



## CCD and D4D Organize Workshop for Draft Kosovo National Democracy Education Action Plan



CCD President Robert LaGamma and CCD Senior Program Officer Rebecca Aaberg traveled to Prishtina, Kosovo, in November to meet with stakeholders in a workshop co-organized with Democracy for Development (D4D). The workshop provided a space to discuss the draft National Democracy Education Action Plan (NDEAP) written to bring together ideas from the April workshop. The workshop was funded through the assistance of the CD-UNITED grant administered by the Community of Democracies Permanent Secretariat. D4D, led by Leon Malazogu, drafted and shared the document in advance of the workshop. The final version will be available soon and is expected to be a resource for both government and civil society in Kosovo.

The remarks provided by CCD President Robert LaGamma for the workshop are available on page 2.

*To read CCD's report from the Kosovo workshop, please visit: [ccd21.org/activities/education/pilot\\_projects/Kosovo\\_November\\_Report.pdf](http://ccd21.org/activities/education/pilot_projects/Kosovo_November_Report.pdf)*

## Planning Underway for Workshops in Kenya, Nepal, South Africa

CCD is preparing a series of democracy education stakeholder workshops in Kenya, Nepal, and South Africa and will hold workshops to take place this spring in each country.

CCD has been in contact with local partners -- Institute for Education in Democracy in Kenya, Institute for Governance and Development in Nepal, and Street Law South Africa -- to co-organize workshops to bring together stakeholders. Through the generous support of the United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF) and the Taiwan Foundation for Democracy (TFD), CCD will travel to each country for an initial consultation and workshop co-hosted by the local partner. During the workshop, the Ministry of Education and representatives from civil society will have the opportunity to develop a plan for implementing democracy education programs in the country's context, as well as ideas for potential curricula development.



*Students in Prishtina's Model School participate in a lesson.*

## Remarks for the Opening Session of the Kosovo Workshop on Democracy Education [Excerpt]

*These remarks were delivered on November 6, 2014, in Prishtina, Kosovo, by CCD President Robert LaGamma.*

Distinguished participants, welcome to what we expect will be an historic gathering. I wish to thank Leon Malazogu and his colleagues at D4D not only for bringing us together but also for all the fine work they have done to advance democracy. They are clearly a model nongovernmental organization. I wish to especially express my appreciation to those of you who participated in the April workshop and provided the ideas contained in the draft action plan that has been prepared, translated, and circulated by D4D and is the main agenda item for this workshop.

Let me also express my excitement about being in Kosovo, one of the world's newest countries, and to be surrounded by people like you who are striving to shape a democracy.

I wish to express my appreciation to the Secretariat of the Community of Democracies, which provided us with support that made this workshop possible.

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Under Mongolia's leadership, several major conferences on that subject were organized, and in 2012, a resolution was passed in the United Nations General Assembly urging member states to give importance to teaching about democracy. It is my hope that Kosovo can play a leadership role and act as a model for other countries based on what is done here.

Last March, my organization brought experts from around the globe to the University of Virginia. They concluded their deliberations by issuing what is known as the Charlottesville Declaration. That document proposed a methodology that we are attempting to carry out. It recommends that workshops attended by stakeholders produce national action plans that might serve as a roadmap for policymakers. With the help of a grant from the United Nations Democracy Fund, our Council has developed pilot projects in Colombia, Tunisia, Ghana, and is working on one in Mongolia. We have also produced a *Best Practices Manual on Democracy Education* that provides examples of how educators and NGOs have introduced innovative ways of teaching about de-

mocracy. We invite you to provide case studies of what has worked well for you in Kosovo. We offer a modest grant for those that are accepted for our website.

The wave of democracy that washed over the world at the end of the Cold War has led many countries to begin the journey towards creating a democratic government, one that citizens can believe in and participate in - but there have been problems. Eliminating an authoritarian, non-representative regime is clearly not sufficient to establish democracy, nor is holding an election. We have learned, especially from the Arab Spring, that building a democratic system is more complicated than that. An essential element in that process is the commitment of citizens to democratic ideas. Fundamental to building that commitment is education, especially of a country's youth, which must learn about the democratic process and how to fully participate to exercise their hard-won rights.

*To read these remarks in full, please visit:  
[ccd21.org/activites/education/pilot\\_projects/kosovo2](http://ccd21.org/activites/education/pilot_projects/kosovo2)*

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*CCD President Robert LaGamma (right) is pictured here with the director of the Model School in Prishtina, Kosovo.*





## CCD Co-organizes Democracy Education Stakeholder Workshop with CCA in Mongolia

In October, CCD and the Center for Citizens Alliance (CCA) held a half day workshop with the Ministry of Education and a full day workshop of democracy education stakeholders in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. CCD Senior Program Officer Rebecca Aaberg provided framing remarks, and Mongolian Ambassador-at-Large Suren Badral discussed the importance of the work of the Community of Democracies on this subject. The workshop produced a Working Group led by CCA Director Zanaa Jurmed that will draft a National Democracy Education Action Plan for Mongolia.

This workshop was made possible through the generous funding of the Community of Democracies and the United Nations Democracy Fund (UNDEF).

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*CCD Senior Program Officer Rebecca Aaberg's prepared remarks can be found by visiting: [ccd21.org/activities/education/pilot\\_projects/mongolia](http://ccd21.org/activities/education/pilot_projects/mongolia)*



*CCA Director Zanaa Jurmed (top) leads the workshop, and a participant (bottom) provides recommendations for the NDEAP.*



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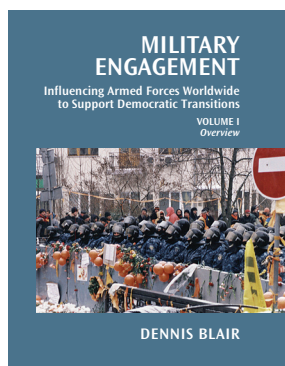
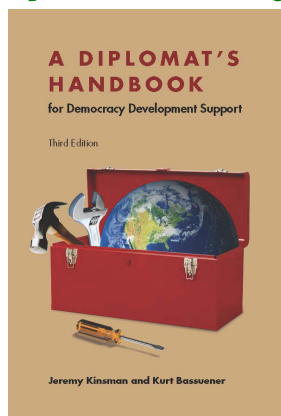
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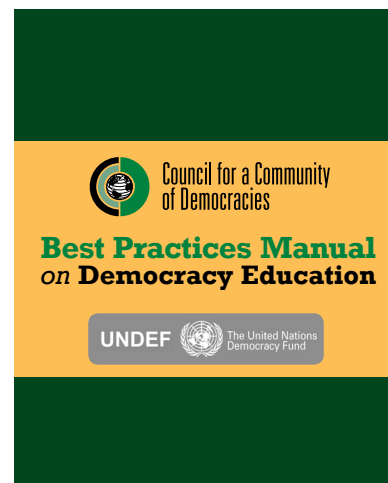
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## New Democracy Education Case Study on Mexico Available Online

CCD has published a new case study on Mexico by Mariali Cardenas as part of its *Best Practices Manual on Democracy Education*. The new case is entitled "Learning to Participate by Participating - Via Education" and is exclusively online.

CCD will continue to update its *Best Practices Manual on Democracy Education* and is looking for case study contributors. The *Manual* provides practical lessons for those teaching democracy education lessons, as well as thematic chapters by South African democracy education expert David McQuoid-Mason and Canadian curriculum expert Matthew Hiebert.

Please submit case study proposals to CCD Senior Program Officer Rebecca Aaberg at [aaberg@ccd21.org](mailto:aaberg@ccd21.org).

*For more information and to read the Manual, please visit:*  
[ccd21.org/activities/democracy-education](http://ccd21.org/activities/democracy-education)







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**CCD President Bob LaGamma speaks to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at the Ulaanbaatar Ministerial.**

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## Transitions

- CCD welcomes back Steven Wagenseil, who will provide key support to the organization in the coming months.
- CCD and local partners will hold NDEAP workshops in Kenya, Nepal, and South Africa in spring 2015.
- CCD will also organize NDEAP regional conferences on democracy education in Asia and Africa in 2015.
- CCD will continue to add to the *Best Practices Manual on Democracy Education* online - submit your case study ideas to CCD Senior Program Officer Rebecca Aaberg ([aaberg@ccd21.org](mailto:aaberg@ccd21.org)).

