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ASIA DEMOCRACY NETWORK



***Defending and Promoting Democracy
Together!***

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Who We Are

- **Asia Democracy Network (ADN)** was born in Seoul in October 2013 as a civil society led international network composed of democracy and human rights advocates in Asia.
- ADN serves under the motto of "Asian Solidarity for Democracy for All" as a regional space for policy dialogue, action, and reflection on democracy-related issues among CSOs and other stakeholders.
- ADN is a member of the International Steering Committee (ISC) which is affiliated to the Community of Democracies (CD), an inter-governmental organization of democratic governments.

Vision

- ADN works to promote and advance democratization and democratic governance at all levels of society through effective solidarity and cooperation among civil society organizations and democracy advocates in Asia.

Mission

- ADN is committed to building a just, equitable, and sustainable community of democratic societies in Asia and making democracy more open, inclusive and deeper.

Goal

- ADN aims to build a stronger regional democracy network and movement engaged effectively in international solidarity and advocacy with governments, inter-governmental organizations, and other non-state actors and stakeholders in Asia and beyond.

2014-2015 Key Activities

- Since its inception, ADN has implemented several programs and initiatives to respond to emerging challenges to democracy in Asia.

Inter-regional dialogue on democracy advocacy at the ASEAN Civil Society Conference (ACSC) / ASEAN People's Forum (APF) in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia in April 2015



GALAA Training 2014- Bangkok, Thailand

Press Conference during the Joint Solidarity Visit to Cambodia in Phnom Penh, in October 2014



For more activities visit:
www.ADN21.asia

Asia Democracy Forum (ADF) in Seoul in Nov 2015 during the 8th Assembly of the World Movement for Democracy (WMD).

2016-2017 Priorities

- ADN works to strengthen and consolidate civil society contribution and participation through the promotion of inclusive democratic processes and governance in the Asian region in the context of the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.
- With the following priorities:
 1. *Civil society space and freedom of expression, association and assembly*
 2. *Democracy education*
 3. *Transparency and accountability of democratic institutions (parliament, judiciary, public Institutions, political Parties)*
 4. *Youth network and leadership*
 5. *Inclusive democracy : marginalized and most vulnerable populations*
 6. *Local democracy and governance*
 7. *Economic democracy : corporate accountability*

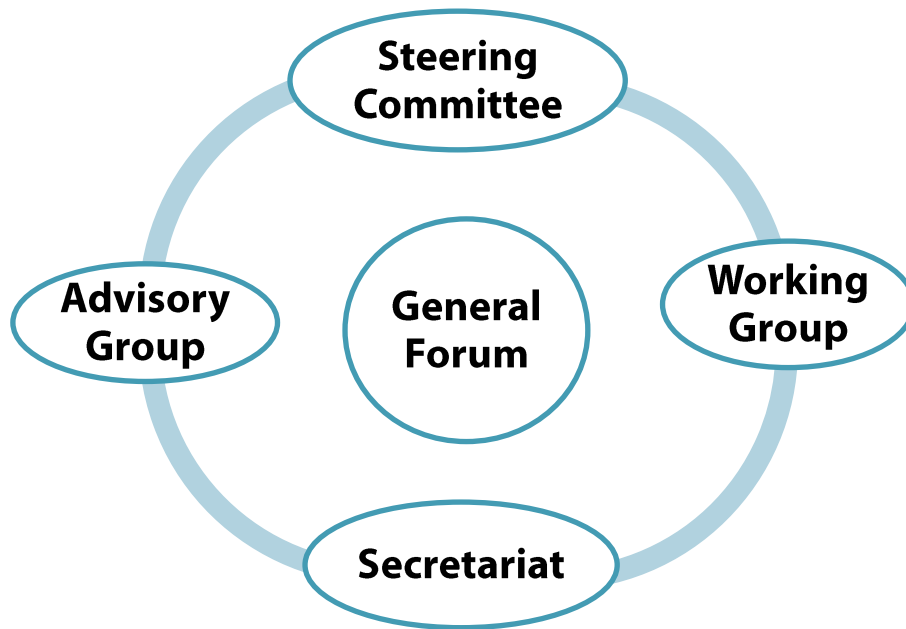


International Conference on Transitional Justice in Sri Lanka: Asian Perspectives in Colombo February 2016.



Network of Young Democratic Asians (NOYDA) Conference in Manila, The Philippines, April 2016

2016-2017 Governance Structure



ADN's governance structure is composed of the General Forum, Steering Committee, Advisory Group, Working Group, and the Secretariat.

- The **General Forum** takes place once a year to discuss the state of democracy pertaining to challenges and opportunities to democracy in Asia among all members and partners.
- The **Steering Committee (SC)** is the decision-making body of the ADN composed of the representatives of regional and sub-regional CSOs. It usually takes place twice a year.
- The **Working Group** is the main working mechanism to address thematic challenges related to democracy.
- The **Advisory Group** has the role of providing moral and political support to ADN.
- The **Secretariat** has the role of providing administrative support for the Steering Committee as well as ADN activities.

Steering Committee Members 2016-2017

- Asia Forum for Human Rights and Development (FORUM-ASIA)
- Asian Network for Free Elections (ANFREL)
- Asia Development Alliance (ADA)
- Global Partnership for the Prevention of Armed Conflict (GPPAC) Asia
- Migrant Forum in Asia (MFA)
- International NGO Forum on Indonesian Development (INFID)
- Participatory Research in Asia (PRIA) / Asia Democracy Research Network (ADRN)
- People's SAARC (PSAARC)
- Southeast Asia Committee for Advocacy (SEACA) / Solidarity for ASEAN People's Advocacy (SAPA)
- Mongolia Democracy Network (MDN) / Northeast Asia Democracy Forum (NEADF)

Co-Conveners

- Harsh Jaitli, ADA
- Tur-Od Lkhagvajav, MDN
- Evelyn Balais-Serrano, FORUM-ASIA

Advisers

- Nimalka Fernando, President, International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism (IMADR), Sri Lanka
- Michael Kau, Senior Fellow, Taiwan Foundation for Democracy (TFD)
- Suhil Pyakurel, Chair, Alliance for Social Dialogue (ASD), Nepal
- Jose "Chito" Gascon, Chair, Commission on Human Rights (CHR), The Philippines

Secretariat

- Anselmo Lee, Secretary General
- Soo Yon Suh, Coordinator

