CLUB DE MADRID
A World Alliance For Democracy

Club de Madrid is the world’s largest forum of democratic former Presidents and Prime Ministers, who leverage their individual and collective leadership experience and global reach to strengthen inclusive democratic practice and improve the well-being of people around the world.

As a non-partisan and international non-profit organisation, it counts on the hands-on governance experience of more than 100 Members from over 70 countries, along with a global network of advisers and partners across all sectors of society.

This unique alliance stimulates dialogue, builds bridges and engages in advocacy efforts to strengthen public policies and effective leadership through recommendations that tackle challenges such as inclusion, sustainable development and peace, at the national and international levels.

CLUB DE MADRID THEORY OF CHANGE

FOSTERING DEMOCRATIC VALUES AND LEADERSHIP

OBJECTIVE

TRANSITION AND CONSOLIDATION OF DEMOCRACY ENABLED AND UNDEMOCRATIC THREATS COUNTERED

1 OUTCOME

Strengthened democratic leadership skills among current and/or emerging leaders

PEER-TO-PEER SUPPORT

2 OUTCOME

Convened meetings between key actors and/or initiated policy dialogues

BUILDING BRIDGES

3 OUTCOME

Raised awareness of a crisis in democracy and relevant enabling partnerships have been strengthened

AMPLIFIERS OF DEMOCRATIC IDEAS

GLOBAL ADVOCACY

125 Members

73 Countries

6 Nobel Peace Prize Laureates

21 1st Female Heads of State or Government

14 Leaders of Regional and International Organisations

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PROGRAMME PILLARS

The cross-cutting issues of climate change, digital transformation, and peace and security run across the three programme pillars enabling us to harness the interconnected nature of our mandate and the challenges to be tackled.

1 DEMOCRACY AND DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

Analyses trends affecting democratic development and proposes public policies for the far-reaching transformation of democratic systems needed to create citizen-centred, inclusive, responsive and transparent institutions.

- In-country support: Leverages our Members’ first-hand experience on constructing democracy and democratic governance to rally, counsel, and empower today’s leaders as they steer their countries through transition and consolidation processes.
- Democracy that delivers: Promotes the capacity of democracy to respond to people’s needs and to signs of concentration of power by supporting the demands for a renewed eco-social contract and against grand corruption.
- Global solidarity among democrats: Supports non-violent democracy defender’s efforts against repression by providing access to our Members experience and collective muscle as contribution to their struggles.
- Leadership for Net Zero: Generates an international, multidisciplinary debate on the role of democratic leadership in the fight against climate change.
- Democracy in the digital era: Contributes to building consensus around a rights-based agenda for the governance of digital transformation at national, regional and global levels.

2 MULTILATERALISM AND GLOBAL COOPERATION

Promotes and defends an enabling global environment for democracy by supporting the multilateral system as the guarantor of inclusive, consensus-based and sustainable responses to transnational challenges, including the 2030 Agenda as the compass for action.

- Current agenda for multilateral reform: Supports the United Nations and its Secretary-General in fostering inclusive, networked, highly effective multilateralism as outlined in the report Our Common Agenda report particularly regarding World Social Summit II and a Global Digital Compact.
- Global public health after COVID-19: Pushes for a strengthened global public health architecture, advocating for the adoption of a legally binding instrument on pandemic prevention, preparedness and response by regional, multilateral and national actors.
- Dialogue with and among global powers: Fosters dialogue with different political systems and between global powers to encourage mutual understanding of critical global issues and solutions in tackling transnational threats and crises.

3 FOSTERING SHARED SOCIETIES

Provides leaders and local communities with a greater understanding of the ways and benefits of advancing social inclusion as an essential element in democratic development and promotes a holistic approach to sustainable development, with social inclusion at its core.

- Inclusive implementation of Agenda 2030: Promotes the inclusion of identity-based marginalised groups with respect for diversity and the dignity of the individual, equal opportunity and protection from discrimination at national and global levels.
- Gender equality and women’s participation: Advocates for women’s leadership, participation and influence in political institutions and decision-making processes.
- Intergenerational dialogue and youth leadership: Creates spaces for intergenerational dialogue where young people receive direct support from our Members, helping them influence national and global agendas through mentoring and policy advice.
- Inclusive leadership: Provides current and emerging leaders with support, advice and tools to build Shared Societies in which all individuals have the opportunity to engage in public policy, from design to implementation and monitoring.

For more information on how you can partner with us, please contact Outreach and Development Coordinator, Agustina Briano, at abriano@clubmadrid.org

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We can engage in the initiatives of other like-minded institutions through third party collaborations. This can take different forms, ranging from the participation of specific Member/s as speaker/s to the actual design of a workshop or conference on a topic of mutual concern with the engagement of our Members. These collaborations can be tailored to the interest of our partners.
AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST

Joyce Banda President of Malawi (2012-2014) ●
Joaquim Chissano President of Mozambique (1986-2005) ●
Luisa Diogo President of Mozambique (2004-2010)
Amine Gemayel President of Lebanon (1982-1988)
Hamadi Jebali Prime Minister of Tunisia (2011-2013)
Mara Moussa Prime Minister of Mali (2014-2015)
Thabo Mbeki President of South Africa (1999-2008)
Ellen Johnson Sirleaf President of Liberia (2006-2018)
John Kufuor President of Ghana (2001-2009)
Aminata Touré Prime Minister of Senegal (2013-2014) ●
Cassam Uteem President of Mauritius (1992-2002)

ASIA-PACIFIC

Helen Clark Prime Minister of New Zealand (1999-2008) ●
Yasuo Fukuda Prime Minister of Japan (2007-2008)
Julia Gillard Prime Minister of Australia (2010-2013)
Han Seung-soo Prime Minister of Korea (2008-2009) and Vice President of Club de Madrid ●
Ram Nath Kovind President of India (2017-2022)
Chandrika Kumaratunga President of Sri Lanka (1994-2005)
Hong Koo Lee Prime Minister of Korea (1994-1995)
Roza Otunbayeva President of Kyrgyzstan (2010-2011)
Anand Panyarachun Prime Minister of Thailand (1991-1992)
Pratibha Patil President of India (2007-2012)
Ochirbat Punsalmaa President of Mongolia (1990-1997)
José Manuel Ramos-Horta President of Timor-Leste (2007-2012)
Kevin Rudd Prime Minister of Australia (2007-2010, 2013)
Jenny Shipley Prime Minister of New Zealand (1997-1999)
Elbegdorj Tsakhia President of Mongolia (2009-2017)

AMERICAS

Carlos Alvarado President of Costa Rica (2018-2022)
Oscar Arias President of Costa Rica (1986-1990; 2006-2010)
Michelle Bachelet President of Chile (2006-2010; 2014-2018) ●
Felipe Calderón President of Mexico (2006-2012)
Kim Campbell Prime Minister of Canada (1993) ●
Fernando Henrique Cardoso President of Brazil (1995-2003)
Jean Chrétien Prime Minister of Canada (1993-2003)
Laura Chinchilla President of Costa Rica (2010-2014) @
William J. Clinton President of the United States of America (1993-2001)
José María Figueres President of Costa Rica (1994-1998)
Vicente Fox President of Mexico (2000-2006)
Eduardo Frei Ruiz-Tagle President of Chile (1994-2000)

EUROPE

Esko Aho Prime Minister of Finland (1991-1995)
José María Aznar President of the Government of Spain (1996-2004)
Jan Peter Balkenende
Prime Minister of the Netherlands (2002-2010)
José Manuel Barroso
Prime Minister of Portugal (2002-2004)
Carl Bildt
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Valdis Birkavs
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Kjell Magne Bondevik
Gordon Brown
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Gro Harlem Brundtland
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Horst Kohl
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Alexsander Kwasniewski
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President of Switzerland (2010-2017)
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Sanna Marin
Prime Minister of Finland (2019-2023)
Rexhep Mëidani
President of Albania (1997-2002)
Mario Monti
Prime Minister of Italy (2011-2013)
George Papandreou
Prime Minister of Greece (2009-2011)
Romano Prodi
Prime Minister of Italy (1996-1998; 2004-2008)
Iveta Radičová
Prime Minister of Slovakia (2010-2012)
Mariano Rajoy
Prime Minister of Spain (2011-2018)
Pouls Nyrrup Rasmussen
Prime Minister of Denmark (1993-2001)
Stefan Löfven
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José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero
President of the Government of Spain (2004-2011)
Petre Roman
Prime Minister of Romania (1989-1991)
Wolfgang Schüssel
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Johanna Sigurdardóttir
Prime Minister of Iceland (2009-2013)
Hanna Suchacka
Prime Minister of Poland (1992-1993)
Alexander Stubb
Prime Minister of Finland (2014-2015); President of Finland (2024–)
Boris Tadić
President of Serbia (2003–2012)
Helé Thorning-Schmidt
Prime Minister of Denmark (2011-2015)
Danilo Türk
President of Slovenia (2007-2012) & President of Club de Madrid
Herman Van Rompuy
Prime Minister of Belgium (2008-2009)
Guy Verhofstadt
Prime Minister of Belgium (1999–2008)
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