

ASIA DEMOCRACY NETWORK (ADN)

Terms of Reference (ToR)

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Identity

- ⊖ The Asia Democracy Network (ADN) is an international network(umbrella) of civil society organizations, networks, and democracy advocates in Asia who are dedicated to the strengthening of democracy and human rights.
- ⊖ The ADN serves as a multi-stakeholders' platform which is an open and inclusive process led by independent civil society organizations and democracy advocates working in Asia.
- ⊗ The ADN is a space for policy dialogue for action and reflection at the regional level among CSOs and other stakeholders.
- ④ The ADN is a collaborative effort among CSOs engaged in democracy, human rights and development at the different levels – global, regional, national and local – to enhance synergetic effects of their joint advocacy.
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ADN seeks to address the following themes and issues as priority;

- ⊖ Civil society & enabling environment
- ⊖ Human rights defenders and democracy advocates;
- ⊗ Free, fair and democratic elections;
- ④ Anti-corruption and transparency
- ⑤ Freedom of expression and press freedom,
- ⑥ Civic education for democracy
- ⑦ Participatory governance and local democracy.
- ⑧ Justice and rule of law.
- ⑨ Poverty and development,
- ⑩ Gender inequality
- ⑪ Exclusion of religious and ethnic minorities
- ⑫ Peace building

ADN engages with the following key inter-governmental institutions and processes in Asia and global as priority;

- ⊖ Community of Democracies (CoD)
- ⊖ UN Human Rights Council
- ⊗ UNESCAP
- ④ ASEAN

- ⑤ ASEAN+3
- ⑥ East Asia Summit
- ⑦ SAARC
- ⑧ Commonwealth
- ⑨ Bali Democracy Forum (BDF)
- ⑩ UNDeF
- ⑪ G20 and BRICS

ADN engages and cooperate with the following international multi-stakeholder and civil society networks and processes as priority;

- ⊖ World Movement for Democracy (WMD)
- ⊖ CoD/Non-governmental Committee
- ⊗ World Forum on Democracy (WFD)
- ④ CIVICUS
- ⑤ Asia Europe People's Forum (AEPF)
- ⑥ ASEAN People's Forum (APF)
- ⑦ Solidarity for Asian People's Advocacy (SAPA)

ADN works with the following partner organizations and institutions as priority;

- ⊖ National Endowment for Democracy (NED)
- ⊖ Korea Democracy Foundation (KDF)
- ⊗ Taiwan Foundation for Democracy (TFD)
- ④ Asia Foundation
- ⑤ Tifa Foundation in Indonesia

ADN engages in the following activities;

- ⊖ Campaign (country, thematic or sectoral)
- ⊖ Information-sharing through website, e-newsletter, etc.
- ⊗ Capacity-building and training including exchange program and mutual learning
- ④ Research on democracy-related issues
- ⑤ International advocacy and lobby

Governance Structure

- ✓ Governance structure shall be composed of Steering Committee, Advisory Group, Working Group and Secretariat.
- ✓ Mandate of the Steering Committee is two years and renewable.
- ✓ General Forum of the ADN shall take place at least two years.
- ✓ Steering Committee shall meet at least once a year.

Component	Mandate, Role and Functions	Criteria, Composition and Number
Steering Committee	Provide leadership and coordinatorship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Independent CSO and networks (regional or sub-regional) ✓ Independent membership-based CSO networks ✓ Operations at regional or sub-regional level ✓ Having expertise on key thematic pillars of democracy ✓ 11 members for 2013-2015
Advisory Group	Provide moral and political support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Internationally recognized personalities in the global and Asian democracy movement and organizations including partner organizations ✓ About 5-10 persons
Working Group	Organize campaign and program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Country priority : Myanmar (Burma), ✓ Thematic priority : Education for democracy, local democracy ✓ Sectoral priority :
Secretariat	Provide administrative support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Civil society network of hosting organization

Criteria for Steering Committee Members

- ✓ Regional civil society networks working on following areas (7) : Elections, Human Rights, Anti-corruption/Transparency, Press Freedom, International Development Cooperation, Peace and Security and Research
- ✓ Civil society advocacy networks at the sub-regional level (3): Southeast Asia (ASEAN), South Asia (SAARC) and Northeast Asia.
- ✓ Secretariat : National democracy network of hosting country (1) :

Members of the Steering Committee for 2014-2015

- ⊖ Elections - ANFREL
- ⊖ Human Rights - FORUM-ASIA
- ⊗ Anti-corruption - Transparency International (TI)-Asia
- ④ Press Freedom – SEAPA
- ⑤ International Development Cooperation – ADA
- ⑥ Peace and Security – GPPAC
- ⑦ Research – ADRN to be formed in Nov. 2013)
- ⑧ South East Asia (ASEAN) – SEACA
- ⑨ South Asia (SAARC) - People’s SAARC
- ⑩ North East Asia – ‘North East Asia Democracy Forum’
- ⑪ Secretariat – KDN