



Global Networking and Advocacy on Open Legislative Data: Toward a Declaration on Parliamentary Openness

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Overview of Presentation

NDI-WBI Survey of PMOs & Development of
Standards for Democratic Parliaments

Global PMO Conference in Washington

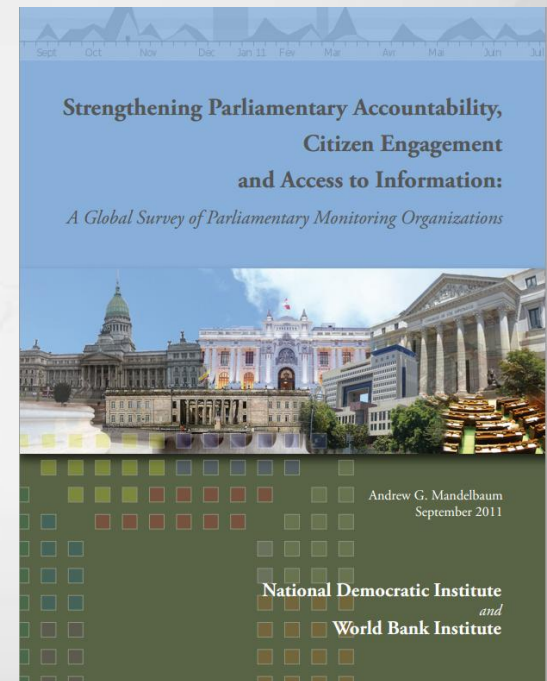
Declaration on Parliamentary Openness &
Openingparliament.org

Next Steps:
Launch at the World E-Parliament Conference



NDI-World Bank Institute Survey of PMOs

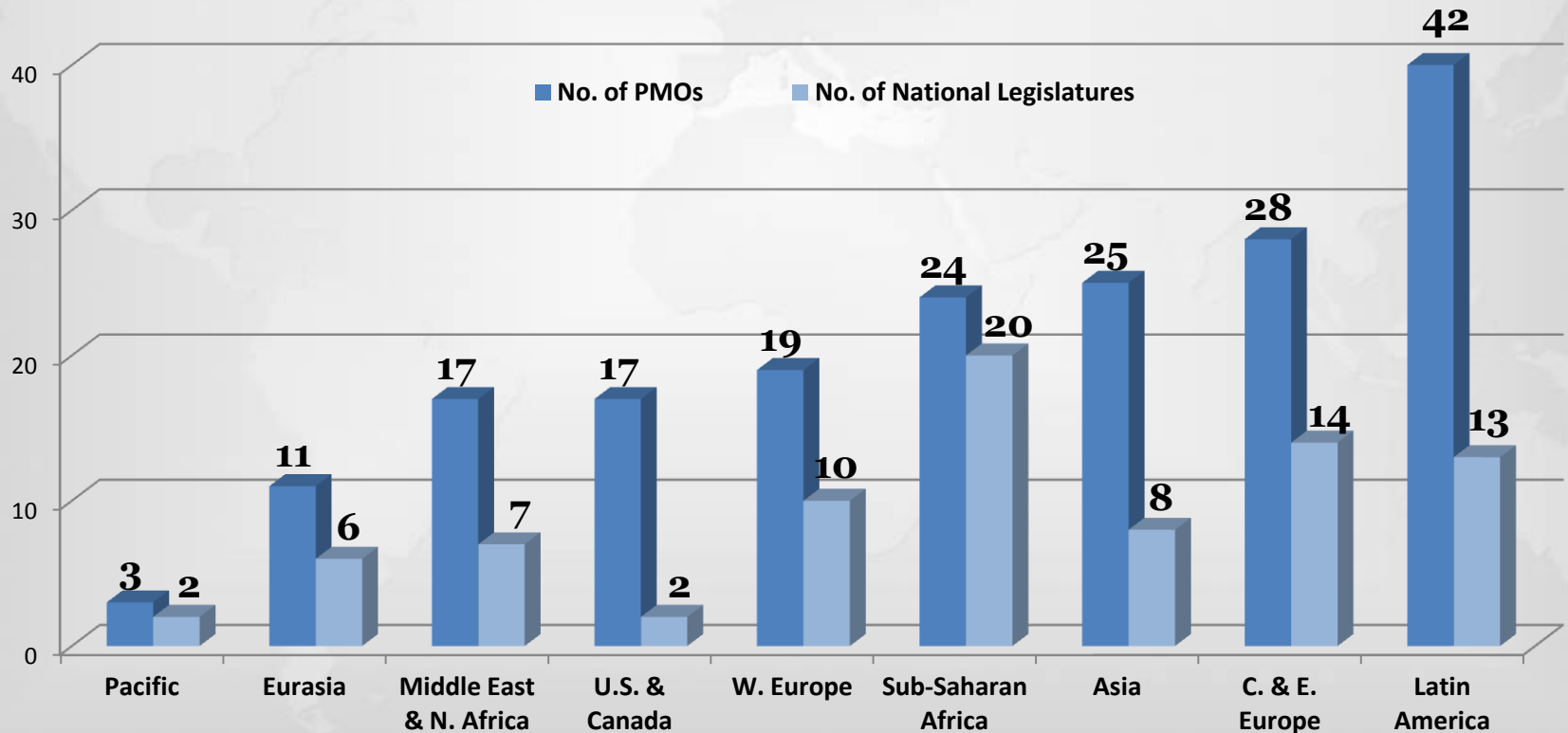
*Strengthening Parliamentary
Accountability, Citizen
Engagement and Access to
Information:
A Global Survey of Parliamentary
Monitoring Organizations*



Publication available at: <http://www.ndi.org/files/governance-parliamentary-monitoring-organizations-survey-september-2011.pdf>

PMOs: Basic Statistics

More than 190 PMOs monitor over 80 national legislatures



Benchmarks for Democratic Parliament

- Since 2006, benchmarks or standards for democratic parliaments developed by the:
 - Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (Benchmarks)
 - Assemblée Parlementaire de la Francophonie (Critères d'évaluation)
 - Parliamentary Confederation of the Americas
 - Southern African Development Community Parliamentary Forum
 - Inter-Parliamentary Union (Best Practice Tools)
- For further information on the development of parliamentary standards, see:
www.agora-parl.org/standardsfordemocraticparliaments





Global PMO Conference in Washington, D.C.

- **Conference Partners:** Latin American Network for Legislative Transparency, Sunlight Foundation and NDI
- **Funding :** Omidyar Network, Open Society Foundations, World Bank Institute, Mexican Embassy to the U.S.
- **Participants:** PMOs from 38 countries
- **Initial Results:**
 - Progress in Developing a Declaration on Parliamentary Openness
 - Collaboration in building Openingparliament.org and Google Group for PMOs
 - Sharing comparative information on parliamentary transparency “How open is your parliament?”
 - Greater regional networking of PMOs (Africa, Central and Eastern Europe)
 - Discussions on collaboration in sharing code and tools

Purposes of the Declaration

- Global “wish list” on parliamentary transparency
- Vehicle for shared action by the majority of the world’s PMOs
- Tool for advocacy at global level
- Framework for organizing comparative information on parliamentary openness:
 - A wiki of good practice
 - Possible PMO-sourced country rankings

Components of the Declaration on Parliamentary Openness

Preamble

Promoting a Culture
of Parliamentary
Openness

Making
Parliamentary
Information
Transparent

Making
Parliamentary
Information Easily
Accessible

Enabling Electronic
Access and Analysis
of Parliamentary
Information

Available at: www.openingparliament.org/declaration

How you Can Support the Declaration:

Comment on Text
(tomorrow and online by July 31)

Lend your Logo as a Supporter
(ongoing, but ideally by August 10)

Participate in Launch Events
(International Day of Democracy, September 15)

Incorporate Declaration in your Advocacy
and Contribute to Wiki (ongoing)

Possible Participation in PMO Sourced Global Ranking of
Parliamentary Openness (2013)

www.openingparliament.org

Now (live, but not formally launched)

- Placeholder with basic information about the declaration
- Information on PMO Google Group
- Link to Public Mark-up Tool for commenting on declaration
- Basic Information on Future Events

www.openingparliament.org

Coming Soon

- Home for Declaration and Wiki of Good Practice/Comparative information on parliamentary openness
- Curated News and Information on Innovation and Developments on Parliamentary Transparency and PMOs
- Library of PMO resources and tools
- Potential database of comparative data on parliamentary transparency

Upcoming Events

Sept. 13-15

- World E-Parliament Conference (Rome, Italy)

Sept. 17-22

- Open Knowledge Festival (Helsinki, Finland)

Oct. 21-26

- IPU and ASGP Meeting (Quebec City, Canada)