

Accountable Governance

Governing institutions are effective, transparent, and responsive to the public.

Trusted institutions that reinforce accountability, enable responsive government, and deliver people-centered justice are critical to protect democracies from their greatest threats. IFES promotes good governance and the rule of law.

- ✓ Cultivating partnerships with anti-corruption agencies, political finance oversight bodies, and other institutions to build effective local systems, hold public officials and other political actors to account, and address illicit financial flows and malign foreign interference.
- ✓ Bolstering the independence and capacity of judiciaries as they respond to evolving threats to the electoral process.
- ✓ Fostering local government systems and processes that are inclusive and consultative and deliver for their communities.
- ✓ Collaborating with civil society and the media to shift norms and incentives that perpetuate public corruption, bring sunlight to political finance, and counter the abuse of state resources.

EXAMPLES

Anti-corruption Resources:

IFES's Guardrails for Democracy guidelines lay out the safeguards independent governmental institutions need to take to protect democratic functions and counteract authoritarianism. Balancing autonomy and accountability, this framework outlines best practices for preventing corruption, maintaining judicial independence, and mitigating partisan interference. Vote for Free, IFES's guide for comprehensive strategies to keep elections free from the influence of illicit or unregulated funds, teaches organizations how to monitor political spending.



Guardrails for
Democracy

Regional Electoral Jurisprudence Networks:

IFES created three professional networks of judges to promote peer exchanges, while fostering a space where judges support each other through shared experiences and challenges. This initiative aims to provide social support to judges across Africa, Asia-Pacific, and eastern Europe.

In providing support to judges, IFES designed ElectionJudgments.org, a dedicated database that compiles national election-related court judgments from around the world. This unparalleled resource showcases how legal frameworks are applied across diverse jurisdictions to address common electoral challenges like fraud, disenfranchisement, and campaign



ElectionJudgments.org

Anti-corruption work in Ukraine:

IFES works closely with the National Agency on Corruption Prevention, state institutions, civil society, and Ukrainian media to advance political integrity by strengthening political finance reform. IFES contributed to the development of landmark legal reforms that strengthened the regulation of political parties' and candidates' financial activities both during and between election periods. IFES also supported the development and modernization of electronic reporting systems for political parties, bolstering political party accountability, increasing transparency, and improving state oversight.



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OVER THE
LAST FIVE
YEARS:



3 regional
networks of judges



representing judges
from **40** countries



3,000 community
activists reached