



# The IFES Democracy Awards 2021

## ABOUT THE IFES DEMOCRACY AWARDS 2021

The International Foundation for Electoral Systems' (IFES) Democracy Awards honor inspirational leaders with an unwavering commitment to **building democracies that deliver for all**. Each ceremony, IFES presents the Democracy Award to three individuals: a Democrat, a Republican and a member of the international community.

The IFES Democracy Awards recognize those who embody the IFES vision of **democracy for a better future**, which we advance through innovative programming to:

- Cultivate peaceful elections through [community-based election violence monitoring](#)
- Combat corruption by [turning analysis](#) into action and enhancing [transparency in political finance](#)
- Empower youth, women, and people with disabilities to lead an [accessible, intersectional pandemic response](#)
- Illuminate the [gender dimensions of disinformation](#) in the cybersphere

“The work of building and sustaining democracies requires persistence and it requires cooperation. Since its founding over 30 years ago, IFES has brought both of these attributes to the fight for freedom.”

– 2019 Democracy Awardee Madeleine K. Albright

The IFES Democracy Awards 2021 will be held on Tuesday, October 26, in Washington, D.C. This premier event will include members of Congress, the Biden Administration and other leaders, experts and advocates for democracy, human rights and governance. It will include a reception, dinner and awards ceremony.

## Recent Democracy Award Recipients

Speaker of the House  
Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.)

U.S. Secretary of State  
Madeleine K. Albright

President of Liberia Ellen  
Johnson Sirleaf

Swedish Minister for  
Foreign Affairs Margot  
Wallström

U.S. National Security  
Advisor Stephen J. Hadley

Senator Chris Coons  
(D-Del.)

Ambassador Mark Green

Congressman Ed Royce  
(R-Calif.)

Secretary General of the  
Organization of American  
States Luis Almagro

[You may find the complete list of past awardees here.](#)

# About IFES

## VISION

**Democracy for a better future.**

## MISSION

**Together we build democracies that deliver for all.**

IFES advances democracy for a better future. We collaborate with civil society, public institutions and the private sector to build resilient democracies that deliver for everyone. As a global leader in the promotion and protection of democracy, our technical assistance and applied research develops trusted electoral bodies capable of conducting credible elections; effective and accountable governing institutions; civic and political processes in which all people can safely and equally participate; and innovative ways in which technology and data can positively serve elections and democracy. Since 1987, IFES has worked in more than 145 countries, from developing to mature democracies. Today IFES is working in over 45 countries in all regions of the world. IFES is a global, nonpartisan, nonprofit organization based in Arlington, Virginia, USA.

“I am grateful to receive this Democracy Award from IFES, an organization that helps to build...hope and fight the doomsday feeling with a policy for faith in the future.” -2019 Democracy Awardee Margot Wallström

## STRATEGIC OUTCOMES



**Trusted electoral institutions deliver credible elections.**



**Effective governing institutions are accountable to the people they serve.**



**All people safely participate in civic and political life on an equal basis.**



**Technology, information and data positively serve elections and democracy.**