

DEMOCRACY WORKS.

We believe in transparency and accountability. So we'll send a brief report telling you what we've been up to over the year after each holiday season.

Democracy Works Foundation explained

Democracy Works Foundation (DW) aims to build a socially inclusive, equitable and quality democracy in South Africa and other developing countries.

We believe that democracy building in African and developing countries with deep levels of poverty, social, class, economic and racial or ethnic-based inequalities is more difficult. We also believe that lasting change comes from a more holistic, multi-track approach to developing and deepening democracy.

It requires a different set of tools, approaches and support to make democracy work in a democratic developmental state than many of the current conventional approaches. DW shall provide concrete and innovative tools to citizens to make democracy work.

Our core areas of work on which our tools focus:

- Strengthening democratic leadership
- Nurturing democratic culture
- Empowering citizens
- Strengthening democratic institutions
- Monitoring democracy

Building a new foundation – 2014 progress report

Since our registration as a Non Profit Company in South Africa in April 2014, DWF has (orgs are clickable):

- Established funding and support partnerships with FES South Africa, OSISA, Hivos South Africa
- Built budding partnerships with Nadcao, Section 27, TAC, Action Aid, Livity Africa, Democracy from Below, Praekelt Foundation, Heartlines, SADC-CNGO, The New School University
- Ensured professional financial management through a partnership with Hivos South Africa
- Ensured all necessary legal registrations
- Broad local and regional consultations with over 30 civil society organisations
- Composed a board of directors of diverse leaders of industry with accent on women leadership
- Rallied an impressive local, African and global Reference Group spanning the fields of development, civil society, government and media
- Built a team of Associates and leaders in their respective fields to implement projects



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Programmatic accomplishments

- 2 highly attended and well reported State of Democracy debates at Constitution Hill, Johannesburg
- 1 strategic planning day with DW partner organisations, Associates and Reference Group members
- Advised SA labor mediator and arbiter CCMA on policy
- Presented on fiscal management and democracy to Minister of Finance Nene and the World Bank
- Designed a project on indigenous people and democracy and partnered with Osisa on implementation
- Started work on social compacts by drafting a roadmap for unions, business and government in collaboration with several financial institutions
- Designed a multi-year parliamentary project and started discussions with a donor organization to ensure implementation starting 2015
- Fact-finding mission to Marikana and participation in ongoing discussion about nuclear procurement
- Public debates on democracy in BRICS in partnership with Action Aid
- Designed a new approach to data collection and analysis and laid the groundwork for support and implementation in 2015
- Started a regional research project with Konung International for DFID
- Introduced a Policy Brief series on democracy

Media, articles & mentions

DW has established several collaborations with South African and international printed media over the course of 2014. For a new initiative, we have been mentioned often and have published several opinion pieces of which the below are some examples (most titles below are clickable):

- Profile of Democracy Works Foundation on radio SAfM
- Profile of Democracy Works Foundation on radio Cape Talk / 702
- The ruling party's clear win will not make governing easier – quote - (the Economist)
- South Africa crisis deepens after union federation fractures – quote - (Financial Times)
- Zuma is correct in sensing ANC electoral threat – on DW's 2d debate - (Business Day)
- Boost Africa's economy with knowledge (Mail & Guardian)
- Apartheid may be dead, but racism is still with us (the Sunday Independent)
- Change attitudes to change fortunes (the Sunday Independent)
- How a bishop and a lawyer overcame ANC politicking to end platinum strike – quote - (Reuters)

2015 - Sneak Preview

2015 will allow DW to consolidate partnerships, launch our internet platform and focus on our programmatic roll-out. Some of our key focus areas this year are:

- Start of our parliamentary work and research project
- Launch of our online democracy debate initiative
- Expanding the collaboration with different sectors on our social compact work
- A regional conference on African liberation movements and democracy
- Fact-finding mission into the region for our indigenous people project
- Consolidating partnerships and start of our data collection tool
- Introduction of our training program with new partners
- A first electronic publication

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