



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 130 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.

132
Members

74
Countries

5
Nobel
Peace
Prize
Laureates

24
1st Female
Heads of
State or
Government

15
Leaders of
Regional and
International
Organisations

6
Former UN
Special
Envoys on
Climate
Change

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

POLITICAL
SOUNDING BOARDS

2

OUTCOME

Convened meetings between key actors and/or initiated policy dialogues

BUILDING
BRIDGES

AGENDA-
SETTING

3

OUTCOME

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

AMPLIFIERS OF
DEMOCRATIC IDEAS

GLOBAL
ADVOCACY

PROGRAMME PILLARS

Pursuant to the 2026 – 2028 Programmatic Strategy, the work of Club de Madrid will be guided by the following three strategic pillars:



1 DEMOCRATIC RESILIENCE

Analysing and addressing the growing threats to democratic systems, including authoritarianism, misinformation, polarisation and declining institutional trust, while advancing policy solutions and leadership practices that reinforce resilient, inclusive and accountable governance.

- **Strengthening democratic resilience, good governance, the rule of law and human rights:** Promoting accountable institutions, ethical leadership, and inclusive governance practices that reinforce democratic norms and protect fundamental freedoms.
- **Safeguarding civic space and democratic participation:** Defending open civic environments, supporting citizen engagement, and empowering civil society as essential pillars of healthy and responsive democracies.
- **Countering disinformation, polarisation, and democratic erosion:** Addressing the spread of misinformation, political fragmentation, extremism, and declining trust through dialogue, policy solutions, and rights-based digital governance.

2 RULES - BASED INTERNATIONAL ORDER

Strengthening a renewed and legitimate multilateral order in a context of increasing geopolitical fragmentation, while defending international law, advancing inclusive global governance, and fostering strategic dialogue to deliver effective and sustainable responses to transnational challenges.

- **Protecting International Law:** Advocating for the consistent application of international law, defending the principles of the UN Charter, and supporting global efforts such as the establishment of an International Anti-Corruption Court to strengthen accountability and trust.
- **Supporting Multilateral Reform:** Contributing to key global reform processes, including the outcomes of the Summit of the Future, FfD4 (The 4th Conference on Financing for Development in Sevilla) and the Second World Summit for Social Development, to promote a more coherent, inclusive, and effective multilateral system.
- **Deepening Strategic Dialogue:** Serving as a trusted platform for bridge-building between major powers and regions, including Track 1.5 diplomacy initiatives such as the Imperial Springs Forum dialogue with China.

3 SOCIAL JUSTICE AND DEVELOPMENT

Advancing democratic development by addressing inequality as a defining global challenge, while promoting social inclusion and equality, advancing innovative and fair financing approaches, and supporting climate action and just transitions that ensure sustainable development delivers for all.

- **Advancing Equality and Inclusion:** Promoting women's full political participation, addressing gender-based violence, strengthening care economies, and amplifying youth leadership through initiatives such as the WYDE Network.
- **New Approaches to Financing:** Contributing to the follow-up of FfD4, advancing Global Public Investment, and advocating for a fairer and more effective international tax system to reduce inequality and support sustainable development.
- **Climate Action and Just Transitions:** Supporting global efforts to accelerate climate action, promote just transitions to low-carbon economies, and strengthen water governance as a foundation for inclusive and sustainable development.



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.

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Joyce Banda President of Malawi (2012-2014)
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John Kufuor President of Ghana (2001-2009)
Adriano Afonso Maleiane Prime Minister of Mozambique (2022-2025)
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Mokgweetsi Masisi President of Botswana (2018-2024)
Thabo Mbeki President of South Africa (1999-2008)
James Michel President of the Seychelles (2004-2016)
Olusegun Obasanjo President of Nigeria (1976-1979; 1999-2007)
Fuad Siniora Prime Minister of Lebanon (2005-2009)
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)
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Ram Nath Kovind President of India (2017-2022)
Chandrika Kumaratunga President of Sri Lanka (1994-2005)
Roza Otunbayeva President of Kyrgyzstan (2010-2011)
Anand Pangarachun Prime Minister of Thailand (1991-1992)
Pratibha Patil President of India (2007-2012)
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) ●
Jigme Yoser Thinley Prime Minister of Bhutan (2008-2013) ●
Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono President of Indonesia (2004-2014)



AMERICAS

Carlos Alvarado President of Costa Rica (2018-2022) ●
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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)
Leonel Fernández President of the Dominican Republic (1996-2000; 2004-2012)
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)
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Oswaldo Hurtado President of Ecuador (1981-1984)
Luis Alberto Lacalle Herrera President of Uruguay (1990-1995)
Ricardo Lagos President of Chile (2000-2006)

Mauricio Macri President of Argentina (2015-2019)
Carlos Mesa President of Bolivia (2003-2005)
Andrés Pastrana President of Colombia (1998-2002)
P.J. Patterson Prime Minister of Jamaica (1992-2006)
Jorge Quiroga President of Bolivia (2001-2002)
Francisco Sagasti President of Peru (2020-2021)
Julio María Sanguinetti President of Uruguay (1985-1990; 1995-2000)
Martin Torrijos President of Panama (2004-2009)
Ernesto Zedillo President of Mexico (1994-2000)



EUROPE

Valdas Adamkus President of Lithuania (1998-2003; 2004-2009)
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)
Alain Berset President of Switzerland (2018; 2023)
Carl Bildt Prime Minister of Sweden (1991-1994)
Valdis Birkavš Prime Minister of Latvia (1993-1994)

Kjell Magne Bondevik Prime Minister of Norway (1997-2000; 2001-2005)
Gordon Brown Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (2007-2010)
Gro Harlem Brundtland Prime Minister of Norway (1981; 1986-1989; 1990-1996)
Jerzy Buzek Prime Minister of Poland (1997-2001)
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Aníbal Cavaco Silva Prime Minister of Portugal (1985-1995); President of Portugal (2006-2016)
Marie Louise Coleiro Preca President of Malta (2014-2019)
Dominique de Villepin Prime Minister of France (2005-2007)
Philip Dimitrov Prime Minister of Bulgaria (1991-1992)
Vigdís Finnbogadóttir President of Iceland (1980-1996)
Joachim Gauck President of Germany (2012-2017)
Natalia Gavrilita Prime Minister of Moldova (2021-2023)
Paolo Gentiloni Prime Minister of Italy (2016-2018)
Felipe González President of the Government of Spain (1982-1996)

Dalia Grybauskaitė President of Lithuania (2009-2019)
Alfred Gusenbauer Chancellor of Austria (2007-2008)
António Guterres Prime Minister of Portugal (1995-2002)
Tarja Halonen President of Finland (2000-2012)
François Hollande President of France (2012-2017)
Ivo Josipović President of Croatia (2010-2015)
Jean-Claude Juncker Prime Minister of Luxembourg (1995-2013)
Alain Juppé Prime Minister of France (1995-1997)
Mari Kiviniemi Prime Minister of Finland (2010-2011)
Milan Kučan President of Slovenia (1991-2002)
Aleksander Kwasniewski President of Poland (1995-2005)
Zlatko Lagumdžija Prime Minister of Bosnia and Herzegovina (2001-2002)
Yves Leterme Prime Minister of Belgium (2008, 2009-2011)
Enrico Letta Prime Minister of Italy (2013-2014)
Doris Leuthard President of Switzerland (2010-2017)

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Sanna Marin Prime Minister of Finland (2019-2023)
Rexhep Meidani President of Albania (1997-2002)
Charles Michel President of Belgium (2014-2019)
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George Papandreu Prime Minister of Greece (2009-2011)
Romano Prodi Prime Minister of Italy (1996-1998; 2006-2008)
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Jean-Pierre Raffarin Prime Minister of France (2002-2005)
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Mary Robinson President of Ireland (1990-1997)
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Petre Roman Prime Minister of Romania (1989-1991)
Katerina Sakellaropoulou President of Greece (2020-2025)
Wolfgang Schäussel Chancellor of Austria (2000-2007)

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Hanna Suchocka Prime Minister of Poland (1992-1993)
Alexander Stubb Prime Minister of Finland (2014-2015); President of Finland (2024-)
Boris Tadic President of Serbia (2004-2012)
Helle 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)
Leo Varadkar Prime Minister of Ireland (2017-2020, 2022-2024)
Vaira Vike-Freiberga President of Latvia (1999-2007)
Viktor Yushchenko President of Ukraine (2005-2010)
Valdis Zatlers President of Latvia (2007-2011)



HONORARY MEMBERS

Aung San Suu Kyi State Counsellor of Myanmar
Ban Ki-moon Secretary General of the United Nations (2007-2016)
Ángel Gurría Secretary General of the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (2006-2021)

Enrique Iglesias Secretary General of the Ibero-American Cooperation Secretariat (2005-2013)
Javier Solana E.U. High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (1999-2009)
Juan Somavía Ninth Director of the International Labour Organization (1999-2012)



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