



# IFES Charles T. Manatt Democracy Awards & 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration

## ABOUT THE IFES CHARLES T. MANATT DEMOCRACY AWARDS

The International Foundation for Electoral Systems' (IFES) Democracy Awards honors the unwavering commitment to democracy of former IFES Board of Directors Chairman Charles T. Manatt. Each ceremony elevates leaders who embody IFES' vision and mission, which we advance through innovative programming to:

- [Restore trust in democracy](#), particularly after [contentious elections](#) and [conflict](#)
- Leverage [IFES expertise](#) on [money in politics](#) and [electoral justice](#) to [advance local partner efforts](#) to combat corruption
- Empower women to safe political participation – from peer-to-peer outreach [to rural, illiterate Tunisian women](#), to [preventing violence against women online](#)
- Protect election results by [repelling cyberattacks](#) and [countering disinformation](#)

The IFES Democracy Awards 2022 will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 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.

“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

## ABOUT IFES' 35TH ANNIVERSARY

IFES is celebrating our 35th anniversary in 2022. Throughout the year, IFES will reflect on the voices and moments that have shaped us. For more information, please contact IFES Vice President for Global Growth and Outreach Catherine Barnes ([cbarnes@ifes.org](mailto:cbarnes@ifes.org)).

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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 resilient 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, including Northern Triangle countries where we are expanding efforts to advance inclusive democracy and combat corruption. IFES is a global, nonpartisan nonprofit organization based in Arlington, Virginia, and registered as a 501(c)(3).

“ 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 stakeholders 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.



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