

CLUB DE MADRID

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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.

133 Members

73 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 CONSOLIDATIONOFDEMOCRACY ENABLED AND UNDEMOCRATIC THREATS COUNTERED

1 Strengthened democratic leadership skills among current and/or emerging leaders

- PEER-TO-PEER SUPPORT
- POLITICAL SOUNDING BOARDS

2 Convened meetings between key actors and/or initiated policy dialogues

- BUILDING BRIDGES
- AGENDA-SETTING

3 Raise 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 rigths:**
  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 economics, 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.

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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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