

HISTORY OF THE WORLD MOVEMENT FOR DEMOCRACY



The **World Movement for Democracy** is launched. The inaugural Assembly participants 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 Movement launch the **African Democracy Forum (ADF)**. The ADF is a platform for democracy movements throughout Africa to coordinate policy initiatives and advocacy for democratic reforms.



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.



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.



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.



The **Fifth Global Assembly in Kyiv, 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."



Under the theme of "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.



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 youth 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.



In preparation for the **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.



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.



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.

