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IFES Democracy-themed Photography Contest is Now Taking Submissions

The deadline for entry is March 8, 2010

WASHINGTON—The International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) is now accepting submissions for its democracy-themed 2010 photography contest. The deadline for entry is March 8, 2010 at 1:00 PM Eastern Standard Time.

The contest is open to both amateur and professional photographers. IFES encourages images of individuals supporting or participating in the electoral process, or photographs of efforts that demonstrate the value of institutions of democratic governance and citizen engagement.

One of last year's selected finalists, for example, featured a 78-year old woman emerging from a voting booth after casting her vote for the first time in her life in Phuntsholing, Bhutan; another featured the focused look of a woman participating in a rally for French presidential candidate Ségolène Royale.

There are two categories in this year's competition. The first is open to the public; the second is restricted to current IFES employees. One winner and as many as ten finalists will be named for each category. The winner of each category will receive \$400 (USD).

Our goal running this contest is to profile the many ways individuals can demonstrate a sense of civic responsibility and call to action.

Winning photographs and selected finalists will be published in the April issue of IFES' EXPRESS newsletter, online at www.ifes.org and on exhibit at IFES' Washington, DC headquarters. The photos entered are often used in IFES corporate outreach materials, annual reports, and online news stories and publications—all of which are distributed to thousands in the democracy development community.

More details and images from last year's winners and finalists are available online at <http://www.ifes.org/photocontest.html>.

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