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Venezuela in Democracy Project

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About the Venezuela in Democracy

An initiative led by the Youth of the Centrist Democrat International (YCDI) and the Mariano Ospina Pérez Foundation, in partnership with youth political organizations for around the world. The project aims to strengthen political leadership and the defense of political rights among young Venezuelan exiles, recognizing not only the value of their experiences but also their capacity to build a democratic future. Through a participatory approach and international advocacy, the program seeks to amplify their stories, promote their voices in the global debate, and develop concrete proposals that uphold and reclaim their political rights.

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Key Objectives

- **Strengthen the political leadership of young Venezuelan exiles,** promoting their participation in the international debate on democracy and human rights.
- **Defend their political rights in exile,** by advocating for mechanisms of protection and international recognition.
- **Build narratives for a democratic Venezuela,** through spaces for dialogue and reflection on their experiences and proposals.
- **Raise awareness of the political and social situation of exiles,** by organizing an international forum that brings together key political and social actors.
- **Promote international resolutions** that encourage the respect and protection of the political rights of young Venezuelans in exile.

Program

Phase 1: Working Groups and Narrative Building

Duration: 2 months

Objective: To gather the stories and perspectives of young Venezuelan political exiles, identifying their experiences, challenges, and proposals for a democratic Venezuela.

Phase 2: International Forum on the Situation of Venezuelan Political Exiles

Duration: 1 month

Objective: To raise awareness of the political and social situation of young Venezuelans in exile and to foster debate on their rights and prospects for returning under a democratic system.

Phase 3: Presentation of International Resolutions

Duration: 1 month

Objective: To advocate for the recognition and defense of the political rights of young exiles through the promotion of international resolutions.



Strengthening editorial platforms

The Venezuela in Democracy Project aims to inspire the consolidation of international youth leadership through the creation of editorial platforms with a regional perspective and an approach independent from political parties. To achieve this, the Mariano Ospina Pérez Foundation will strengthen youth opinion platforms through both physical and digital formats, while also promoting the engagement of young leaders in political, economic, business, and religious spheres.



Organizadores



The Youth of the Centrist Democrat International (YCDI) serves as the youth division of the Centrist Democrat International (CDI), a global organization uniting political parties that uphold democratic values and principles. YCDI is dedicated to engaging young individuals in political discourse, leadership development, and the promotion of centrist democratic ideals. Through various programs and events, YCDI aims to empower the next generation of political leaders, fostering international cooperation and the exchange of ideas among youth committed to democracy and good governance.



The **Mariano Ospina Pérez Foundation** is a non-profit organization based in Bogotá, Colombia, dedicated to promoting a responsible, sustainable, and prosperous society. Inspired by the legacy of former Colombian President Mariano Ospina Pérez, the foundation leads initiatives in rural development, education, leadership, and historical memory.

Facilitadores



Centrist Democrat International (IDC-CDI): Founded in 1961, the Centrist Democrat International (IDC-CDI) is a global non-governmental organization that unites political parties committed to promoting centrist democratic values and principles. The organization serves as a platform for 113 member parties from 83 different countries to collaborate on policy development and to coordinate international activities that uphold democratic ideals.

Space for youth political organizations to participate in the program.