

About the Alliance of Democracies Foundation

The Alliance of Democracies Foundation is a non-profit organization founded in 2017 by Anders Fogh Rasmussen, the former NATO Secretary General and former Prime Minister of Denmark. The vision of the Alliance of Democracies Foundation is to become the world’s leading “megaphone” for the cause of democracy. We do this through three programs: The Copenhagen Democracy Summit, The Expeditionary Economics Program and The Campaign for Democracy.

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Alliance of Democracies Foundation (ADF)

Description:

The Alliance of Democracies Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of democracy and free markets across the globe.

Stakeholder(s):

Alliance of Democracies Foundation Board

ANDERS FOGH RASMUSSEN :

Anders Fogh Rasmussen has been at the centre of European and global politics for three decades as Secretary General of NATO, Prime Minister of Denmark, Danish Minister of Economic Affairs, Danish Minister for Taxation and a leading Danish parliamentarian. During the Danish Presidency of the European Union in 2002, he played a key role in concluding accession negotiations with 10 candidates for EU- membership. In 2009 Anders Fogh Rasmussen was appointed NATO's 12th Secretary General between 1 August 2009 and 30 September 2014. His tenure in NATO marked a fundamental transformation of the Alliance. He oversaw the Alliance's operational peak with six operations on three continents including Afghanistan, Kosovo and Libya, as well as counter-piracy along the Somali coast, a training mission in Iraq and a counter-terrorism operation in the Mediterranean. He developed a new Strategic Concept, which sets the Alliance's core future priorities and he launched "Smart Defence" to help nations make more efficient use of their resources through more multinational cooperation. In response to Russia's aggression against Ukraine, he initiated a "Readiness Action Plan" to strengthen the collective defence to an unprecedented level since the end of the Cold War. On 1 October 2014, Anders Fogh Rasmussen established Rasmussen Global. The firm advises clients on a wide range of issues such as international security, transatlantic relations, the European Union, and emerging markets. Rasmussen Global draws on an extensive network of leading policy experts, former officials, business executives and consulting firms across the globe. On 1 June 2016, Mr. Rasmussen was appointed advisor to the President of Ukraine, Petro Poroshenko. Anders Fogh Rasmussen has advocated stronger ties between the world's democracies, including a truly "Integrated Transatlantic Community", a Transatlantic Free Trade Agreement between the EU and North America, and a global community of democracies. In 2017, Mr. Rasmussen founded the Alliance of Democracies Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of democracy and free markets across the globe. In this role, he hosts the annual Copenhagen Democracy Summit, and chairs the Transatlantic Commission on Election Integrity, which, among others, include Joe Biden, Michael Chertoff, and Felipe Calderon. Mr. Rasmussen holds a Master's degree in Economics from Aarhus University, and speaks English and French besides his native Danish.

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Amalie Salomon Jankjaer :

Junior Analyst ~ Amalie studies MSc International Business and Politics at Copenhagen Business School. Specialising in

the interplay of business and politics, Amalie has an interest in public and private governance spheres and the firm's embedment in international politics. Amalie also serves on the board of European Youth International as International Officer, raising awareness of and support for the European project among her peers.

Carlo Anthony Zensus :

Election Integrity Project Associate ~ Carlo's passion for foreign policy led him to research and work on EU foreign security policy, the transatlantic relations between Germany and the US, and the governance of cyberspace. With academic degrees in international law and crisis management, he joins the TCEI Germany Project passionate about ensuring that the upcoming German federal elections remain fair and free from malign interference. Carlo gained his professional experience from working with the German Marshall Fund of the United States, the Hague Centre for Strategic Studies, the Dutch Ministry of Defence, and most recently the Delegation of the European Union to the United Nations in Vienna.

Danielle Piatkiewicz :

Program Director ~ Danielle is currently based in Brussels and focuses on democracy building with an interest security and defense in Central and Eastern Europe. Danielle's portfolio has centered around transatlantic engagement towards emerging geopolitical powers including Latin America, Africa, and Asia. Danielle's professional experiences include EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy, The German Marshall Fund of the United States and the European Institute of Peace and worked in various hubs including Warsaw, Brussels, DC and most recently Prague. Danielle has committed her work towards elevating democratic values through convening and creating platforms for constructive exchanges of ideas and debates.

Harry Nedelcu :

Senior Advisor ~ Harry's interest and work have centered around the most fundamental and defining elements of democracy – free and fair elections. He published, taught, researched, and spoke on topics related to elections and party politics. He has investigated the way elections are affected by foreign interference and has uncovered evidence-based accounts of meddling in various countries.

Jemma Tracey :

Communications Manager ~ Jemma has worked across both strategic communications and program management for non-profit organisations in India, the Netherlands, the UK, and Denmark. She has worked on a range of issues, including sexual and reproductive health and rights, digital storytelling, children's rights, and Brexit.

Jonas Parello-Plesner :

Executive Director ~ Jonas believes in fighting for democracy as his Spanish granddad did during the Spanish Civil War. He

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has worked in and with the three power centers of the globe; Washington, Beijing and Brussels. He tracks – and speaks up against - how authoritarian powers encroach on freedom and democracy inside liberal democracies.

Maria Fogh Duelund :

Chief Operating Officer ~ Maria is a strong believer in democracy, individual civil liberties, and the rule of law. With a background as 1st Lieutenant in the Danish Army, she was deployed to Kosovo as part of NATO's peace-support operation in 2003/2004. Maria further has professional experience from management consulting and the pharmaceutical industry.

Olaf Böhnke :

Senior Advisor ~ As Churchill rightly said in 1947, democracy might not be perfect, but still eighty years later a better form of government has not been invented. So, let's stop lamenting about it, but fight for its improvement, because all other forms of government are even worse! Olaf has worked for many years in the German Bundestag as well as in leading positions in the international think tank community. He is an expert on European and foreign policy issues.

Richard Walakira :

Project Associate ~ Richard is a grass-roots democracy activist from Uganda, with a particular interest in how economic development can serve as a corridor to democratisation. He joins Alliance of Democracies with a demonstrated history of working with international non-profit organisations, from serving as a fundraising coach with UNICEF Denmark to working in operations at the International Rehabilitation Council for Torture Victims

Tim Allen :

Communications Director ~ Tim has ten years of experience managing international press and media campaigns, working with leading politicians and international organisations. He has previously worked as Press and Communications Advisor to the President of the European Parliament David Sassoli. In this role, he provided strategic communication advice, wrote articles and speeches, and managed relations with European press. Allan spent four years working as a spokesperson for the centre-left S&D Group in the European Parliament. Here he managed international communication campaigns on a wide range of topics, from Brexit to the Digital Single Market. Before joining the European Parliament, he worked in press and media at the European Defence Agency and in the private sector.

Vision

To become the world's leading "megaphone" for the cause of democracy

Mission

To advance democracy and free markets across the globe

Values

Democracy: Why we fight for democracy ~ Since the end of World War II, the United States and its allies in Europe and Asia have established an international order led by democracy and market-based economies. This order has proven highly successful - facilitating unprecedented levels of prosperity, security, and freedom for hundreds of millions of people around the world. Yet the world's democracies and the very ideal of democracy have come under increasing pressure in recent years. The need for creative solutions and new vitality is clear and urgent, yet most of the leading democracies in the world are deeply split over how we move forward. The Alliance of Democracies Foundation seeks to meet the urgent need for strengthening the world's democracies. Our overarching purpose is to revitalize the world's democracies and to bring them together in an alliance for peace, prosperity, and the advancement of democracy around the world.

Freedom

Markets

Peace

Prosperity

1. Resolve

Strengthen the resolve of the world's democracies

Stakeholder(s)

Elected Leaders :

The Foundation recognizes the positive symbiosis between democracy and business and believes that democratically elected leaders and global business executives will benefit from a greater level of personal interaction. Allowing the participants to build strong personal relationships is a vital

element of the Summit and of realizing the long-term goal of a stronger alliance of the world's democracies.

Global Business Executives

The Copenhagen Democracy Summit ~ The Copenhagen Democracy Summit is dedicated to strengthening the resolve of the world's democracies by providing a high-level strategic forum exclusively focused on the cause of democracy.

1.1. Summit

Provide strategic forum exclusively focused on the cause of democracy

The chief hallmark of the Summit is a dedication to vigorous debate and viewpoint diversity based on the belief that good ideas are born when strongly held views are allowed to clash – especially among participants who share a broad commitment to democracy and open debate.

2. Entrepreneurship

Foster entrepreneurship

Stakeholder(s)

Carl Schramm :

The term “expeditionary economics” was coined by economist Carl Schramm in an article in Foreign Affairs in 2010, recommending a greater focus on fostering local entrepreneurship in order to stabilize post-conflict areas.

Hernando de Soto :

The Expeditionary Economics Program builds on the work of Schramm and other economists such as Hernando de Soto who stress the importance of property rights and entrepreneurship for economic development.

The Expeditionary Economics Program

NATO :

The Program also serves as an extension of NATO analyses of the interplay between security and economics, conducted during Anders Fogh Rasmussen’s tenure as Secretary General from 2009 to 2014.

Post-Conflict Areas

Entrepreneurs

2.1. Projects

Support projects on the ground in emerging democracies and post conflict areas across the globe

The Program will identify and support projects on the ground in emerging democracies and post conflict areas across the globe. The Program will work closely with the governments of major democratic powers as well as local governments, businesses, and NGOs while maintaining an ironclad commitment to a new and more entrepreneurial approach to development.

Stakeholder(s):

Emerging Democracies

Post-Conflict Areas

Governments

Major Democratic Powers

Local Governments

Businesses

NGOs

2.2. Technology

Make technology work for democracy

The program includes The Democracy Tech Entrepreneur Fellowship, an initiative that seeks to make technology work for democracy.

Stakeholder(s):

Tech Entrepreneurs

Fellows

ERICA GREENE :

Election Integrity Fellow (December 2019-July 2020)
~ Erica Greene is a software engineer based out of New York City. She has worked at companies including The New York Times, Etsy and Jigsaw. She was a fellow with The Aspen Tech Policy Hub where she focused on the impact of language on tech policy debates. For her TCEI Fellowship, Erica will focus on how companies can design their products and processes to lower the risk that their digital platforms could be used to undermine a democratic election.

MARIAM CHIKHLADZE :

Election Integrity Fellow (September 2020 - current)
~ Previously, Mariam was working at the International Republican Institute (IRI) as a Senior Program Associate, covering Georgia and Armenia programs from DC. Earlier, in 2015-2017, she was managing the Democracy Education Program at the Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (NIMD) Eastern European Neighborhood Office in Tbilisi. Mariam has also completed the Edmund Muskie Program fellowship in the Center for the Future of the Liberal Society at Hudson Institute. Awarded with the Fulbright Scholarship, Mariam Chikhladze graduated from the Bush School of Public Service and Government, Texas A&M University,

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holding a Master's Degree in Public Policy Analysis. Earlier in 2013, Mariam graduated from the Georgian Institute of Public Affairs, School of Law, and Politics with a Master's Degree in International Politics and Diplomacy. Her professional interests lay in security affairs, institution building, and democratic development issues.

ORA D. TANNER :

*Election Integrity Fellow (December 2019-July 2020)
~ Ora D. Tanner is a doctoral researcher in Instructional Technology and Educational Measurement at the University of South Florida and a fellow with the*

Aspen Tech Policy Hub. She has an extensive background in the use of technologies such as digital games, online learning, animation, and augmented reality to help learners understand complex concepts in science. Ora will bring her knowledge and skills as an experienced instructional designer and researcher to help improve disinformation literacy and prepare the public in democratic nations for the implications of deepfakes.

3. Campaign

Undertake a public relations campaign engaging supporters of democracy worldwide and building a powerful intellectual movement

Stakeholder(s)

Dissidents

Supporters of Democracy

The Campaign for Democracy ~ The Campaign for Democracy program aims to become the world's leading eco-system of dissidents and supporters of democracy. The campaign will undertake a continuous public relations campaign engaging supporters of democracy worldwide and building a powerful intellectual movement. The program includes a Transatlantic Commission that works to prevent election interference; a robust online presence and media engagement; support for dissidents to participate in international summits and events; sponsorships for relevant international summits and events; and educational activities for young leaders in the democratic world.

3.1. Elections

Work to prevent election interference

Stakeholder(s):

Transatlantic Commission

3.2. Media

Maintain an online presence and media engagement

3.3. Dissidents

Support dissidents to participate in international summits and events

Stakeholder(s):

Dissidents

3.4. Summits & Events

Sponsors international summits and events

3.5. Education

Conduct educational activities for young leaders in the democratic world

Stakeholder(s):

Young Leaders

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