



IFES supports citizens' right to participate in free and fair elections. Our independent expertise strengthens electoral systems and builds local capacity to promote sustainable democracy.

IFES 2018 Democracy Awards Dinner

Overview

The International Foundation for Electoral Systems' (IFES) Charles T. Manatt Democracy Award recognizes the exceptional work of individuals who demonstrate unwavering commitment to freedom and democracy. IFES presents the Democracy Award annually to three individuals: a Republican, a Democrat and a member of the international community.

The recipients of the Democracy Award embody the character and spirit of former U.S. Ambassador and IFES Board of Directors chairman Charles T. Manatt. Manatt served as Chairman of IFES' Board of Directors from 1993 to 1999 and was a distinct leader, dedicated to spreading democracy around the world and nurturing the next generation of political leaders.

The three Charles T. Manatt Democracy Awards are presented in a single ceremony each year. This year, IFES will honor former President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia, United States Agency for International Development Administrator Mark Green (R), and Senator Christopher Coons (D-Del.). Recipients receive the award at IFES' annual dinner, typically held around the International Day of Democracy, September 15. The 2018 Democracy Awards dinner will be held on Monday, September 24, at the Four Seasons Hotel in Washington, D.C.

For more information, visit www.ifes.org/DemocracyAwards.

Award Criteria

The selection is based on several criteria, including:

- **Impact on the field of democracy** – Recipient's personal and professional achievements have had a demonstrable and positive impact on the field of democracy.
- **Focus on the next generation of leaders** – Recipient's commitment to nurturing and empowering the next generation of pro-democracy or civil society leaders.
- **Sustained dedication** – Recipient's sustained achievements in terms of longevity, legacy, and impact.
- **Social change / progress** – Recipient's work has improved social environments, public attitudes, structures or policies.
- **Inspirational leadership** – Recipient's leadership skills have touched and inspired others to join the democracy movement.
- **Alignment with IFES' mission** – Recipient works/has worked in a country or countries where IFES has/had a presence or with partner organizations that share a commitment to democratic values.
- **Diversity and inclusion** – Recipient represents an underserved group and/or has worked to increase access of underrepresented populations to the political process.

Reserve Your Place

We invite you to participate in one of the following ways:

- Table Reservation, \$5,000 (10 tickets)
- Individual Reservation, \$500 (1 ticket)



Former President Ellen Johnson Sirleaf of Liberia



USAID Administrator Mark Green (R)



Senator Christopher Coons (D-Del.)

Past Recipients, International

- His Excellency Luis Almagro, Secretary General of the Organization of American States, Uruguay
- Nay Lin Soe, disability rights advocate, Myanmar
- Professor Attahiru Jega, former Chairman of the Independent National Electoral Commission, Nigeria
- Maria Corina Machado, opposition leader, Venezuela
- Dr. Leonardo Valdes Zurita, former President of the Federal Electoral Institute, Mexico
- Maimuna Mwidau, gender advocate, Kenya
- Johann Kriegler, judge, South Africa
- His Excellency Ziad Baroud, former Minister of Interior and Municipalities, Lebanon

Past Recipients, United States

- The Honorable David Price, U.S. Representative, (D-North Carolina)
- Judy Black, former Vice Chair of the IFES Board of Directors, (R)
- The Honorable Sheila Jackson Lee, U.S. Representative, (D-Texas)
- The Honorable John Barrasso, U.S. Senator, (R-Wyoming)
- The Honorable Nancy Pelosi, U.S. Representative, (D-California)
- The Honorable Ed Royce, U.S. Representative, (R-California)
- The Honorable Steny Hoyer, U.S. Representative, (D-Maryland)
- The Honorable Jerry Moran, U.S. Senator, (R-Kansas)
- The Honorable Richard Durbin, U.S. Senator, (D-Illinois)
- The Honorable Kay Granger, U.S. Representative, (R-Texas)
- The Honorable Nita Lowey, U.S. Representative, (D-New York)
- The Honorable David Dreier, U.S. Representative, (R-California)
- The Honorable Patrick Leahy, U.S. Senator, (D-Vermont)
- The Honorable Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, U.S. Representative, (R-Florida)
- The Honorable David Obey, U.S. Representative, (D-Wisconsin)
- The Honorable M. Peter McPherson, former USAID Administrator, (R)
- The Honorable Lee H. Hamilton, U.S. Representative, (D-Indiana)
- The Honorable Richard G. Lugar, U.S. Senator, (R-Indiana)
- The Honorable Tom Lantos, U.S. Representative, (D-California)
- The Honorable James Inhofe, U.S. Senator, (R-Oklahoma)

IFES Innovation Fund

The proceeds from the event will benefit the IFES Innovation Fund, an endowment that supports original projects that address pressing issues in democratic development today. IFES awards funds to outstanding proposals from staff that support local programs focused on promoting gender equality, adequate use of technology, electoral security, human rights and inclusion of persons with disabilities.

About IFES

IFES supports citizens' rights to participate in free and fair elections. Since 1987, IFES has worked in over 145 countries – from developing democracies, to mature democracies. Our independent expertise strengthens electoral systems and builds local capacity to deliver sustainable solutions.

As the global leader in democracy promotion, IFES advances good governance and democratic rights by providing technical assistance to election officials, empowering the underrepresented to participate in the political process and applying field-based research to improve the electoral cycle.