



**Parliamentary**  
Centre

*Better Governance, Stronger Societies*

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# Supporting Inclusive Democracy in Canada and Worldwide

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# Parliamentary Centre

- **Established 1968:**
  - Support research to Foreign Affairs Committee in House of Commons
- **Since 1993, global reach:**
  - Africa, the Americas, Asia, Europe and the Middle East
  - 120 legislatures across 70 countries
    - Experience-sharing, peer-to-peer, exchanges, consultations, trainings, developing tools
  - Healthy Legislatures are key to resolving challenges
    - Gender equality, inclusion, peace and security
    - Education, Health Care, Environment, Natural Resources
  - Research, partnerships and networks
    - Parliamentary development, anti-corruption, budget oversight
- **3 Nons**
  - Non-partisan, non-prescriptive, non-profit



# We work to support:

- **Democratic Institutions**
  - Legislatures
    - Accountability and inclusion
    - Legislative, budget, representation functions
    - Internal organization and structures, strategic planning, research
    - Relations with Executive, Citizens
  - Independent Institutions (Human Rights Commissions, Audit Offices, Ombudspersons)
    - Accountability, relations with legislatures
- **Democratic Actors**
  - Legislators, political parties, civil society, media
    - Skills development, peer-to-peer learning
    - Networking with neighbours and international community
- **Defending Democracy**
  - Networking, Advocacy, Research
  - Democratic norms and standards, research



# Strong Relations with Canadian Parliament and Members

- Collaborations with parliamentarians through:
  - Committees: Foreign Affairs, Status of Women
  - Friendship Groups
  - Multilateral Associations (Commonwealth, la francophonie, etc.)
  - Democracy Caucus
  - Parliamentarians for the Parliamentary Centre
  - Engaging current and former parliamentarians and staff
- Supporting **shared** goals
  - Universal human rights and democratic values
  - Rules-based international order
  - Better development outcomes through inclusive democratic institutions
  - Defending democracies



# Our Future

- Continued focus **on inclusive democratic institutions and actors**
  - Agents of change: women, youth, democratic activists, political parties, networks, use of technology
- **Thought leader** on democratic development and threats to democracy
- **Strategic partner** of Global Affairs Canada and other international development agencies



- **Strengthening engagements** with international democracy support organizations
- More inclusive democracies:
  - Better development outcomes
  - Decision making
  - More peaceful, prosperous societies



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