





H.E. Luis Almagro

**Secretary General of the Organization
of American States, Uruguay**

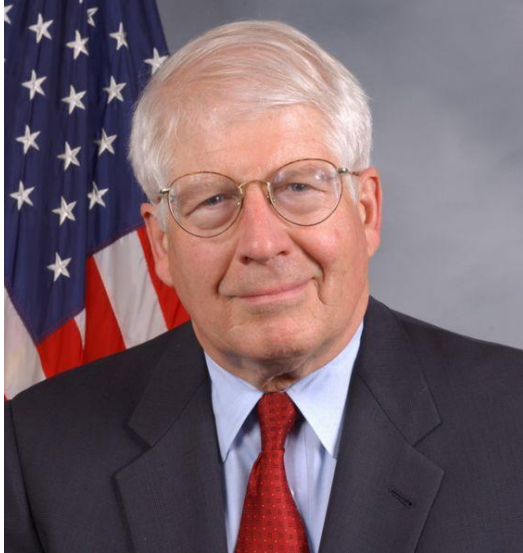
“Elections are the heart of the democratic process. Their free, fair and transparent execution is a key symbol of the health of a democracy. Everyone, especially dictators, love elections when they win. The real test of a democracy is how leaders respond when they lose. The peaceful transition of governments is a hallmark of the democratic process.”



Judy Black

**(R) - Former Vice Chair of the
IFES Board of Directors**

“I have witnessed these passionate advocates as they work in emerging democracies, ensuring electoral integrity, accountability, participation and inclusion.”



Hon. David Price (D) - North Carolina

“Democratic backsliding is a threat not just in faraway places but right here at home. The House Democracy Partnership’s unofficial motto is that while free and fair elections are essential, what happens in between elections—the slow, uneven development and careful stewardship of the norms, traditions, and institutions that are the real lifeblood of democracy—is just as important, perhaps more so.”



Nay Lin Soe

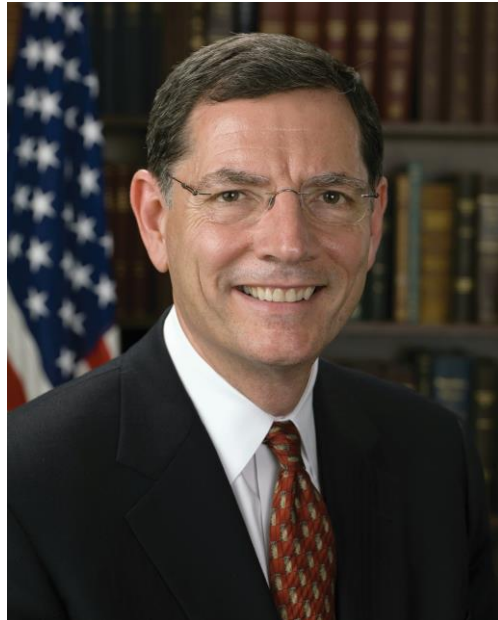
Disability Rights Advocate, Myanmar

“I would like to ask the world to see our ‘abilities,’ not our ‘disabilities.’ We are not just the beneficiaries or dependents of the community but also contributors and productive human resources for our society. Let us try to work together to maintain disability issues in all areas including political and electoral sectors.”



| Hon. Sheila Jackson (D) - Texas

“As a vigorous supporter of freedom, democracy, and equality, I hold in high regard IFES’ international work to promote fair and inclusive electoral processes. I particularly appreciate our shared vision of empowering women and girls across the globe.”



Hon. John Barrasso (R) - Wyoming

“Empowering people to take part in the political process is a critical part of any successful democracy. Helping people participate in free and fair elections is crucial to promoting democracy across the globe.”



Professor Attahiru Jega

Former Chairman of the Independent Electoral Commission, Nigeria

“The 2015 general elections were a historic and important moment for democracy to truly flourish, credible elections must result in improved democratic governance and socio-economic development. That is the hope of so many Nigerians.”



| Hon. Nancy Pelosi (D) - California

“Chuck Manatt always taught us to respect people for what they could do and not judge them for what they could not do. And what they could not [do was] vote, and that was our challenge.”



Hon. Ed Royce (R) - California

“IFES is an organization I have long admired, having become acquainted with it during the presidential election observation mission to Nigeria I led in 1999. The work IFES does is critical to advancing transparency and accountable governance, and creating more pluralistic and participatory societies worldwide.”



| Maria Corina Machado **Opposition Leader, Venezuela**

“We thank IFES for this recognition, which is a vote of confidence for the immense power of organized Venezuelan citizens to shape the future of their nation through the democratic expression of their will.”



| Hon. Steny Hoyer (D) - Maryland

“IFES continues to play an important role promoting democracy and human rights around the world. As people across the world take risks to shed the light of democracy into the darkest corners of oppressive regimes, they must know that the Congress of the United States stands in solidarity with them as they struggle to win a voice for the voiceless and turn hope into action.”



| Hon. Jerry Moran (R) - Kansas

“As Americans, we cherish the right to vote and live in a society where personal rights are constitutionally protected. At a time when the number of free and democratic countries is contracting rather than expanding, efforts by organizations like IFES are more important than ever. I will continue working to promote essential human rights and liberty around the globe, and I am honored to receive this award.”



Dr. Leonardo Valdés Zurita
**Former President of the Federal
Electoral Institute, Mexico**

“ It is an honor to receive this award. I treasure it as the result of the fruitful two-decade collaboration between IFE and IFES, an institution that stands out for its tireless work supporting the promotion of democracy worldwide.”



Hon. Richard J. Durbin **(D) - Illinois**

“When I think about my travels over my years in Congress, they have often been to countries struggling to build credible and democratic political systems and institutions – countries such as Haiti, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Georgia. In so many of these countries, organizations such as IFES are on the front lines playing long-term, committed roles in helping realize these important aspirations.”



| Hon. Kay Grandner (R) - Texas

“Democracy is the foundation of peace and prosperity, as it holds governments accountable and requires that they respect basic freedoms, individual rights, and the rule of law. I believe it is a moral obligation that we empower people around the globe to participate in the political process.”



| Maimuna Mwidau **Gender Advocate, Kenya**

“The women of Kenya, irrespective of our political affiliations, religion or ethnic background, have been able to enhance the participation of women through the new constitution. The IFES Democracy Award is a recognition of the women who have struggled to create a space for themselves in leadership positions in Kenya.”



| Hon. David Dreier (R) - California

“ I look forward to continuing to work with [IFES] in our quest to ensure that peaceful, stable and prosperous democracies have the opportunity to flourish throughout the globe.”



| Hon. Nita Lowey (D) – New York

“ We must ensure that women, youth, persons with disabilities and other marginalized groups are not ignored as we forge ahead on the path toward sustainable democracy worldwide.”



Johann Kriegler

Constitutional Court Judge, South Africa

“ The Manatt Award is obviously a huge honor, not least because it comes from people who know how tough the work we do in the field can be. I like to think that at the same time it recognizes the role of the countless brave men and women who push the boundaries of democracy in the remotest corners of the world.”



| Hon. Patrick Leahy (D) - Vermont

“ Chuck’s commitment to democratic principles, his leadership at NED, NDI and IFES, and his work as an ambassador, these are reflections of people. No matter whether they are Republicans or Democrats, they actually care about our country. They care about our values, they care about what makes America great, and not bumper sticker slogans, but the real hard work of bringing people in a country of 325 million people together for the betterment of humanity. We’ve got to go back to those kinds of days.”

2011



| Hon. Ileana Ros-Lehtinen
| (R) - Florida



Hon. M. Peter McPherson

Former USAID Administrator

“I think though that the IFES expertise is a contributor. It’s not the full answer to democracy, it’s a contributor. And when you have a sufficiently strong process enrolling voters, casting your ballot confidentially and so on and so forth. It is, in fact, an enhancing of the credibility that’s necessary.”

2010



Ziad Baroud
**Former Minister of Interior and
Municipalities, Lebanon**

2010



| David Obey
| (D) - Wisconsin

1996-2007



| Rev. Monsignor Agripino Nuñez
| **Political Mediator, Dominican Republic**

1996-2007



| H.E. Ronald Reagan
| **40th President of the United States**

1996-2007



| Hon. Richard G. Lugar
| **(R) - Indiana**

1996-2007



| Hon. James Inhofe
| (R) - Oklahoma

1996-2007



H.E. José Miguel Insulza
**Former Secretary General of the
Organization of American States, Chile**

1996-2007



| Hon. Tom Lantos
| **(D) - California**

1996-2007



| Richard Soudriette
Former IFES President

1996-2007



| Hon. Lee H. Hamilton
| (D) - Indiana

1996-2007



| H.E. Leonid Kuchma
2nd President of Ukraine