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HISTORY OF THE WORLD **MOVEMENT FOR DEMOCRACY**



Held in Sao Paulo, Brazil. the Second Global **Assembly** presents the first Democracy Courage **Tributes** awards—given to highlight some of the most courageous work being pursued in the name of democracy.

2000



As the World Movement for Democracy convenes for the **Third** Global Assembly in Durban, South Africa, the African Democracy Forum celebrates expanding its network across the continent with over 200 members.

2004

The World Movement launches a new project entitled "Defending Civil Society," to respond to the increasingly restrictive legal environments under which civil society organizations are working, particularly those focused on democracy and human rights.

2007

More than 150 World Movement for Democracy participants representing 86 organizations establish the Latin American and Caribbean Network for Democracy (REDLAD), as the ramifications of the 2008 Financial Crisis sweep through



"Solidarity Across Cultures: Working Together for Democracy," the **Sixth** Global Assembly in Jakarta, Indonesia addresses the struggle between authoritarians and democrats in every

region of the world.

2010

Under the theme of



As the World Movement convenes for the Seventh Global Assembly in Lima, Peru, the World Youth Movement for Democracy (WYMD) establishes the Hurford Youth Fellowship Program to elevate vouth perspectives in the democracy movement.

Additionally the World Movement launches the Civic Space Initiative to support civil society activists facing restrictions on freedoms and to help the public recognize the positive contribution civil society organizations make in their lives.

2012



Eighth Global Assembly in Seoul, South Korea, the Steering Committee of the World Movement for Democracy issues "A Call for Democratic

Renewal,"—a roadmap for the Movement's activities in the upcoming years. Building upon this statement's recommendations, the

World Movement addresses the increasingly hostile environment for democracy activists with the **Set Them Free** campaign, launched in May 2015, to build international solidarity for democrats imprisoned on politically motivated charges.

2015

Building on the 2015 "A Call For Democratic Renewal' statement, the World Movement convened a global series of discussions on issues of defending civic space, moving from civil society activism to governance, and integrating democratic values with

traditional values.

2017

1999

The World Movement for **Democracy** is launched. The inaugural Assembly narticipants sign a founding statement establishing the World Movement as a unique global forum for mutual support, exchange, and cooperation for democrats.

Sub-Saharan Africa

participants in the World

African Democracy Forum

Movement launch the

(ADF). The ADF is a platform for democracy movements throughout Africa to coordinate policy initiatives and advocacy for democratic reforms

2002

Young activists form the Network of Young Democracy Activistslater renamed the World Youth Movement for Democracy (WYMD)to develop sustainable democracy and human rights movements by empowering a younger generation in democracy

promotion activities.

2006



Under the theme "Advancing Democracy: Justice, Pluralism, and Participation," the Fourth Global Assembly in Istanbul, Turkey addresses democratic backsliding in countries like China, Venezuela, Egypt, Zimbabwe, and former Soviet states.

2008

the region.



The **Fifth Global** Assembly in Kviv. Ukraine fosters discussions on how to consolidate democratic progress by addressing critical needs, such as poverty and social inequality, under the theme "Making Democracy Work: From Principles to Performance."

2011

REDLAD successfully advocates for the passage of the Organization of American States (OAS) Resolution on Freedom of Association and Assembly to strengthen the right of citizens to assemble in the region.

Forum (ADF) launches a campaign advocating the ratification of the African Charter on Democracy, Elections, and Governancea first step to hold governments accountable on their promises of democratic and electoral reform.

The African Democracy

2013

Amidst successful movements for democratic change across Asia—including numerous grassroots campaigns for workers' rights and anti-corruption protests in India and China—the

Asia Democracy Network (ADN) officially launches in October 2013 with support from the World Movement.

2016

The World Movement debuts an interactive infographic on the "Right to Access Resources," which describes legal measures to limit the ability of organizations to exist freely. highlights international laws guaranteeing this right, and suggests strategies for activists to combat these oppressive measures.

The African Movement for Democracy (AMD) officially launches in Yaounde, Cameroon to encourage engagement between democrats across the continent and strengthen cooperation between civil society and political leaders.

2018



In an effort to enable emerging leaders from civil society, government and the private sector to incubate new ideas and respond to the public's needs collectively, the World Movement for Democracy launches an initiative with the **Ouagadougou**

Declaration to enhance collaboration amongst these three sectors.





