

Better Governance, Stronger Societies

## 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
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  - 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

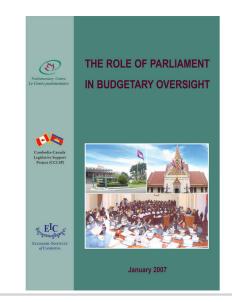
#### Democratic Actors

- 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

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- 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 <u>shared</u> goals
  - Universal human rights and democratic values
  - Rules-based international order
  - Better development outcomes through inclusive democratic institutions
  - Defending democracies



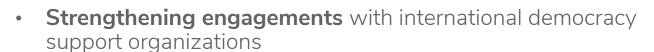
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### **Our Future**

- 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





- More inclusive democracies:
  - Better development outcomes
  - Decision making
  - More peaceful, prosperous societies







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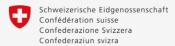












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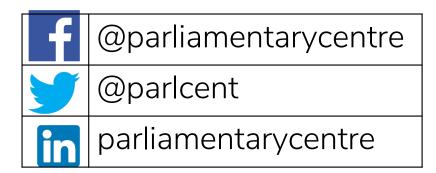
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