

The Round 10 window for project proposals was open from 15 November 2015 until 31 December 2015. There were 2,664 proposals submitted from 136 countries, up more than 300 from 2014. Proposals came from all over the world, the vast majority from local civil society organizations in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Americas. In the first phase of the selection process, the proposals are assessed by independent consultants, who judge each proposal on its inherent quality and scores it against 10 set criteria:

- Does the proposed project advance the objectives of UNDEF?
- Does the applicant organization have a strong track record?
- Is the proposal technically sound in conception and presentation?
- Does the proposal make use of the UN's and UNDEF's comparative advantage?
- Would the proposed project have significant impact?
- Would the proposed project represent good value for money?
- Does the proposed project have strong prospects for successful implementation?
- Does the proposed project have strong prospects of sustainability beyond the project duration?
- Does the proposed project encourage inclusiveness?
- Would the proposed project enhance gender equality?

This assessment yields a long list which is in turn reviewed by UN Resident Coordinators in the field and by the UNDEF Pt

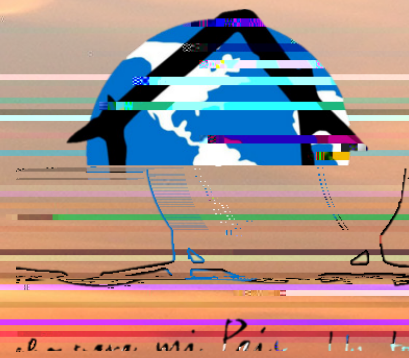
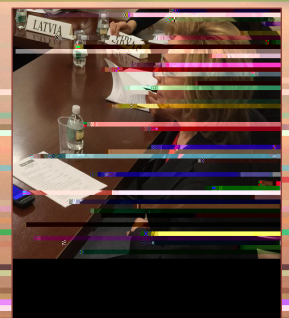
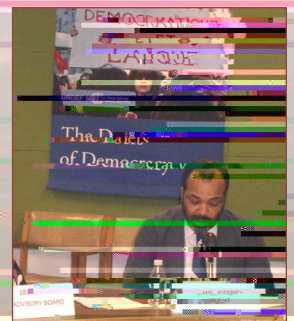
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New UNDEF Board appointed for a two-year term

The Secretary-General has finalized the composition of the 2016-2017 UNDEF Advisory Board -- the body which gives him policy guidance and recommends funding proposals for his approval.

The Board is reconstituted every two years. It includes the Governments of the seven largest UNDEF donors as measured by cumulative contributions received for the past three years -- for this term, the United States, Sweden, Germany, India, Australia, Poland and Japan. It also includes six Member States that reflect geographical diversity -- for this term, Algeria, Barbados, Colombia, Nigeria, Slovakia, and Sri Lanka.

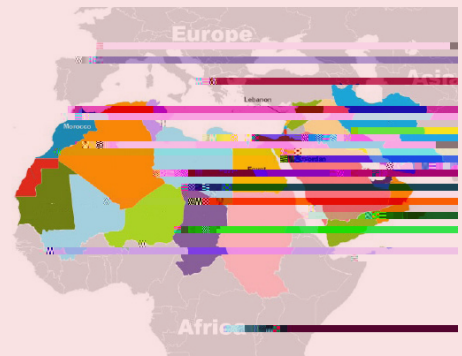
Aracelly Santana of Ecuador will remain as Chair, a position she has held since 2014. From her past UN career, Ms. Santana brings valuable and wide-ranging experience of great relevance to UNDEF, including as Deputy Special



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NEWS FROM THE FIELD:

What kind of leadership skills and qualities are needed by young people to build just and democratic societies? This is one of the key questions that the UNDEF-funded





A newly launched UNDEF project in El Salvador generated some attention when it held its first regional **debate** with young leaders to discuss some of the many issues facing youth in the country such as crime, social violence and inequality. The project also made a splash on **TV**.

The goal of the project is to bring together youth from all sectors highlighting the many young people of El Salvador.



Making the news: UNDEF-funded community radio launches series on India's Constitution

As part of a project with **CG Net** to support for grassroots democracy and to facilitate grassroots media communication, UNDEF partner, the Society for Integrated Tribal and Rural Action, worked with Ideosync Media Combine to launch a radio series on the importance of India's constitution.

The radio series hit the headlines in the Indian press with a story in the national news focusing on how the radio series connected listeners to the Constitution by showing how the values laid out in the preamble connect to ordinary daily life. The **radio series** will also allow listeners across the region to join live discussions on the meaning of the Constitution.

In the world's largest democracy, the project has worked with community radio to build capacity and develop content. The overall objective of the project is to increase access to relevant, contextual, appropriate, engaging and informational content on democracy and local governance so that citizens can more effectively participate in local governance processes.

