The World Movement for Democracy is launched by over 400 democrats in New Delhi, India. In the keynote address, Nobel Laureate Amartya Sen of India reaffirms the universality of democracy: "The value of democracy includes its intrinsic importance in human life, its instrumental role in generating political incentives, and its constructive function in the formation of values."

Under the theme of "Solidarity Across Cultures: Working Together for Democracy," the Sixth Global Assembly in Jakarta, Indonesia highlights how democracy's universal principles can unite people of different religious, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds.

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

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

As the World Movement convenes for the Seventh Global Assembly in Lima, Peru, the World Youth Movement for Democracy (YWMD) establishes the Harford 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.

At the Fifth Global Assembly in Kyiv, Ukraine, Maria Kol of Kenya underscores that "[w]e must never forget that democracy is about people. It is about shifting power from leaders to the people themselves."

The African Democracy Forum (ADF) launches a campaign pressuring governments to ratify the African Charter on Democracy, Elections, and Governance—a first step to hold governments accountable on their promises of democratic and electoral reform.

As the World Movement convenes for the Eighth Global Assembly in Istanbul, Turkey, former Prime Minister of Canada Kim Campbell speaks out against authoritarian claims that democracy movements are trying to subvert governments: "We are simply trying to share what we know about how to translate the dream of democracy into the nuts and bolts of organizational and technical capacity that keeps that dream alive."