communications, the AWID International Forum, and various theme programmes.

Type of Work: Networking, advocacy, policy, research, training
HQ: Toronto, Canada
www.awid.org

Building and Social Housing Foundation
The Building and Social Housing Foundation (BSHF) is an independent research organization and registered charity that promotes sustainable development and innovation in housing through collaborative research and knowledge transfer. Established in 1976, BSHF works both in the UK and internationally to identify innovative housing solutions and to foster the exchange of information and good practice. BSHF is committed to promoting housing policy and practice that is people-centred and environmentally responsible. All research carried out has practical relevance and addresses a range of current housing issues worldwide.

Type of Work: Research, advocacy, policy
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.bshf.org

Canadian Hunger Foundation
The Canadian Hunger Foundation (CHF) is a non-profit international development organization, which seeks to address the persistent cycle of rural poverty. To meet the challenge, CHF aims to deliver effective, sustainable and transformational development solutions towards a world in which the rural poor can ultimately help themselves. Key support areas include agriculture and food security; natural resources management and environmental sustainability; water and irrigation; capacity building of local organizations; and gender equality. CHF has been in operation for

more than 40 years and is currently active in Asia, the Americas, Africa and Canada.

Type of Work: Technical assistance, training
HQ: Ottawa, Canada
www.chf-partners.ca

CARE International

CARE International was established in 1945 and is an independent humanitarian organization working to end world poverty. The organizations runs programmes in about 70 countries across the globe, aiming to promote positive and lasting change and reduce long-term dependency. CARE seeks a world of hope, tolerance and social justice, where poverty has been overcome and people live in dignity and security. Its mission is to serve the poorest communities in the world, facilitating lasting change by strengthening capacity for self-help, delivering relief in emergencies, influencing policy decisions at all levels, and addressing discrimination in all its forms. CARE's five focus areas are conflict and development, urban governance, private sector partnership, civil society, and rights-based approaches.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, training, technical assistance, networking
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.careinternational.org.uk

Centre for Development and the Environment

The Centre for Development and the Environment (SUM) was established at the University of Oslo in 1990. SUM is primarily a research institution and its main areas of interest include environmental values and social change; global and regional governance for sustainable development; local dynamics of change in developing countries; and research and documentation for a sustainable society. SUM's research covers Latin America, Asia and Africa.

Type of Work: Research
HQ: Oslo, Norway
www.sum.uio.no

CIVITAS

CIVITAS, the Institute for the Study of Civil Society, was launched in 2000 as an independent registered charity. It is politically non-partisan and is financed by private donations. The underlying purpose of CIVITAS is to deepen public understanding of the legal, institutional and moral framework that makes a free and democratic society possible. In particular, the goal of its studies is a better division of responsibilities between government and civil society. The Institute's research programme focuses on four areas: health, welfare, education and the family.

Type of Work: Research
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.civitas.org.uk

Counterpart International

Counterpart is a non-governmental organization that has been in operation for nearly 40 years. Counterpart seeks to give people a voice in their own future through smart partnerships offering options and access to tools for sustained social, economic and environmental development. Counterpart's civil society programmes work at the individual, community and institutional levels to give citizens a voice in their own development; strengthen

civil society organizations to better serve community needs; promote partnership and mutual investment in community development among NGOs, business and government; and foster civic engagement and advocacy for policy reform.

Type of Work: Training, technical assistance
HQ: Washington DC, United States
www.counterpart.org

Environmental Development Action in the Third World

Environmental Development Action in the Third World (ENDA) was founded in 1972 as an international non-profit organization seeking to develop the knowledge and instruments necessary for local development. The ENDA network consists of a number of regional units in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Europe. ENDA works with grassroots groups on the basis of their needs and objectives; contributes to the search for alternative development possibilities at all levels; and encourages involvement by intellectuals and trained personnel in the setting up and implementation of development programmes in the service of the largest number of people possible.

Type of Work: Advocacy, research, training
HQ: Dakar, Senegal
www.enda.sn

Homeless International

Homeless International is a charity that supports community-led housing and infrastructure related development in partnership with local partner organizations in Asia, Africa and Latin America. The initiatives are all led, developed and managed by the local community groups themselves. The organization was established in 1989. Key areas of activity include partner support through long-term development initiatives; advocacy and information sharing; technical assistance; financial services; and research.

Type of Work: Advocacy, research, technical assistance, funding
HQ: Coventry, United Kingdom
www.homeless-international.org

Huairou Commission

Set up in 1995, the Huairou Commission is a network of women's organizations which partners with organizations and individuals interested in supporting the advocacy work of grassroots women. Currently, the main member organizations are Asian Women and Shelter Network (AWAS), Foundation for the Support of Women's Work, GROOTS International, Habitat International Coalition – Women and Shelter Network (HIC-WAS), International Council of Women and Women and Cities International. The network's mission is to forge strategic partnerships in order to advance the capacity of grassroots women worldwide and strengthen and create sustainable communities. The network carries out research, organizes workshops and advocates for grassroots women at major international conferences. Recent ampaigns include Grassroots Women & Governance, and Grassroots Women and Land & Housing.

Type of Work: Advocacy, research, networking, training
HQ: New York, United States
www.huairou.org

Intermediate Technology Development Group

The Intermediate Technology Development Group Limited (ITDG) is a registered charity founded in 1966. The main objective of ITDG is the advancement of education and the relief of poverty by the promotion and advancement of technical, economic and social science knowledge in ways beneficial to local communities. Activities include technology development; the pilot testing and commercialization of different technologies; technical assistance to other NGOs and community organizations; training; research; and advocacy. ITDG works across a variety of technologies with particular focus on food processing, food production, building materials and shelter, energy, mining, manufacturing, transport and disaster management. It also maintains programmes in policy research and analysis, including gender and technology, and is developing new areas such as ICT, the environment and small-scale producers and urbanization. ITDG is active in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, research, training, technical assistance
HQ: Rugby, United Kingdom
www.itdg.org

International Center for Sustainable Cities

Founded in 1993, the International Center for Sustainable Cities (ICSC) is an independent not-for-profit organization with charitable status. ICSC does practical demonstration projects that show how urban sustainability can be attained. The demonstrations deal with issues such as solid waste, water, sewage, land-use, transportation, housing, energy efficiency, social conflict and poverty. ICSC also creates and supports peer networks to share learning and disseminate ideas. The Center regularly engages in high profile events to galvanize action on urban sustainability. Projects are managed locally and the ICSC has tended to focus its activities in Central and Eastern Europe and the Asia Pacific regions.

Type of Work: Technical assistance, training, networking
HQ: Vancouver, Canada
www.icsc.org

International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives

The International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives (ICLEI) was founded in 1990. ICLEI is a democratically governed membership association of cities, towns, counties, metropolitan governments, and local government associations. More than 400 local governments, representing nearly 300 million people worldwide, are members of ICLEI. ICLEI's mission is to build and serve a worldwide movement of local governments to achieve tangible improvements in global sustainability with special focus on environmental conditions through cumulative local actions. ICLEI serves as a clearinghouse for publications and sources on local government and runs projects and campaigns that aim to address regional and global environmental challenges at the local level and build local government capacity by providing technical assistance and training.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, training, technical assistance, networking
HQ: Toronto, Canada
www.iclei.org

International Institute for Environment and Development

The International Institute for Environment and Development (IIED) is an independent, non-profit organization promoting sustainable patterns of world development through collaborative research, policy studies, networking and knowledge dissemination. Founded in 1971, the IIED has a global mandate, working with international and Southern partners, primarily in Africa, Asia and Latin America, as well as with institutional partners in the North. IIED seeks to transform decision-making at all levels: local, national and international through a world-wide network of partners. It does this primarily through research, communication, stakeholder engagement, capacity development, and implementation services.

Type of Work: Research, training, networking, technical assistance
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.iied.org

International Land Coalition

The International Land Coalition is a global alliance of inter-governmental, governmental and civil society organizations committed to rural poverty eradication. The Coalition was founded in 1995 and works together with the rural poor to increase their secure access to natural resources, especially land, and enable them to participate directly in policy and decision-making processes that affect their livelihoods at local, national, regional and international levels. The Coalition aims to build strategic alliances among diverse development organizations, placing particular emphasis on the role of civil society in improving the access by the rural poor to natural resources. In order to achieve policy changes the Coalition has developed six interconnected programmes including a Knowledge programme, the Network Support programme, the Community Empowerment Facility and Women's Resource Access programme. The Coalition has experience from more than 40 countries across the world.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, networking, training
HQ: Rome, Italy
www.landcoalition.org

International Network on Urban Research and Action

The International Network on Urban Research and Action (INURA) is a network of people involved in action and research in local communities and cities. Set up in 1991, it is a non-governmental and non-profit organization with a self-organizing, decentralized structure. The Network consists of activists and researchers from community and environmental groups, universities, and local administrations who wish to share experiences and to participate in common research. Examples of the issues that Network members are involved in include major urban renewal projects; the urban periphery; community-led environmental schemes; urban traffic and transport; inner city labour markets; do-it-yourself culture; and social housing provision. In each case, the research is closely tied to, and is a product of, local action and initiative. The network has published widely and holds regular conferences on such issues.

Type of Work: Research, advocacy, policy, networking
HQ: Zürich, Switzerland
www.inura.org

International NGO Training and Research Centre

The International NGO Training and Research Centre (INTRAC) is a registered charity established in 1991. INTRAC believes in the importance of civil society organizations as alternative and independent actors working for sustainable development in a just civil society. It supports non-governmental organizations and civil society organizations around the world by exploring policy issues, and strengthening CSO management and organization al effectiveness. Although INTRAC provides numerous services to Northern NGOs, there has been a shift of emphasis over the last ten years towards the building up of local institutional capacity in developing countries, and the re-examining of North-South relationships in the voluntary sector.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, training, research
HQ: Oxford, United Kingdom
www.intrac.org

Metropolis

Metropolis is the World Association of Major Metropolises. Metropolis is also the metropolitan section of the United Cities & Local Government organization (UCLG). Created in 1985, the Association represents more than 80 member cities from across the world and operates as an international forum for exploring issues and concerns common to all big cities. The mission of Metropolis is to promote international cooperation and exchanges among members, i.e., local and metropolitan governments. As such, the main goal of the Association is to better control the development process of metropolitan areas in order to enhance the wellbeing of their citizens. To do this, Metropolis represents regions and metropolitan areas at the global level and is recognized as a major player by large international organizations such as the UN.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, training, technical assistance, networking
HQ: Barcelona, Spain
www.metropolis.org

Network-Association of European Researchers on Urbanisation in the South

Network-Association of European Researchers on Urbanisation in the South (N-AERUS) is a multi-disciplinary network of researchers and experts working on urban issues in developing countries. Established in 1996, it seeks to mobilize and develop the European institutional and individual research and training capacities on urban issues in the South. N-AERUS works in association with researchers and institutions in developing countries. N-AERUS aims to be a key tool in the implementation of new forms of cooperation between European and developing countries. The Networks seeks to achieve this by disseminating information; developing research and training capacities; mobilising and consolidating institutional and individual capacities and urban development projects.

Type of Work: Research, training, networking
HQ: Turin, Italy
www.forumhabitat.polito.it/n-aerus

OXFAM

Oxfam GB is a development, relief, and campaigning organization that works with others to find lasting solutions to poverty and suffering around the world. The organization dates back to 1942 and currently works with partners in over 70 countries in the world. Oxfam uses a range of approaches to achieve change and improve peoples' lives, including saving lives through emergency response; longer term development programmes; and campaigning to achieve lasting change. It works on issues such as trade, education, debt and aid, livelihoods, health, HIV/AIDS, gender equality, conflict and natural disasters, democracy and human rights, and pastoralism.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, research, training, technical assistance, networking
HQ: Oxford, United Kingdom
www.oxfam.org.uk

Prague Institute for Global Urban Development

The Prague Institute for Global Urban Development is a non-profit organization devoted to research, teaching, discussion, publication, and action on the major issues related to urban development around the world. Primary emphasis is placed on organizing dialogues and designing projects that generate strategic policy interventions and programme innovations which can be replicated on a very large scale to improve the quality of life in urban communities worldwide. In addition, the Institute's special focus is on building and strengthening a global network that brings experts on urban issues in developing countries together with experts on urban issues in developed countries.

Type of Work: Research, training, networking
HQ: Prague, the Czech Republic
www.pragueinstitute.org

Social Watch

Social Watch is an international network informed by national citizens' groups that aim to monitor internationally agreed commitments on poverty eradication and equality. National groups report, through the national Social Watch report, on the progress – or regression – towards these commitments and goals. The Social Watch groups, organized on an ad hoc basis, have a focal point in each country that is responsible for promoting the initiative. This includes submitting a national report for yearly publication; undertaking lobbying initiatives before the national authorities to hold them accountable for the policies in place regarding agreed commitments; promoting a dialogue about the national social development priorities and developing an active inclusive strategy to include other groups into the national group.

Type of Work: Advocacy
HQ: Montevideo, Uruguay
www.socialwatch.org

The International Network for Urban Development

The International Network for Urban Development (INTA) is an international non-profit association that encourages the exchange of information, experience and best practices on urban development and renewal across the world. Set up in 1974, the Network's mission is to foster the sharing of knowledge and experience in the management of urban development and of territories undergoing deep and rapid change. It provides towns, cities, local authorities and their economic partners with the political and management tools they need to contribute to controlled and equitable urban development. The fields in which INTA operates cover all aspects of urban development including initiatives on urban planning, housing, education and training, economic development, and social inclusion.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, research, training, networking
HQ: The Hague, the Netherlands
www.inta-aivn.org

United Cities against Poverty

United Cities against Poverty was established in 2001 on the initiative of the cities of Bamako, Geneva and Lyon. Its main objective is to facilitate cooperation between cities to tackle poverty, inequality and social exclusion. United Cities against Poverty seeks to function as an instrument in the field of solidarity that enables enhanced cooperation, technical support and skills transfers. Key activities include mobilization of local expertise for communities to more effectively define their needs and efforts to improve the organization and management of basic municipal services.

Type of Work: Advocacy, networking, training
HQ: Geneva, Switzerland
www.vup-ucp.org

URBANET

URBANET is a network for GTZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Technische Zusammenarbeit/ German Technical Cooperation) staff, associated professionals and researchers in the field of regionalization, decentralization and municipal and urban development. The network provides documentation, analysis and other information on topics of practical relevance in this thematic area. URBANET promotes the exchange of knowledge and information, inter-disciplinary cooperation among actors in municipal and urban development, as well as debate on and conceptual refinement of key issues. In addition, it provides technical and advisory support for its members.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, research, networking
HQ: Eschborn, Germany
www.urbanet.info

Africa region

World Secretariat of Cities and Local Government

The World Secretariat of Cities and Local Government (WACLAC) is the world alliance of international associations of cities and local authorities committed to responsible and effective local self-government for sustainable development. Its mission is to represent the local government sector on the international arena, particular with the United Nations. WACLAC was formed in 1996 and seeks to negotiate with the international community the responsibilities, functions and resources that may be conferred on local authorities. In partnership with the international agencies, it also joins in defining and promoting development initiatives targeting local needs.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy
HQ: Barcelona, Spain
www.waclac.org

African Rural and Agricultural Credit Association

The African Rural and Agricultural Credit Association (AFRACA) is an association comprised of central banks, commercial banks, agricultural banks, micro-finance institutions and national programmes dealing with agricultural and rural finance in Africa. The Vision of the Association is a rural Africa where people have access to sustainable financial services for economic development. The mission of AFRACA is to improve the rural finance environment through the promotion of appropriate policy frameworks, thus enabling sustainable financial institutions to increase their outreach, improve their provision of financial services and disseminate innovative practices. To achieve this mission, AFRACA provides various services to different categories of members in the areas of research, policy, training, and information dissemination.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, networking, research, training
HQ: Nairobi, Kenya
www.afraca.org

Council of Cities and Regions of Africa

The Council of Cities and Regions of Africa (Conseil des Communes et Régions d'Afrique) was established in 2003 as a pan-African organization of local communities and regions. The Council seeks to represent the unified voice of African local communities; promote sustainable development and reduction of poverty; support the policies of decentralization and dialogue between central governments and local communities for its implementation; encourage the

integration of local communities in the process of developing a world movement; and support the participation of local communities in programs of cooperation with international governmental and non-governmental organizations.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, networking
HQ: Rabat, Morocco
www.cce-africa.org

INADES-Formation

INADES-Formation (the African Institute for Economic and Social Development-African Training Centre) is an international non-profit organization established in 1975. INADES-Formation works for the self-advancement of rural populations, by providing training, information, publications, techniques and methods on rural development. It believes that sustainable development can only be achieved within the framework of strong civil society involvement. The organization has national offices in 10 African countries.

Type of Work: Training
HQ: Abidjan, Ivory Coast
www.inadesfo.org

Arab Towns Organization

The Arab Towns Organization (ATO) was established in 1967. It is an international non-governmental local authority organization concerned with municipal and town affairs in the Arab world. ATO places emphasis on the preservation of the character and heritage of Arab towns, seeking to ensure that development and construction plans take account of social, economic, cultural and environmental features. It also endeavours to develop and improve the skills and capabilities of employees of local authorities, municipalities and cities as well as to promote co-ordination and cooperation among Arab cities' municipalities to remedy common problems they encounter.
ATO organizes conferences and seminars; holds training courses; carries out research; and provides financial assistance to member cities through the Arab Towns Development Fund.

Type of Work: Training, research, funding
HQ: Kuwait City, Kuwait
www.ato.net

Asia Pacific region

Arab Urban Development Institute

The Arab Urban Development Institute (AUDI), founded in 1980, is a regional, non-governmental, non-profit urban research, technical and consulting organization. The Institute is affiliated with the Arab Towns Organization (ATO) and has active membership of more than 400 Arab cities and towns in 22 Arab states. A major goal of the Institute is the enhancement of the quality of municipal services in Arab towns and cities. AUDI seeks to achieve this through professional and technical support to municipalities and municipal officials and administrators. The Institute is also dedicated to the improvement and preservation of the Islamic and Arab character and heritage of Arab Towns.

Type of Work: Training, technical assistance
HQ: Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
www.araburban.org

Asian Coalition for Housing Rights

The Asian Coalition for Housing Rights is a regional network of grassroots community organizations, NGOs and professionals actively involved with urban poor development processes in Asian cities. The network was formed in 1988 and acts as a pressure group for crisis intervention. Activities include fact-finding missions and regional campaigns; dissemination of information; providing a space for sharing experiences; providing professional consultation; support to empower local organizations and strengthening links between different organizations ; and research and advocacy.

Type of Work: Advocacy, research, networking
HQ: Bangkok, Thailand
www.achr.net

Asian Resource Center for Decentralization

The Asian Resource Center for Decentralization (ARCD) was set up in 2002 and serves as a resource center for information on decentralization and local governance experiences. It has a growing collection of resources from countries in the Asia-Pacific region, Europe and Africa. Information sharing is advanced through its network of public and private institutions and individuals. The Center develops training modules on local governance and decentralization, using training needs identified from research and consultations with partner agencies as its starting point and provides training to the World Health Organization (WHO).

Type of Work: Research, training
HQ: Manila, the Philippines
www.decentralization.ws

Bridge Asia Japan

Bridge Asia Japan (BAJ) is a non-governmental organization established in 1993. Its activities include the distribution of non-food items, vocational training, the construction of infrastructure to assist in national and regional reconstruction, and the provision of opportunities to obtain and use income generating skills. Through its activities, BAJ offers an opportunity for people from different ethnic backgrounds to learn together, work together and generate income, aiming at finding ways to live in harmony and contributing to peace-building. BAJ is primarily involved in activities in Vietnam, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh.

Type of Work: Training, technical assistance
HQ: Tokyo, Japan
www.jca.apc.org/baj/english/intro-e.html

Center for Alternative Development Initiatives

The Center for Alternative Development Initiatives (CADI) is a Philippine-based civil society organization dedicated to the study, encouragement and implementation of sustainable development through partnership. CADI was established in 1988. It aims to support the implementation of sustainable development and poverty eradication; develop creative responses to the challenges of globalization; institutionalize and strengthen partnerships between civil society, business and government; and encourage good governance for sustainable development. Center activities include research, education and training, networking and consultations.

Type of Work: Research, advocacy, policy, networking, training
HQ: Manila, the Philippines
www.cadi.ph

Citynet

Citynet is a regional network of local authorities for the management of human settlements. Set up in 1987, Citynet seeks to bridge the gap between local governments, their national counterparts, and non-governmental and international organizations. Aiming to help local governments provide better services to citizens, Citynet focuses on building capacity at the city level. Every year, it organizes around 25 activities, including seminars and training programmes, which address central issues in urban planning and development. The flagship of Citynet is the Technical Cooperation between Cities in Developing Countries (TCDC) programme, which helps create affiliations between cities in the Asia-Pacific. Citynet's facilitation aims to encourage partnerships that foster good practice in urban governance and city development. The Network includes 63 city governments and 40 non-governmental organizations.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, networking, training
HQ: Yokohama, Japan
www.citynet-ap.org

Focus on the Global South

Focus on the Global South was set up in 1995 as a policy-oriented international research organization. It works on development policy research, analysis and action. In its work, the organization places particular emphasis on the southern perspective and focuses primarily on the Asia-Pacific region. A key purpose is to identify and publicize innovative activities carried out by grassroots civil society organizations, showing how these community-based efforts are related to broader macro policies of the state. Focus also analyses the role northern NGOs play in sustainable development.

Type of Work: Research, advocacy, policy
HQ: Bangkok, Thailand
www.focusweb.org

Foundation for Development Cooperation

Foundation for Development Cooperation is an independent think-tank committed to cooperation for sustainable development and poverty reduction in the Asia-Pacific region. Work areas include strategic research, policy development, advocacy, and promotion of private sector and community participation. The Foundation was established in 1990 and currently focuses on regional cooperation and the development of microfinance policy frameworks.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, research
HQ: Brisbane, Australia
www.fdc.org.au

South Asia Partnership International

South Asia Partnership International (SAP I) is an international non-governmental organization consisting of entities in five South Asian countries (Bangladesh, India, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka) and South Asia Partnership Canada. It works for sustainable human development in the South Asian region and is concerned mainly with three thematic areas: Peace and Security, Governance and Democracy, and Sustainable Livelihoods. SAP I was created in 1995 by its constituent national SAP organizations that had worked together since the early 1980s. The SAP network has adopted governance as its unifying theme for work at the local through international levels. Within this theme, particular emphasis is placed on the participation of women in political processes and citizens' activism to strengthen civil society.

Type of Work: Policy, advocacy, networking
HQ: Colombo, Sri Lanka
www.eureka.lk/sapint

Central and Eastern Europe region

Council of European Municipalities and Regions

The Council of European Municipalities and Regions (CEMR) was founded in 1951 by a group of European mayors. It is the largest organization of local and regional government in Europe; its members are national associations of towns, municipalities and regions from over 30 countries. Together these associations represent some 100,000 local and regional authorities. CEMR works to promote a united Europe that is based on local and regional self-government and democracy. To achieve this goal, it endeavours to shape the future of Europe by enhancing the ability of local and regional organizations to influence European law and policy, to exchange experience at local and regional level and to cooperate with partners in other parts of the world. CEMR works in many fields of activity such as regional policy, transport, the environment, equal opportunities, and governance.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, networking
HQ: Paris, France and Brussels, Belgium
www.ccre.org

European Anti Poverty Network

The European Anti Poverty Network (EAPN) is a network of non-governmental organizations (NGOs) and groups involved in the fight against poverty and social exclusion in the Member States of the European Union. EAPN is a network of 16 national networks of voluntary organizations and grassroots groups. Its core objectives are to put the fight against poverty and social exclusion on the political agenda of the European Union, to promote and enhance the effectiveness of actions against poverty and social exclusion, and to lobby for and with people and groups facing poverty and social exclusion. Key areas of activity include advocacy, networking, research and analysis.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, networking, research
HQ: Brussels, Belgium
www.eapn.org

Foundation in Support of Local Democracy

The Foundation in Support of Local Democracy (FSLD) is a non-governmental, non-partisan and non-profit organization established in 1989. The Foundation's mission is to disseminate the idea of civil self-governance, perceived as the fundamental form of democracy. To fulfil its mission, the Foundation supports the activities of local authorities and non-governmental organizations. FSLD activities include assistance to implement programmes that support democratic reforms at the local level and strengthen civil societies in countries such as Albania, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Russia, Romania, Moldova, the Ukraine and Macedonia.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, training
HQ: Warsaw, Poland
www.frdl.org.pl

Institute for Sustainable Communities

he Institute for Sustainable Communities (ISC) is an independent, non-profit organization that helps communities in existing and emerging democracies solve problems while building a better future for themselves and the world. Established in 1991, it seeks to give communities and

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the organizations that support them training, technical assistance, and grants. ISC focuses on environmental, economic, and social concerns in an integrated approach for sustainable development. To ensure positive results, the organization involves different groups of people within a community, from the most to the least powerful. ISC maintains international offices in Macedonia, Russia and Ukraine.

Type of Work: Technical assistance, funding
HQ: Montpelier (VT), United States
www.iscvt.org

Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe

The Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE Trust) was launched in 2001 as an independent organization with endowment support from a group of private grant-making foundations. It works to promote the development of civil societies in Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia. In order to carry out its mission, the CEE Trust meets the urgent funding needed to help non-governmental organizations (NGOs) gain greater self-reliance and self-sufficiency. The Trust also supports the development of legal, fiscal and political frameworks needed for healthy civil societies; strengthens the non-profit sector through institutional capacity building; and supports the long-term financial sustainability of non-profit organizations.

Type of Work: Funding, training
HQ: Warsaw, Poland
www.ceetrust.org

Caribbean Network for Integrated Rural Development

The Caribbean Network for Integrated Rural Development (CNIRD) is an independent, regional non-governmental organization founded in 1988. The main focus of CNIRD is on networking with national and sub-regional intermediaries based in the Caribbean region, with the objective of achieving integrated rural development. The organization emerged out of concern, expressed by community development practitioners in the Caribbean that the governments of the region and existing NGOs were not sufficiently combining their resources to respond to the socio-economic problems of the rural sector. Activities include research and analysis; information and communication; capacity building; a business initiative; and work on the environment.

Type of Work: Networking, advocacy, research
HQ: St. Augustine, Trinidad
www.cnird.org

Federación de Municipios del Istmo Centroamericano

Federación de Municipios del Istmo Centroamericano (FEMICA) is a regional non-profit organization established in 1991. It comprises Central American municipalities, associations, unions, leagues and federations, which are national, regional, departmental or provincial in nature. The purpose of FEMICA is to promote the interests of municipalities in Central America and to strengthen their management capacities. FEMICA promotes decentralization and seeks to foster modern, transparent and independent

municipalities, which are able to provide basic services and enhance general living conditions for all citizens.

Type of Work: Networking, advocacy, policy
HQ: Guatemala City, Guatemala
www.femica.org

Local Government Association for Latin America

The Local Government Association for Latin America (Federacion Latino-americana de Ciudades, Municipios y Asociaciones) is a federation representing a voice for Latin American municipalities. The network seeks to represent and serve the interests of local authorities, aiming to contribute towards strong and democratic local government, to strengthen cooperation and links with international organizations, and to deepen decentralization.

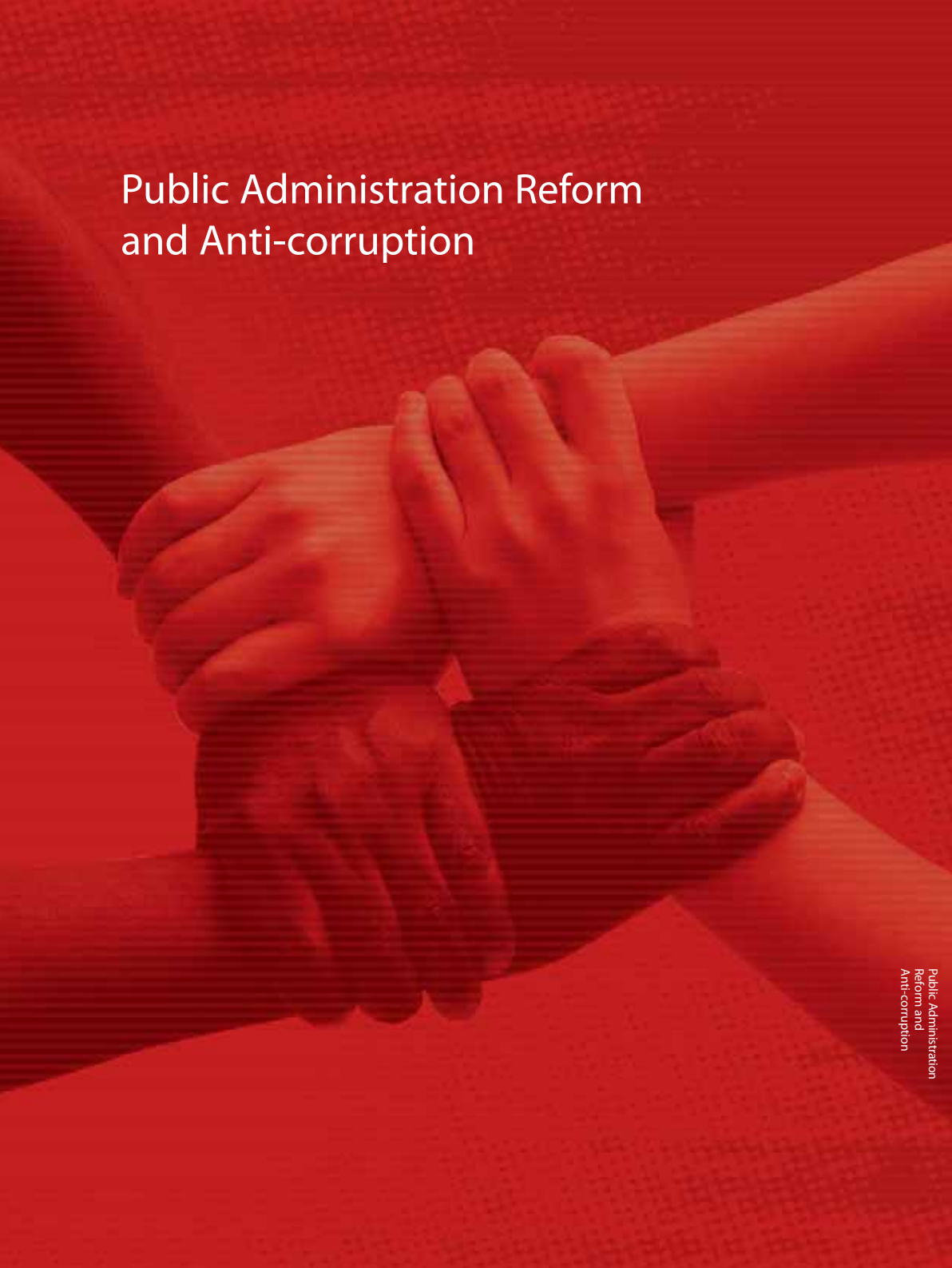
Type of Work: Networking, advocacy
HQ: Quito, Ecuador
www.flacma.org

Pan American Development Foundation

Created in 1962 through an agreement between the Organization of American States (OAS) and the private sector, the Pan American Development Foundation (PADF) is an independent, non-profit organization that creates public-private partnerships to assist the least advantaged people in Latin America and the Caribbean. PADF engages community-based groups, non-governmental organizations, municipal governments, and the private sector in the process of implementing appropriate solutions for sustainable development. Through its programmes, PADF works to create greater economic opportunities, promote social progress, strengthen communities and civil society, and respond to natural disasters.

Type of Work: Technical assistance, training
HQ: Washington DC, United States
www.padf.org

Public Administration Reform and Anti-corruption



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Public Administration Reform and Anti-corruption

This section presents CSOs that work to promote greater transparency and accountability of government institutions. The range of work carried out by these organizations includes efforts to strengthen and reform public administrative systems; promoting the rule of law and the use of ethical standards across the legal profession, among parliamentarians, judges and public sector workers; capacity development for parliamentarians to address corruption and improve accountability for the use of public resources; investigative research, monitoring, and reporting on public budget use, corruption, bribery, money laundering and the use of natural resources to fuel conflicts; campaigns and policy and advocacy work to fight corruption and to raise public awareness and debate on corruption and good governance; activities to support whistleblowers and develop a culture where people can speak out without reprisal.

39 CSOs are profiled in this section. 25 of these organizations work in more than one region of the world, while 14 work only in one specific region. Most of the organizations described are of a non-governmental, non-profit nature. Other types of organizations listed include NGO networks and independent institutes. A significant number of the CSOs specialize in work related to public administration and/or anti-corruption. Many of these are associations of professionals such as lawyers, parliamentarians, prosecutors, anti-laundering professionals, public sector workers and workers' unions.

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CSOs with a global remit

Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management
The Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management (CAPAM) was established in 1994. It is an association dedicated to strengthening public management and consolidating democracy and good governance throughout the Commonwealth. CAPAM seeks to pursue this through the exchange of experiences among its extensive network of senior elected and appointed public officials, academics, and representatives of non-governmental organizations and the private sector. CAPAM has more than 1,200 individual members as well as 80 institutional memberships in more than 80 countries. The network is further extended through affiliation agreements with 25 national, regional and international associations of public administration in every region of the Commonwealth and beyond.

Type of Work: Networking, advocacy
HQ: Toronto, Canada
www.capam.comnet.mt

Commonwealth Lawyers Association
The Commonwealth Lawyers Association (CLA) was founded as a non-profit organization in 1983. It is a pan-Commonwealth professional association of lawyers.
CLA promotes the rule of law within the Commonwealth by ensuring that an independent and efficient legal profession serves Commonwealth people. It advocates for high standards of ethics and integrity and the furtherance of the rule of law for the benefit of society. The association provides helpful support to its members towards the achievement of these objectives and runs a series of projects in different parts of the world.

Type of Work: Advocacy
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.commonwealthlawyers.com

Ethics Resource Centre
The Ethics Resource Center (ERC) is a non-profit, non-partisan educational organization with a vision of a world in which individuals and organizations act with integrity. ERC's aim is to strengthen ethical leadership worldwide by providing expertise and services that inspire individuals to act ethically towards one another; institutions to act ethically, recognising their role as transmitters of values; and individuals and institutions to join together in fostering ethical communities. Activities are carried out worldwide and include the provision of relevant research, education and partnership services.

Type of Work: Research, training, advocacy
HQ: Washington DC, United States
www.ethics.org

Foundation Luis Eduardo Magalhães
Foundation Luis Eduardo Magalhães was established in 1999 as a centre dedicated to the development of innovative solutions for public administration and governance. It is a non-profit organization aiming to promote exchange between administrative units – public and private, national and international. The Foundation now maintains more than 400 partnerships and is responsible for the Centre for Innovation and Exchange in Public Administration. This Centre develops new technologies in public administration; promote capacity building of strategic human resources; and encourages the exchange of knowledge, techniques and experience –

particularly between developing countries in the context of South-South cooperation.

Type of Work: Research, policy
HQ: Bahia, Brazil
www.flem.org.br

Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption

The Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC) was established in 2002 as a non-profit organization. It grew out of a Global Conference in Canada attended by 170 parliamentarians from over 60 countries. GOPAC's purpose is to strengthen the capacity of parliamentarians to address issues of corruption and promote good governance. It undertakes projects to reduce corruption and build the commitment and capacity of parliaments to be accountable. Activities include development of a handbook for parliamentarians on controlling corruption; a training/orientation package for parliamentarians on the budgetary and financial oversight role of parliamentarians; a code of conduct for parliamentarians; indicators of performance for parliamentary oversight; and efforts towards the implementation of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC).

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, research, training
HQ: Ottawa, Canada
www.parlcent.ca/gopac

Global Witness

Global Witness is an investigative non-governmental organization set up in 1993. It seeks to change the exploitative use of natural resources that fuel conflict and corruption. Global Witness does this by collecting first-hand information and evidence on issues such as the exploitation of oil, diamonds and forests; showing how these resources finance conflict and corruption. After having identified the revenue source that funds conflict or corruption, it aims to break the revenue connection by presenting overwhelming evidence to those in a position to ensure change. The organization has offices in the UK, Africa and Asia.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, research
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.globalwitness.org

Institute on Governance

The Institute on Governance (IOG) is a non-profit organization with charitable status founded in 1990 to promote effective governance. IOG undertakes a variety of activities internationally, including research and analysis, advisory services, workshops, conferences and missions. It works in cooperation with international organizations, NGOs and the private sector. The organization focuses its international work on capacity building for governments and civil society organizations; improving central decision-making; fostering public participation in public policy; and advising on public administration reform efforts. IOG has been active in more than 30 countries and is involved in regionally based projects in Africa, the Middle East, Eastern Europe, South Asia and South-East Asia.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, research, technical assistance
HQ: Ottawa, Canada
www.iog.ca

International Association of Prosecutors

The International Association of Prosecutors (IAP) is a non-governmental, non-political organization established in 1995. It is the first and only world organization of prosecutors. The IAP promotes effective, fair, impartial and efficient prosecution of criminal offences; respect and protection for human rights as laid down in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights; high standards and principles in the administration of criminal justice in support of the rule of law; standards and principles which are generally recognized internationally as necessary for the proper and independent prosecution of offences; and measures to eliminate corruption in public administration. Activities have fostered international cooperation between prosecuting agencies. The IAP has grown to include individual and organization al members from over 120 countries, representing over 200,000 prosecutors.

Type of Work: Advocacy, networking
HQ: The Hague, the Netherlands
www.iap.nl.com

International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration

he International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration (IASIA) was established in 1971. It has a worldwide membership of over 170 organizations in 70 countries as well as several international organizations. A non-profit association, IASIA aims to promote and support cooperation among participating organizations and individuals to enhance their capacity to strengthen the administrative and management capabilities of the governments, organizations, agencies and enterprises they serve. In pursuit of this aim, IASIA seeks to provide an opportunity for personnel of member organizations and individual members to exchange information, ideas, experiences and materials on issues and developments of common interest; to study public sector management issues and developments of current and future concern; to advance their professional knowledge, expertise and development; and to foster international and regional support for and interest in public service education/training, management development and increased management capacity in the public sector.

Type of Work: Research, networking, training
HQ: Brussels, Belgium
www.iiasiisa.be/schools/aeacc.htm

International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation

The International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation (IBFD) is a non-profit foundation set up in 1938. IBFD aims to research, develop, process, and disseminate information in the fields of international taxation and foreign direct investment legislation. Its Government Consultancy Department (GCD) has expertise in the areas of taxes and customs and provides advice on policy issues; legal drafting; implementation of legislation; and applied aspects of administration and management.

Type of Work: Technical assistance, research
HQ: Amsterdam, the Netherlands
www.ibfd.nl

International Compliance Association

The International Compliance Association (ICA) is a non-profit professional organization dedicated to the furtherance of good compliance and anti money-laundering practice in the financial services sector. The work transcends national boundaries and focuses on educating and supporting compliance and anti money-laundering professionals globally. Activities include the provision of internationally recognized qualifications, and a member information exchange and training programmes. The ICA International Compliance Training (ICT) programme provides in-house training in multiple jurisdictions.

Type of Work: Training
HQ: Birmingham, United Kingdom
www.int-comp.org

International Federation of Accountants

The International Federation of Accountants is the global organization for the accountancy profession. It works with its 163 member organizations in 119 countries to protect the public interest by encouraging high quality practices by the world's accountants. IFAC members represent 2.5 million accountants employed in public practice, industry and commerce, government, and academia. Its central mission is to strengthen the worldwide accountancy profession and contribute to the development of strong international economies by establishing and promoting adherence to high-quality professional standards, furthering the international convergence of such standards and speaking out on public interest issues where the profession's expertise is most relevant.

Type of Work: Advocacy, research, networking
HQ: New York, United States
www.ifac.org

International Initiative on Corruption and Governance

The International Initiative on Corruption and Governance was set up in 2001. It is a people's response at the global level to the issue of corruption and governance. The Initiative runs a global campaign to mobilize people's movements in the South and partners in the North in a grassroots struggle against corruption and for genuine participatory democracy. The campaign advocates that national and international organizations express support for a concerted international grassroots campaign to unmask the global structures, systems, perpetrators and beneficiaries of global corruption. Its work focuses on consolidating a South perspective and joint action against corruption; integrating the issues related to global corruption and governance in different popular movements, campaigns, programmes and projects including those in each country; and engaging with existing anti-corruption drives at national and international levels.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy
HQ: Managua, Nicaragua, Johannesburg, South Africa and Manila, the Philippines
www.peoplesgovernance.org

International Institute for Public Ethics

The International Institute for Public Ethics (IIPE) is an international professional association for practitioners and scholars working in the field of public sector reform.

It promotes ethics research and public sector development projects; holds an expert symposium series, public conferences, specialist practitioner forums; and runs technology-based information-sharing programmes. IIPE provides advice in areas such as standards setting and codification, integrity and governance frameworks, and design and implementation of corruption-prevention and organization al strengthening programmes.

Type of Work: Research, technical assistance
HQ: Brisbane, Australia
www.iipe.org

International Institute of Administrative Sciences

The International Institute of Administrative Services (IIAS) was set up in 1930. It is an independent institute working to improve the operation of public administrative and management agencies at all levels. Accountability is a core value for the Institute, which believes that public administration should be effective, efficient and economical in its execution. It supports modern governance and public administration practices that acknowledge diversity and that are respectful of identity and serious belief, and reflect such balance. The Centre hosts conferences and publishes books and other material that promote its public administration agenda.

Type of Work: Research, advocacy, policy
HQ: Brussels, Belgium
www.iiasiisa.be

International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions

The International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions (INTOSAI) is the professional organization of supreme audit institutions (SAIs) in countries that belong to the United Nations or its specialized agencies. INTOSAI was founded in 1953 and has grown from the original 34 countries to a membership of over 170. As the internationally recognized leader in public sector auditing, INTOSAI issues international guidelines for financial management and other areas; develops related methodologies; provides training; and promotes the exchange of information among members. INTOSAI also provides opportunities to share information and experiences about the auditing and evaluation challenges in today's changing and increasingly interdependent world.

Type of Work: Policy, networking, training
HQ: Vienna, Austria
www.intosai.org

International Public Management Network

The International Public Management Network (IPMN) is a voluntary network and non-profit corporation. The intent of IPMN is to create and sustain a dialogue on emerging management concepts, methods and technology so that members can learn about innovation and change in public sector organizations throughout the world. To satisfy this mission, IPMN convenes its members in annual conferences and workshops and publishes selected papers presented at these events in a book series, in the International Public Management Journal and the

International Public Management Review. IPMN presently includes members representing over seventy different countries and has a goal of expanding membership to include representatives from as many nations as possible.

Type of Work: Research, advocacy
HQ: Willamette University (OR), United States
www.inpuma.net

International Records Management Trust

he International Records Management Trust (IRMT) is a UK-registered charity set up in 1989 to help develop new strategies for public sector records management. IRMT believes that there has been deterioration in the management of official records over the last decades, to the detriment of efficiency, effectiveness, accountability, the protection of human rights services to citizens, poverty reduction strategies and the rule of law. In light of this, the Trust works with local policy makers and records professionals to develop and introduce effective and sustainable legal and regulatory frameworks, policies, systems, procedures and facilities.

Type of Work: Technical assistance
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.irmt.org

Partnership for Transparency

Partnership For Transparency (PFT) is an international NGO dedicated to helping civil society play an effective role in the design, implementation and monitoring of national anti-corruption programmes. PFT started its operations in 2000. It believes that civil society can play such a role more effectively if it is independent from government or direct bilateral or multilateral funding. The organization funds micro-projects run by CSOs working to curb corruption in the developing world and Eastern Europe. These projects specifically aim to help CSOs to design, implement and monitor national anti-corruption programmes.

Type of Work: Funding, advocacy
HQ: Washington DC, United States
www.partnershipfortransparency.info

The Centre for Public Integrity

he Center for Public Integrity is a non-profit, non-partisan organization that conducts investigative research and reporting on public policy issues in the United States and around the world. Established in 1989, the Center aims to be an honest broker of information that seeks to inspire a better-informed citizenry to demand a higher level of accountability from its government and elected leaders. The Center's Global Integrity project provides country reports dealing with the state of public integrity and corruption. The reports are mainly written and reviewed by in-country experts, providing insights into national anti-corruption efforts.

Type of Work: Research, advocacy, policy
HQ: Washington DC, United States
www.publicintegrity.org

The Ombudsman Association

The Ombudsman Association (TOA) is the largest non-profit, international association of professional ombudspeople in the world, representing over 400 members in

the United States and from across the globe. The association supports organizational ombudspeople worldwide in corporations, universities, non-profit organizations, government entities and non-governmental organizations. In addition, the association works to advance the profession through strategic partnerships and communication with government agencies and other professional organizations as appropriate.

Type of Work: Networking
HQ: Hillsborough (NJ), United States
www.ombuds-toa.org

Tiri Network

The Tiri Network is a non-profit organization incorporated in 2003. Tiri and its partners seek to raise integrity standards in both public and private institutions, in the belief that such efforts will assist processes of sustainable development and the reduction of poverty. Its long-term goal is to help counter corruption by assisting in the building and remodelling of institutions and practices. It works with networks of professionals, activists, policy makers and constitutional office holders to improve governance in both public and private institutions and to increase learning for effective corruption control. Tiri emphasizes processes and strategies that promote just, responsive and open institutions that deliver just and honest government to all citizens.

Type of Work: Networking, policy
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.tiri.org

Transparency International

Transparency International (TI) is an international non-governmental organization established in 1993 to combat corruption. TI brings civil society, business, and governments together in a powerful global coalition. Through its International Secretariat and more than 85 independent national chapters around the world, it works at national and international levels to curb both the supply and demand sides of corruption. On the international arena, TI works to raise awareness about the damaging effects of corruption; advocates policy reform; monitors convention compliance by governments, corporations and banks; and works towards the implementation of multilateral conventions. At the national level, individual chapters work to increase levels of accountability and transparency; monitoring the performance of key institutions and pressing for necessary reforms in a non-party political manner. TI believes that access to information is a key tool in the fight against corruption, as reflected in its emphasis on research and publication.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, research, networking
HQ: Berlin, Germany
www.transparency.org and www.corisweb.org

UNICORN

UNICORN is a Global Unions Anti-corruption Network set up in 2001. Its mission is to mobilize workers to share information and coordinate action to combat international bribery. UNICORN collects empirical evidence on private sector bribery and publishes research on related policy issues. To combat international bribery, UNICORN

tracks incidences of bribery of multinational companies; maintains a database-generated web site on international bribery; supports the Trade Union Advisory Committee to the OECD in co-ordinating the trade union input to the OECD Anti-bribery Convention; supports the anti-corruption element of ECA-Watch, an international campaign aimed at raising the standards of Export Credit Agencies (ECAs); undertakes policy research on relevant issues including whistleblower protection and debarment in public procurement; and supports local and international trade unions in their anti-corruption activities. UNICORN is currently writing a Citizens Guide to the OECD Anti-bribery Convention.

Type of Work: Research, advocacy, policy
HQ: Cardiff, United Kingdom
www.againstcorruption.org

World Learning for International Development

As part of World Learning, an international NGO, World Learning for International Development (WLID) works to strengthen the participation of citizen groups in decision-making. WLID's Civil Society and Social Change programme includes initiatives on social accountability, anti-corruption, citizen oversight of public budgets and participatory monitoring and evaluation. WLID offers tailored training and technical assistance programmes for in-country partners. It facilitates direct dialogue with policy makers – both local and national – leading to the development of policies and actions that are acceptable to all stakeholders.

Type of Work: Training, technical assistance, policy HQ: Washington DC, United States
www.worldlearning.org/wlid

African Parliamentarians Network Against Corruption

African Parliamentarians Network Against Corruption (APNAC) was established in 1999. The Network aims to co-ordinate and strengthen the capacity of African parliamentarians to fight corruption and promote good governance. APNAC works to build the commitment of parliaments to exercise accountability; to undertake projects to control corruption; to sensitize and educate the population on the existence, threat and danger of corruption; to advocate for inclusion of corruption issues in government priority programs; to liaise with national and international organizations and institutions on all matters of corruption; and to develop links across Africa to encourage improvement of state capacity to deal with matters related to corruption.

Type of Work: Advocacy,policy, networking
HQ: Kampala, Uganda
www.parlcent.ca/africa/APNAC/index_e.php

Network of African Youth Against Corruption

The Network of African Youth Against Corruption (NAYAC) is a youth activists' network involved in the fight against corruption. NAYAC was founded in 2000 and works to promote effective leadership, transparency, accountability and integrity among youths and other individuals in civil society, government and business. NAYAC believes these features constitute the necessary conditions for the process of enhancing good governance and socio-economic development in Africa. Key programme areas include civic education, awareness raising and research activities.

Type of Work: Advocacy, networking, research, training
HQ: Lusaka, Zambia
www.nayacafrica.org

SADC Parliamentary Forum

The SADC Parliamentary Forum was launched in 1996. It is a regional organization that brings together 12 parliaments of the southern African region and represents 1,800 Members of Parliament. The forum is motivated by the fact that for many years, the peoples of the region have fought and struggled for democracy and human rights, against forces, institutions and socio-economic and political bodies that limited or completely deprived them of democracy, human rights, and civil liberties. Among the Forum's critical issues of concern is support to democracy in the region. Moreover, a key objective of the Forum is to develop into a regional parliamentary structure, for the purpose of strengthening the capacity of SADC (Southern African Development Community) by involving Parliamentarians of Member States. Activities include election monitoring, capacity building and the organization of workshops and conferences.

Type of Work: Networking, advocacy, policy, training, technical assistance
HQ: Windhoek, Namibia
www.sadcpf.org

Southern African Corruption Information Centre

The Southern African Corruption Information Centre is located within the Organised Crime and Corruption Programme at the Institute for Security Studies. The Centre is an initiative of the South African Anti-Corruption Diagnostics project, which focuses on policy recommendations, diagnostic survey work and various other applied policy research initiatives aimed at combating corruption in South and Southern Africa. The Centre provides policy makers, researchers, activists, academics, the media and public and private sector officials with access to material on corruption as well as strategies to combat graft and corruption.

Type of Work: Research, policy
HQ: Cape Town, South Africa
www.iss.co.za/corruption

Arab States region

Arab Center for the Rule of Law and Integrity

The Arab Center for the Rule of Law and Integrity (ACRLI) is a non-profit NGO. The core aims of ACRLI are to strengthen the rule of law; fight corruption; and build the foundations of fair, efficient and independent justice systems in the Arab world. ACRLI pools, builds and disseminates knowledge that aim to enhance capacities and good practice on governance. It supports projects that monitor and report on the state of the judiciary; enhance media and citizen participation in the Arab region; strengthen press freedom; reform libel, slander and defamation laws; and reform and promote the implementation of key laws, such as those related to money-laundering and corruption.

Type of Work: Advocacy,policy, training
HQ: Beirut, Lebanon
www.arabruleoflaw.org

Asia Pacific region

Association of Management Development Institutions in South Asia

The Association of Management Development Institutions in South Asia (AMDISA) was established in 1988. It is an association that networks management development centres across seven nations (Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka) and promotes partnership between business schools, business leaders and policy administrators for enhancing the quality and effectiveness of management education in the South Asia region. AMDISA also provides professional development opportunities for management faculty as well as institution building assistance to business schools and corporate management development centres.

Type of Work: Networking, technical assistance, research, training
HQ: Hyderabad, India, www.amdisa.org

Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism

The Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism (PCIJ) is an independent, non-profit media agency that specializes in investigative reporting. It was founded in 1989 by Filipino journalists who emphasized the need for newspapers and broadcast agencies to go beyond day-to-day reporting. PCIJ specializes in investigative reporting on issues such as corruption and public accountability. It organizes training seminars for journalists and provides trainers for news organizations in the Philippines and the broader Southeast Asian region.

Type of Work: Advocacy, research, training
HQ: Manila, the Philippines
www.pcij.org

Central and Eastern Europe region

European Ombudsman Institute

The European Ombudsman Institute was founded as a non-profit making scientific association in 1988. The purpose of the association is to encourage a scientific approach in addressing issues related to human rights, civil protection and the institution of the ombudsman; to conduct research in such areas; to promote and disseminate the ombudsman concept; to support Austrian and foreign ombudsman structures; and to cooperate with institutions advocating similar objectives. Most European ombudsmen are members of the association, alongside academics and others with a keen interest in the subject matter.

Type of Work: Research, networking
HQ: Innsbruck, Austria
http://members.tirol.com/eoi/uk/startseite_uk.htm

Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe

The Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe (NISPAcee) was established in 1994 as an independent, non-profit organization focused on the public administration challenges facing Central and Eastern European countries. Key activities of the Network include annual conferences; workshops and training programmes; publications; exchange programmes and development of public administration programmes; research; civil service forums; and information services and public relations.

Type of Work: Research, training, policy, technical assistance
HQ: Bratislava, Slovakia, www.nispa.sk

Statewatch

Statewatch was founded in 1991 as a non-profit, voluntary group that brings together lawyers, academics, journalists, researchers and community activists. The purpose of Statewatch is to provide a service for civil society that encourages informed discussion and debate on governance issues. Activities include the provision of news, features and analyses backed up by full-text documentation. It supports the publication of investigative journalism and critical research in Europe on issues that relate to the state, justice and home affairs, civil liberties, accountability and openness.

Type of Work: Research
HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.statewatch.org

The Tocqueville Research Center

The Tocqueville Research Center (T-RC) is a non-partisan institute specialising in comparative political analysis at the sub-national level. The Center was established in 2000 and focuses its activities on research on local democratic governance in Central and Eastern Europe. The T-RC's main project is the 'Indicators of Local Democratic Governance in CEE', which is funded by the Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative (LGI) and the Fiscal Decentralization Initiative. The project aims to help decision makers and researchers assess and explain the level of local democracy in the post-communist countries of Central and Eastern Europe. The Centre also serves as an information resource base on local democracy.

Type of Work: Research
HQ: Budapest, Hungary, www.t-rc.org

Latin America and Caribbean region

Acción Ciudadana

Acción Ciudadana is a local chapter of Transparency International. It is a leading organization on issues such as transparency, corruption and elections in Guatemala, seeking to promote greater citizen participation and transparency in the process of public decision-making. It is a high-profile organization in the LAC region as well as internationally and will be responsible for organising the International Conference on Transparency and Anti-corruption in 2006.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy, technical assistance
HQ: Guatemala City, Guatemala
www.quik.guate.com/acciongt

Americas' Accountability/ Anti-Corruption Project

Launched in 1989, the purpose of the Americas' Accountability/Anti-Corruption Project (AAA) is to increase public awareness about the effects of government corruption on society and foster transparency and accountability in the administration of public resources by governments in the Latin America and Caribbean region. AAA provides technical assistance and training to government officials across the region; disseminates information on good governance, transparency and accountability practices; and promotes civil society participation in the fight against corruption.

Type of Work: Advocacy policy, networking, training, technical assistance
HQ: Alexandria (VA), United States
www.respondanet.com

Corporación Latinoamericana para el Desarrollo

Corporación Latinoamericana para el Desarrollo/ the Latin American Corporation for the Development is a civil society, non-profit organization that seeks to foster legal and institutional change, strengthen democracy and work for justice. The organization was established in 1989 and is the national chapter of Transparency International in Ecuador. Its work is regional in scope, however, and focuses on justice, democracy, transparency and anti-corruption, and sustainable development.

Type of Work: Advocacy, policy
HQ: Quito, Ecuador
www.cld.org.ec

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This section contains short descriptions of 15 organizations that chiefly provide funding for programmes and projects related to democratic governance.

Alfred Mozer Stichting

The Alfred Mozer Stichting (AMS) is a foundation established by the Dutch Labour Party (PvdA) in 1990 as a means to make and maintain contacts in Central and Eastern Europe. The aim of AMS is to support the development of democracy through the training of (social) democratic political parties. It is a demand driven organization, sponsored by the MATRA programme of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Netherlands.

HQ: Amsterdam, the Netherlands
www.alfredmozerstichting.nl

Charles Stewart Mott Foundation

The Charles Stewart Mott Foundation was established in 1926. Through its Civil Society Programme, the Foundation provides grants to non-governmental organizations in Central and Eastern Europe, Russia and South Africa. It also provides funding through its Environment Programme to projects that seek to reform international finance and trade organizations. In addition, it funds organizations that are based in the United States but may be working in geographic areas or on issues of interest to the Foundation.

HQ: Flint (MI), United States
www.mott.org

Fondation Robert Schuman

Fondation Robert Schuman is a French foundation that seeks to support those who work for democracy, particularly in Central and Eastern Europe and the Balkans. Grounded in European-oriented political ideals, the foundation maintains a presence in every EU member state.

HQ: Paris, France
www.robert-schuman.org

Ford Foundation

The Ford Foundation is an independent organization established in 1936. Its goals are to strengthen democratic values; reduce poverty and injustice; promote international cooperation; and advance human achievement. The Foundation works mainly by making grants or loans available that build knowledge and strengthen organizations and networks. Within its broad goals, it focuses on a limited number of areas and develops programme strategies for asset building and community development; peace and social justice; and knowledge, creativity and freedom.

HQ: New York, United States
www.fordfound.org

Friedrich Ebert Stiftung

The Friedrich Ebert Stiftung is a German political foundation established in 1925. It is a private, non-profit institution that maintains its own representations in 70 countries of Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America. The goals of the foundation are to serve the following aims: furthering political and social education of individuals from all walks of life in the spirit of democracy and pluralism; facilitating access to university education and research; and contributing to international understanding and cooperation.

HQ: Berlin, Germany
www.fes.de

Friedrich Naumann Foundation

The Friedrich Naumann Foundation is an independent German political foundation, founded in 1958. It operates in roughly 60 countries, cooperating with numerous governmental and civil society organizations across the globe. The Foundation is committed to classic European liberalism and promotes the advancement of individual freedom. It seeks to strengthen democratic structures and reduce state interventionism. It advocates for decentralization, privatization, and the reduction of existing state regulations and bureaucratic red tape.

HQ: Washington DC, Unites States
www.fnstusa.org

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation

The Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation makes grants to support research projects, primarily in the sciences and social sciences, that promise to increase understanding of violence, aggression, and dominance and the problems these cause in the modern world.

HQ: New York, United States
www.hfg.org

Heinrich Böll Foundation

The Heinrich Böll Foundation is a German political non-profit foundation affiliated with the party of Alliance90/The Greens. Striving to promote democratic ideas, civil society and international understanding, the Foundation's work centers on the core political values of ecology, democracy, solidarity, gender equality and non-violence.

HQ: Washington DC, United States
www.boell.org

Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

The Konrad Adenauer Stiftung is a foundation tied to the German Christian Democrat movement. It was established in 1956 and supports organizations seeking to build democracy and democratic institutions around the world.

HQ: Bonn, Germany
www.kas.de

National Endowment for Democracy

The National Endowment for Democracy (NED) is a private, non-profit organization created in 1983 to strengthen democratic institutions around the world through non-governmental efforts. The Endowment is governed by an independent, non-partisan board of directors. With its annual congressional appropriation, it makes hundreds of grants each year to support

pro-democracy groups in Africa, Asia, Central and Eastern Europe, Latin America, the Middle East, and the former Soviet Union.

HQ: Washington DC, United States
www.ned.org

Rockefeller Foundation

The Rockefeller Foundation is a knowledge-based global foundation chartered in 1913 with a commitment to enrich and sustain the lives and livelihoods of poor and excluded people throughout the world. It supports projects that bring lasting improvements in the lives of poor people and that work with them to ensure that they are included among globalization's beneficiaries. It provides grants to help eradicate poverty and hunger, minimize the burden of disease, improve employment opportunities, increase the availability and quality of housing and schools, and stimulate creativity and cultural expression.

HQ: New York, United States
www.rockfound.org

Sasakawa Peace Foundation

The Sasakawa Peace Foundation was established in 1986. It aims to contribute to the welfare of humankind and the sound development of the international community, and thus to world peace. It supports activities that foster international understanding, exchange, and cooperation.

HQ: Tokyo, Japan
www.spf.org

The Eurasia Foundation

The Eurasia Foundation is a privately managed grant-making organization dedicated to funding programmes that build civil society and private enterprise in 12 countries of the former Soviet Union (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan).

HQ: Washington DC, United States
www.eurasia.org

The Open Society Institute

The Open Society Institute (OSI) is a privately operated and grant-making foundation established in 1993. It serves as the hub of the Soros foundations network, a group of autonomous foundations and organizations in more than 50 countries. OSI and its network implement a range of initiatives that aim to promote open societies by shaping government policy and supporting education, media, public health, and human and women's rights, as well as social, legal, and economic reform. It supports foundations in Central and Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. These were established, starting in 1984, to help former communist countries in their transition to democracy. The Soros foundations network has expanded its geographic reach to include foundations and initiatives in Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, Asia and the United States.

HQ: New York, United States
www.soros.org

Westminster Foundation for Democracy

The Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD) was established in March 1992. It provides assistance to build and strengthen pluralist democratic institutions overseas. It funds a wide range of organizations all over the world that aim to build pluralist democratic institutions, including political parties; parliaments or other representative institutions; human rights groups; independent media; women's organizations ; other political non-governmental organizations ; and trade unions. Funding is provided for projects on legal reform, election system development, media development and development of the various types of organizations listed above.

HQ: London, United Kingdom
www.wfd.org

Resources and further reading

This section includes links to resource websites, internet portals and documents relevant to CSOs and democratic governance.

ACE Project Links: http://www.aceproject.org/main/english/pi/pid.htm
Africa Governance Inventory Portal: http://www.unpan.org/agiportal/
Arab Social Science Research Database: http://www.assr.org/

Contemporary African Database: http://africadatabase.org/

DEMOS Research Gateway: http://www.demos.co.uk/knowledgebase/default.aspx?id=190
Development Gateway: http://home.developmentgateway.org/
Directory of Development Organizations: http://www.devdir.org/

ELDIS Gateway to Development Information: http://www.eldis.org/
Elections Around the World: http://www.electionworld.org/

Gender Responsive Budget Initiatives Web Links: http://www.gender-budgets.org/en/ev-66948-201-1-DO_TOPIC.html
Governance Resource Centre Exchange: http://www.grc-exchange.org/

Human Rights Information and Documentation Systems: http://www.hurisearch.org/

Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance Links:
http://www.idea.int/links/links.html
Internews Database for Independent Media: http://www.internews.org/Links-database/links-search.asp
Inter-Parliamentary Union Resource Links: http://www.ipu.org/english/otherweb.htm

National Endowment for Democracy Research Guide:
http://www.ned.org/research/demresources/orgs-intro.html
National Institute for Research Advancement Links: http://www.nira.go.jp/linke/tt-link/index.html

OneWorld NGO Directory: http://www.oneworld.net/section/partners/
Open Society Institute and Soros Foundations Network Resources:
http://www.soros.org/resources/links

Political Resources on the Net: http://www.politicalresources.net/
Portal on Southern Civil Societies – CHOIKE: http://www.choike.org/

Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law:
http://www.rwi.lu.se/misc/links.shtml

Social Science Information Gateway: http://www.sosig.ac.uk/
Space for Change in Africa – KABISSA: http://www.kabissa.org/

The International Budget Project - Related Web Resources: http://www.international-budget.org/resources/sites/index.htm

UNDP and Civil Society Organizations: A Practice Note on Engagement':
http://www.undp.org/cso/resource/policies/UNDPCSOPolicy.doc
UNDP 'Governance Indicators: A Users' Guide':
http://www.undp.org/oslocentre/docs04/UserGuide.pdf
UNDP 'Organizations Providing Legislative Development Assistance': http://content.undp.org/go/practices/governance/docs/file/download/?d_id=162783
UNDP Practice Notes: http://www.undp.org/policy/practicenotes.htm
UNDP Programme on Governance in the Arab Region: http://www.pogar.org/
UNDP 'Sources for Democratic Governance Indicators': http://www.undp.org/oslocentre/docs04/Indicator%20Sources.pdf
UNPAN Worldwide Directories: http://www.unpan.org/directory/worldwide.asp
Utstein Anti-Corruption Information Centre: http://www.u4.no/

CSOs included in the Guide

Acción Ciudadana www.quik.guate.com/acciongt (SL 2.7)
ActionAid International www.actionaid.org (SL 2.6)
Advocats Sans Frontières www.asf.be (SL 2.4)
Africa Leadership Forum www.africaleadership.org (SL 2.1)
African Association of Political Science www.aaps.org.za (SL 2.1)
African Centre for Democracy and Human Rights Studies www.acdhrs.org (SL 2.4)
African Parliamentarians Network Against Corruption
www.parlcent.ca/africa/APNAC/index_e.php (SL 2.7)
African Rural and Agricultural Credit Association www.afraca.org (SL 2.6)
Agencia Latinoamericana de Información www.alainet.org (SL 2.5)
Akina Mama wa Afrika www.akinamama.org (SL 2.3)
Alfred Mozer Stichting www.alfredmozerstichting.nl (funding)
American Bar Association www.abanet.org (SL 2.4)
Americas' Accountability/ Anti-Corruption Project www.respondanet.com (SL 2.7)
Amnesty International www.amnesty.org (SL 2.4)
Arab Center for International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Education
www.acihl.org (SL 2.4)
Arab Center for the Independence of the Judiciary and the Legal Profession
www.acijlp.org (SL 2.4)
Arab Center for the Rule of Law and Integrity www.arabruleoflaw.org (SL 2.7)
Arab Institute for Human Rights www.aihr.org.tn (SL 2.4)
Arab Inter-parliamentary Union www.arab-ipu.org (SL 2.2)
Arab Lawyers' Union Website N/A (SL 2.4)
Arab NGO Network for Development www.annd.org (SL 2.1)
Arab Press Freedom Watch www.apfw.org (SL 2.5)
Arab Towns Organization www.ato.net (SL 2.6)
Arab Urban Development Institute www.araburban.org (SL 2.6)
Arab Women Media Centre www.ayamm.org (SL 2.5)
Arias Foundation for Peace and Human Progress www.arias.or.cr (SL 2.1)
Article 19 www.article19.org (SL 2.5)
Asia Foundation www.asiafoundation.org (SL 2.1)
Asia Pacific Research Network www.aprnet.org (SL 2.1)
Asia-Pacific Civic Education Network http://apcen.edfac.usyd.edu.au/ (SL 2.3)
Asian Centre for Human Rights www.achrweb.org (SL 2.4)
Asian Coalition for Housing Rights www.achr.net (SL 2.6)
Asian Cultural Forum for Development http://ksc11.th.com/acfodbkk (SL 2.1)
Asian Forum for Human Rights and Development www.forumasia.org (SL 2.4)
Asian Human Rights Commission www.ahrchk.net (SL 2.4)
Asian Media Information and Communication Centre www.amic.org.sg (SL 2.5)
Asian Network for Free Elections www.anfrel.org (SL 2.3)
Asian Resource Center for Decentralization www.decentralization.ws (SL 2.6)
Association for Professional African Women in Communication Website N/A (SL 2.5)

Association for Progressive Communications www.apc.org (SL 2.5)
Association for Women's Rights in Development www.awid.org (SL 2.6)
Association of African Election Authorities www.ifes.org/afrassoc1 (SL 2.3)
Association of African Women for Research and Development www.afard.org (SL 2.1)
Association of Caribbean Electoral Organizations www.ifes.org/caribbean (SL 2.3)
Association of Central and Eastern European Election Officials www.aceeeo.org (SL 2.3)
Association of Management Development Institutions in South Asia www.amdisa.org (SL 2.7)

Balkan Human Rights Network www.balkan-rights.net (SL 2.4)
Baltic Media Centre www.bmc.dk (SL 2.5)
BBC World Service Trust www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/us/trust (SL 2.5)
Belgrade Centre for Human Rights www.bgcentar.org.yu (SL 2.4)
Bridge Asia Japan www.jca.apc.org/baj/english/intro-e.html (SL 2.6)
Building and Social Housing Foundation www.bshf.org (SL 2.6)

Canadian Hunger Foundation www.chf-partners.ca (SL 2.6)
Canadian Journalists for Free Expression www.cjfe.org (SL 2.5)
CARE International www.careinternational.org.uk (SL 2.6)
Caribbean Human Rights Network Website N/A (SL 2.4)
Caribbean Network for Integrated Rural Development www.cnird.org (SL 2.6)
Center for Alternative Development Initiatives www.cadi.ph (SL 2.6)
Center for Asia-Pacific Women in Politics www.capwip.org (SL 2.2)
Center for Electoral Promotion and Assistance
www.iidh.ed.cr/comunidades/RedElectoral (SL 2.3)
Center for Justice and International Law www.cejil.org (SL 2.4)
Center for Legislative Development www.cld.org (SL 2.2)
Center for the Administration of Justice http://caj.fiu.edu (SL 2.4)
Center on Budget and Policy Priorities www.internationalbudget.org (SL 2.2)
Central Asian and Southern Caucasian Freedom of Expression Network www.casc-fen.org (SL 2.5)
Centre for Conflict Resolution http://ccrweb.ccr.uct.ac.za (SL 2.1)
Centre for Democracy and Development www.cdd.org.uk (SL 2.1)
Centre for Development and the Environment www.sum.uio.no (SL 2.6)
Centre for International Legal Cooperation www.cilc.nl (SL 2.4)
Centre for Media Freedom in the Middle East and North Africa www.cmfmena.org (SL 2.5)
Centre for Policy Studies www.cps.org.za (SL 2.1)
Centre pour la Gouvernance Démocratique www.cgdbf.org (SL 2.2)
Centro Latinoamericano del Periodismo www.celap.net (SL 2.5)
Charles Stewart Mott Foundation www.mott.org (funding)
CIMERA www.cimera.org (SL 2.5)
Citynet www.citynet-ap.org (SL 2.6)
CIVICUS www.civicus.org (SL 2.1)

Civil Society International www.civilsoc.org (SL 2.1)
CIVITAS www.civitas.org.uk (SL 2.6)
CODESRIA www.codesria.org (SL 2.1)
Committee to Protect Journalists www.cpj.org (SL 2.5)
Commonwealth Association for Public Administration and Management www.capam.comnet.mt (SL 2.7)
Commonwealth Broadcasting Association www.cba.org.uk (SL 2.5)
Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative www.humanrightsinitiative.org (SL 2.4)
Commonwealth Lawyers Association www.commonwealthlawyers.com (SL 2.7)
Commonwealth Parliamentary Association www.cpahq.org (SL 2.2)
Commonwealth Press Union www.cpu.org.uk (SL 2.5)
Conciencia www.concienciadigital.com.ar (SL 2.3)
Consejo Latinoamericano de Ciencias Sociales www.clasco.org (SL 2.1)
Council for a Community of Democracies www.ccd21.org (SL 2.1)
Corporación Latinoamericana para el Desarrollo www.cld.org.ec (SL 2.7)
Council of Cities and Regions of Africa www.cce-africa.org (SL 2.6)
Council of European Municipalities and Regions www.ccre.org (SL 2.6)
Counterpart International www.counterpart.org (SL 2.6)

Democracy Coalition Project www.demcoalition.org (SL 2.1)
Derechos Human Rights www.derechos.org (SL 2.4)

East-West Parliamentary Practice Project www.ewppp.org (SL 2.2)
Electoral Institute of Southern Africa www.eisa.org.za (SL 2.3)
Environmental Development Action in the Third World www.enda.sn (SL 2.6)
Ethics Resource Centre www.ethics.org (SL 2.7)
European Anti Poverty Network www.eapn.org (SL 2.6)
European Forum for Democracy and Solidarity www.europeanforum.net (SL 2.1)
European Journalism Centre www.ejc.nl (SL 2.5)
European Network of Election Monitoring Organizations www.gong.hr/enemo (SL 2.3)
European Ombudsman Institute http://members.tirol.com/eoi/uk/startseite_uk.htm (SL 2.7)
European Stability Initiative www.esiweb.org (SL 2.1)
Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network www.euromedrights.net (SL 2.4)

Federación de Municipios del Istmo Centroamericano www.femica.org (SL 2.6)
Femmes Africa Solidarité (FAS) www.fasngo.org (SL 2.3)
Focus on the Global South www.focusweb.org (SL 2.6)
Fondation Robert Schuman www.robert-schuman.org (funding)
Ford Foundation www.fordfound.org (funding)
Forefront www.forefrontleaders.org (SL 2.4)
Foundation for Democracy in Africa www.democracy-africa.org (SL 2.1)
Foundation for Development Cooperation www.fdc.org.au (SL 2.6)

Foundation in Support of Local Democracy www.frdl.org.pl (SL 2.6)
Foundation Luis Eduardo Magalhães www.flem.org.br (SL 2.7)
Freedom House www.freedomhouse.org (SL 2.5)
Freedom of Information Advocates Network www.foiadvocates.net (SL 2.5)
Friedrich Ebert Stiftung www.fes.de (funding)
Friedrich Naumann Foundation www.fnstusa.org (funding)
Fundación Myrna Mack www.myrnamack.org.gt (SL 2.4)
Fundacion Pablo Iglesias www.fpabloiglesias.es (SL 2.1)

Gender Links www.genderlinks.org.za (SL 2.3)
Global Fund for Women www.globalfundforwomen.org (SL 2.4)
Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption www.parlcent.ca/gopac (SL 2.7)
Global Rights www.globalrights.org (SL 2.4)
Global Witness www.globalwitness.org (SL 2.7)
Goree Institute www.goreeinstitute.org (SL 2.1)

Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation www.hfg.org (funding)
Heinrich Böll Foundation www.boell.org (funding)
Hirondelle Foundation www.hirondelle.org (SL 2.5)
Homeless International www.homeless-international.org (SL 2.6)
Huairou Commission www.huairou.org (SL 2.6)
Human Rights Education Associates www.hrea.org (SL 2.4)
Human Rights First www.humanrightsfirst.org (SL 2.4)
Human Rights House Foundation www.humanrightshouse.org (SL 2.4)
Human Rights Watch www.hrw.org (SL 2.4)

INADES-Formation www.inadesfo.org (SL 2.6)
Independent Journalism Foundation www.ijf-cij.org (SL 2.5)
Index on Censorship www.indexonline.org (SL 2.5)
Inhured International www.inhured.org (SL 2.4)
Institute for Democracy in Eastern Europe www.idee.org (SL 2.1)
Institute for Democracy in South Africa www.idasa.org.za (SL 2.2)
Institute for Education in Democracy www.iedafrica.org (SL 2.3)
Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa www.africaninstitute.org (SL 2.4)
Institute for Liberty and Democracy www.ild.org.pe (SL 2.1)
Institute for Media, Policy and Civil Society www.impacs.org (SL 2.5)
Institute for Regional and International Studies www.iris-bg.org (SL 2.1)
Institute for Security Studies www.iss.co.za (SL 2.1)
Institute for Sustainable Communities www.iscvt.org (SL 2.6)
Institute for the Advancement of Journalism www.iaj.org.za (SL 2.5)
Institute for War and Peace Reporting www.iwpr.net (SL 2.5)
Institute on Governance www.iog.ca (SL 2.7)

Instituto para la Conectividad en las Américas www.icamericas.net (SL 2.5)
Inter American Press Association www.sipiapa.com (SL 2.5)
InterAfrica Group www.interafrica.org (SL 2.1)
InterAmerican Democracy Network www.redinter.org (SL 2.1)
Interights www.interights.org (SL 2.4)
Intermediate Technology Development Group www.itdg.org (SL 2.6)
International Alert www.international-alert.org (SL 2.4)
International Association of Prosecutors www.iap.nl.com (SL 2.7)
International Association of Schools and Institutes of Administration www.iiasiisa.be/schools/aeacc.htm (SL 2.7)
International Bar Association www.ibanet.org (SL 2.4)
International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation www.ibfd.nl (SL 2.7)
International Center for Sustainable Cities www.icsc.org (SL 2.6)
International Centre for Journalists www.icfj.org (SL 2.5)
International Centre for Human Rights and Democracy Development www.dd-rd.ca (SL 2.4)
International Centre for Not-for-Profit Law www.icnl.org (SL 2.4)
International Centre for Transitional Justice www.ictj.org (SL 2.4)
International Commission of Jurists www.icj.org (SL 2.4)
International Compliance Association www.int-comp.org (SL 2.7)
International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives www.iclei.org (SL 2.6)
International Council on Human Rights Policy www.ichrp.org (SL 2.4)
International Federation for Human Rights www.fidh.org (SL 2.4)
International Federation of Accountants www.ifac.org (SL 2.7)
International Federation of Journalists www.ifj.org (SL 2.5)
International Foundation for Election Systems www.ifes.org (SL 2.3)
International Freedom of Expression Exchange www.ifex.org (SL 2.5)
International Helsinki Federation for Human Rights www.ihf-hr.org (SL 2.4)
International IDEA www.idea.int (SL 2.3)
International Initiative on Corruption and Governance www.peoplesgovernance.org (SL 2.7)
International Institute for Communication and Development www.iicd.org (SL 2.5)
International Institute for Environment and Development www.iied.org (SL 2.6)
International Institute for Public Ethics www.iipe.org (SL 2.7)
International Institute of Administrative Sciences www.iiasiisa.be (SL 2.7)
International Institute of Communications www.iicom.org (SL 2.5)
International Land Coalition www.landcoalition.org (SL 2.6)
International Law Association www.ila-hq.org (SL 2.4)
International Media Institute www.i-m-s.dk (SL 2.5)
International Network on Urban Research and Action www.inura.org (SL 2.6)
International NGO Training and Research Centre www.intrac.org (SL 2.6)
International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions www.intosai.org (SL 2.7)
International Press Institute www.freemedia.at (SL 2.5)
International Public Management Network www.inpuma.net (SL 2.7)

International Records Management Trust www.irmt.org (SL 2.7)
International Reporter www.reporter.no (SL 2.5)
International Republican Institute www.iri.org (SL 2.1)
International Research & Exchanges Board www.irex.org (2.5)
International Senior Lawyers Project www.islp.org (SL 2.4)
International Telecommunications Union www.itu.org (2.5)
International Women's Democracy Center www.iwdc.org (SL 2.1)
International Women's Media Foundation www.iwmf.org (SL 2.5)
Internews www.internews.org (SL 2.5)
Inter-Parliamentary Union www.ipu.org (SL 2.2)
Isis-Women's International Cross-Cultural Exchange www.isis.or.ug (SL 2.4)

Konrad Adenauer Stiftung www.kas.de (funding)
Kurdish Human Rights Project www.khrp.org (SL 2.4)
Kvinna til Kvinna Foundation www.iktk.se (SL 2.4)

La Ligue Africaine de Droits de l'Homme et des Peuples Website N/A (SL 2.4)
La Salle Institute of Governance http://system.dlsu.edu.ph/research/lsig (SL 2.1)
Latin American and Caribbean Committee for the Defense of Women's Rights www.cladem.org (SL 2.4)
Latin American Association of Radio Education www.aler.org.ec (SL 2.5)
Latin American Centre for Development and Participative Communication www.cdesco.org (SL 2.5)
Law and Society Trust www.lawandsocietytrust.org (SL 2.4)
Lawyers for Human Rights www.lhr.org.za (SL 2.4)
Lawyers Without Borders www.lawyerswithoutborders.org (SL 2.4)
Lebanese Center for Policy Studies www.lcps-lebanon.org (SL 2.2)
Local Government Association for Latin America www.flacma.org (SL 2.6)
London School of Economics, Centre for Civil Society www.lse.ac.uk/collections/CCS (SL 2.1)

MADRE www.madre.org (SL 2.4)
Mazdoor Kisan Shakti Sangathan Website N/A (SL 2.5)
Media Development Loan Fund www.mdlf.org (SL 2.5)
Media Diversity Institute www.media-diversity.org (SL 2.5)
Media Foundation for West Africa www.mfwaonline.org (SL 2.5
Media Institute of Southern Africa www.misa.org (SL 2.5)
Mekong Region Law Center www.mekonglawcenter.org (SL 2.4)
Metropolis www.metropolis.org (SL 2.6)

National Democratic Institute for International Affairs www.ndi.org (SL 2.1)
National Endowment for Democracy www.ned.org (funding)
Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy www.nimd.org (SL 2.2)

Netherlands Institute for Southern Africa www.niza.nl (SL 2.5)
Network-Association of European Researchers on Urbanisation in the South www.forumhabitat.polito.it/n-aerus (SL 2.6)
Network for the Defence of Independent Media in Africa http://ndima.org (SL 2.5)
Network of African Youth Against Corruption www.nayacafrica.org (SL 2.7)
Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration in Central and Europe www.nispa.sk (SL 2.7)
Network of Women Parliamentarians of the Americas www.feminamericas.org (SL 2.2)

Open Society Justice Initiative www.justiceinitiative.org (SL 2.4)
Open Society Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative http://lgi.osi.hu (SL 2.1)
Organization for Social Science Research in Eastern and Southern Africa www.ossrea.net (SL 2.1)
OURMedia www.ourmedianet.org (SL 2.5)
OXFAM www.oxfam.org.uk (SL 2.6)

Pacific Media Watch www.pmw.c2o.org (SL 2.5)
Pan American Development Foundation www.padf.org (SL 2.6)
PANOS www.panos.org.uk (SL 2.5)
Parliamentarians for Global Action www.pgaction.org (SL 2.2)
Partners for Democratic Change www.partnersglobal.org (SL 2.1)
Partnership for Transparency www.partnershipfortransparency.info (SL 2.7)
PEN www.pen.org (SL 2.5)
Penal Reform International www.penalreform.org (SL 2.4)
People's Movement for Human Rights Education www.pdhre.org (SL 2.4)
Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism www.pcij.org (SL 2.7)
Physicians for Human Rights www.phrusa.org (SL 2.4)
Poder Ciudadano www.poderciudadano.org (SL 2.2)
Prague Institute for Global Urban Development www.pragueinstitute.org (SL 2.6)
Privacy International www.privacyinternational.org (SL 2.5)
Public Interest Law Initiative www.pili.org (SL 2.4)

Regional Foundation of Human Rights Advice www.derechos.org/inredh (SL 2.4)
Regional Human Security Centre www.id.gov.jo/human (SL 2.1)
Rencontre Africaine pour la Défense des Droits de l'Homme www.raddho.africa-web.org (SL 2.4)
Reporters Sans Frontiers www.rsf.org (SL 2.5)
Research Group on the Democratic, Economic and Social Development of Africa www.gerddes.org (SL 2.3)
Rockefeller Foundation www.rockfound.org (funding)

SADC Parliamentary Forum www.sadcpf.org (SL 2.7)
Sasakawa Peace Foundation www.spf.org (funding)
Search for Common Ground www.sfcg.org (SL 2.5)
Social Watch www.socialwatch.org (SL 2.6)
South Asia Forum for Human Rights www.safhr.org (SL 2.4)
South Asia Partnership International www.eureka.lk/sapint (SL 2.6)
South East Asian Press Association www.seapabkk.org (SL 2.5)
South East Europe Media Organization www.seemo.at (SL 2.5)
South East European Network for the Professionalization of the Media www.seenpm.org (SL 2.5)
Southern Africa Media and Gender Institute www.samgi.org.za (SL 2.5)
Southern African Corruption Information Centre www.iss.co.za/corruption (SL 2.7)
Southern African Legal Assistance Network www.salan.org (SL 2.4)
Southern African Research and Documentation Centre www.sardc.net (SL 2.3)
Statewatch www.statewatch.org (SL 2.7)
Swedish International Liberal Centre www.silc.se (SL 2.1)
Swedish NGO Foundation for Human Rights www.humanrights.se (SL 2.4)

The Advocacy Project www.advocacynet.org (SL 2.5)
The Arabic Network for Human Rights Information www.hrinfo.org (SL 2.4)
The Brennan Center for Justice www.brennancenter.org (SL 2.4)
The Carter Center www.cartercenter.org (SL 2.3)
The Centre for Public Integrity www.publicintegrity.org (SL 2.7)
The Commission for the Defense of Human Rights in Central America www.codehuca.or.cr (SL 2.4)
The Communications Initiative www.comminit.com (SL 2.5)
The Danish Institute for Human Rights www.humanrights.dk (SL 2.4)
The Eurasia Foundation www.eurasia.org (funding)
The International Network for Urban Development www.inta-aivn.org (SL 2.6)
The MacDougall Trust www.electoral-reform.org.uk/ers/mcd (SL 2.3)
The Ombudsman Association www.ombuds-toa.org (SL 2.7)
The Open Society Institute www.soros.org (funding)
The Parliamentary Center www.parlcent.ca (SL 2.2)
The Tocqueville Research Center www.t-rc.org (SL 2.7)
The World Movement for Democracy www.wmd.org (SL 2.1)
Tiri Network www.tiri.org (SL 2.7)
Transparency International www.transparency.org and www.corisweb.org (SL 2.7)
Trust for Civil Society in Central and Eastern Europe www.ceetrust.org (SL 2.6)

UNICORN www.againstcorruption.org (SL 2.7)
United Cities against Poverty www.vup-ucp.org (SL 2.6)
URBANET www.urbanet.info (SL 2.6)

VOICE International www.voiceinternational.org (SL 2.1)
Voices Media for Social Change www.voicesforall.org (SL 2.5)

Westminster Foundation for Democracy www.wfd.org (funding)
Women in Law and Development in Africa www.wildaf.org.zw (SL 2.4)
World Association of Community Radio Broadcasters www.amarc.org (SL 2.5)
World Association of Newspapers www.wan-press.org (SL 2.5)
World Conference of Religions for Peace www.wcrp.org (SL 2.1)
World Learning for International Development www.worldlearning.org/wlid (SL 2.7)
World Press Freedom Committee www.wpfc.org (SL 2.5)
World Secretariat of Cities and Local Government www.waclac.org (SL 2.6)
WSP International www.wsp-international.org (SL 2.1)

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