

Having trouble viewing this email? [View it in your web browser](#)



International Foundation
for Electoral Systems

ANTI-CORRUPTION WORK GROWS AS CORRUPTIVE FORCES BECOME MORE COMPLEX

Anti-corruption work is becoming more complicated, more global, and more difficult to track. But in the same vein, the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) is committed now more than ever to the work, especially as new technologies and actors continue to open new avenues for corruption in elections.

We were proud to serve as both a leader and listener at the International Anti-Corruption Conference (IACC) earlier this month. The corrupting influence of money in the political process and the abuse of state resources become more prominent every day, which is why IFES continues to be on the leading edge of anti-corruption work.

"The growth of this community shows just how prominent the issue of electoral and political corruption has become," IFES Vice President of Programs Katherine Ellena says.

IFES Senior Political Finance Adviser Dr. Magnus Öhman, led a community practice meeting on political finance with more than 17 other groups represented.

"It gave experts and activists from around the world the opportunity to share ideas on combatting corruption and illicit financial flows, identifying challenges and solutions in fighting for increased compliance and transparency," Öhman says.

In the past weeks, the world has been reminded of the role dark money plays in politics as the indictment of FTX founder Sam Bankman-Fried brought to light his [secret donations](#) to political candidates and campaigns.

Earlier this year, IFES' Katherine Ellena and Erica Shein warned about the threat of cryptocurrency to

THE IFES VOICE

ANTI-CORRUPTION RESOURCES

- [Guardrails for Democracy](#), a guide to strengthen independent institutions
- [Vote for Free](#): A Global Guide for Citizen Monitoring of Campaign Finance
- [Democracy and the Crisis of Trust](#), published by the Journal of Democracy
- **In case you missed it:** Dr. Magnus Öhman appeared on [TRACE International's podcast "Bribe, Swindle or Steal"](#) to discuss his recent publication [Vote for Free](#).

campaign finance in a [Foreign Policy piece](#).

“What constitutes ‘illicit’ transactions in this sphere is largely undefined, however, and the alacrity and sophistication of malign actors is likely to vastly outpace the ability of democratic actors to respond to them,” they wrote.

HOW YOUTH IS MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN NORTH MACEDONIA

Martina Jachevska’s hometown never had a space where young people could gather to share ideas and collaborate on projects. With the support of an IFES-sponsored project, she succeeded in lobbying her local government to greenlight the establishment of a youth center.

“We must initiate the change ourselves, and as young people, we have an obligation to be active and fight to achieve common goals that provide for a better life in our municipalities.”

[Read more of Martina’s story here.](#)

IFES RECOGNIZED FOR WORK ON INCLUSION AND DISABILITY RIGHTS

IFES received international recognition as a recipient of an Innovative Practice Award from the Zero Project, specifically for our leadership training for young persons with disabilities, Engaging a New Generation for Accessible Governance and Elections (ENGAGE).

Additional congratulations to two IFES partners for the same recognition: the Disability Inclusive Elections Sri Lanka Technical Working Group and the Central Election Commission of Ukraine.

[Read more about the awards and organizations’ work here.](#)

IFES ELECTION SNAPSHOTS NOV - DEC



Election Snapshot:
Nepal



Election Snapshot:
Kazakhstan



Election Snapshot: Fiji





Election Snapshot:
Tunisia

***The Voice** is a monthly newsletter from the International Foundation for Electoral Systems that keeps you informed about elections worldwide and how IFES is advancing democracy for a better future. Get this newsletter sent directly to your inbox by subscribing [here](#).*

To stay up to date with the latest news and blog posts from IFES, visit [ifes.org](#). To keep track of upcoming elections, visit IFES' [electionguide.org](#).

JOIN THE CONVERSATION



[Unsubscribe](#) or [Manage Your Preferences](#)