



Greetings voters -- past, present, and future

Welcome to the *Voter Guide Q&A*

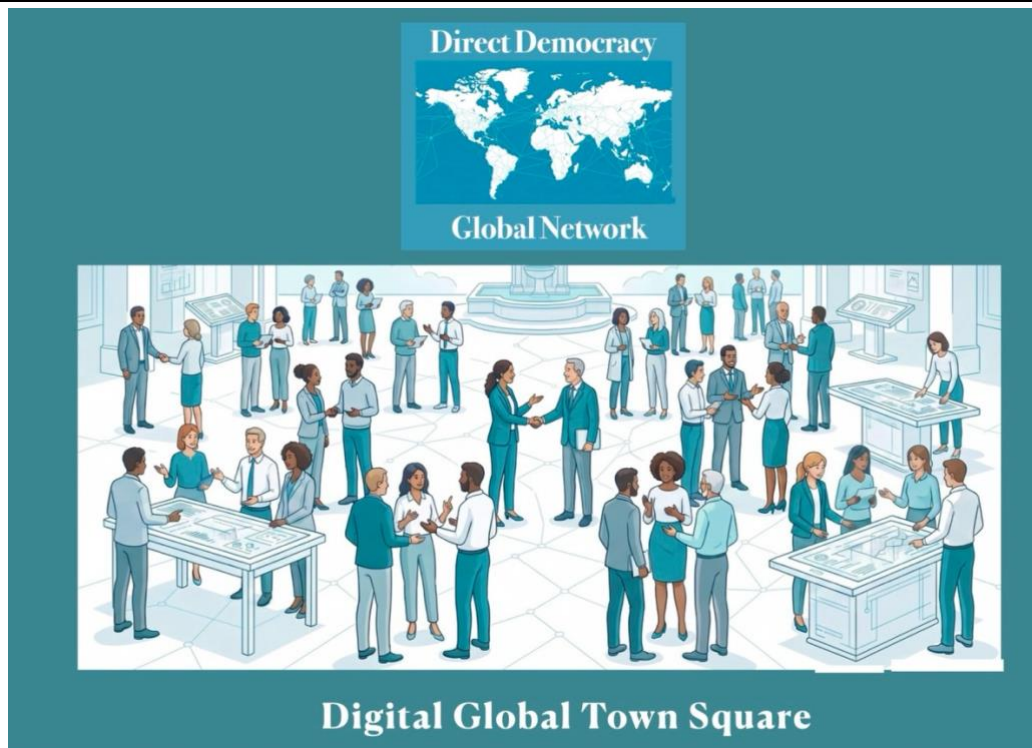
My name is NJ Bordier, and I'm the [founder](#) of the *Direct Democracy Global Network*. I invite you to sign up and become a member of the network, as soon as this page is fully developed.

Your membership will provide you a host of opportunities, starting with internal communication and information tools and services.

You can use the tools and services to connect with other members, gather information relevant to elections and voting, especially building consensus, and evaluate the information.

You will be able to join other network members to engage in *direct democracy* activities similar to those in which [Swiss voters](#) have been engaged for centuries.

The network functions as a *Digital Global Town Square* where voters around the world can meet and collaborate.



What is the purpose of the *Direct Democracy Global Network*?

The network's purpose is to enable voters around the world to follow in the footsteps of Swiss voters exercising their popular sovereignty. It provides tools and services enabling voters to use similar *direct democracy* practices and tools.

Voters can use the network to build consensus within and across frontiers to determine what laws should be passed, and nominate and elect lawmakers to enact them.

The network enables voters to gather fact-checked information. They can use the information as the basis of dialogues and debates.

They can use the network's *voting utility* to vote online on members' proposals. They can devise ways and means to emulate Switzerland's success in peacebuilding, providing humanitarian assistance, reconciling divergent viewpoints, and creating harmonious relationships at home and abroad.

How do I create a Personal DDGN Homepage?

As soon as you sign up and log into the network, you will be able to access your own page on the network. You can keep it private and/or selectively share portions with other network members.

You can use it to record, save, and share what you and others are doing on the network, and explore and create additional opportunities.

You can save links for keeping track of what is happening inside and outside the network, especially things that are important to you as a voter -- past, present, and future.

What information can I include in the "About Me" section of my homepage?

You can use this space to provide information you wish to share with other members about yourself, what you are doing, what are your priorities, and other topics you think might interest network members.

How can I define and share my priorities, and set individual legislative agendas for myself, as well as common legislative agendas with other members?

Setting your priorities for what legislation you want to see enacted is one of the most important things you can do on the network.

You can decide how you want to define your priorities, and use your own words. You can select priorities using any of the [four methods](#) described below.

You can change and update your priorities any time, save changes over time, retrieve and review them, and share them with network members and people outside the network.

Your collaboration can extend to merging your individual legislative agendas into common legislative agendas.

Method 1. Voters can define any number of legislative priorities, in their own words, and insert them into a drop-down window. Their priorities can be transmitted to the searchable Database of individual legislative priorities and user stories for storage, retrieval, sharing, and comparison.

Method 2. Voters can enter keywords into a drop-down window describing their needs, interests, and legislative priorities. They can search the Database of individual legislative priorities and user stories to obtain a list of priorities selected by other users that match their needs and interests. They can evaluate the priorities on the list and then define their own priorities in their own words, which can be added to the database.

Method 3. Voters can enter keywords into a drop-down window describing their needs, interests and legislative priorities. They can then query the system's machine learning technology and corpus of data to obtain a list of possible priorities matching their needs and interests, including but not limited to the priorities defined by other users and members of existing voting blocs, political parties, and electoral coalitions hosted on the website. Users can evaluate these priorities, and then define their priorities in their own words, which can be added to the database.

Method 4. Voters can access visual displays of legislative priorities stored in the Database of individual legislative priorities and user stories, including image metaphors such as decks of playing cards in which priorities are grouped by theme under each suit to assist voters in selecting priorities and recalling their location.

How can I join and form online voting blocs hosted on the network?

As you get to know members of the network, and find you share priorities, you can form your own online voting blocs hosted on the network.

You and other members can exchange views about priorities, see if you can build consensus about any number of priorities, and explore ways to get them implemented.

How can I join and form online political parties hosted on the network?

A good way to modernize old-fashioned political parties is to create your own. You can start online versions hosted here on the network and use them to reach out to voters across the spectrum to set modern platforms and agendas.

You can reach out to recruit network members to join your party.

If your party grows large enough, and acquires numerical voting strength for possibly winning elections, in districts where network members are eligible to vote, you and they can seek to officially register a new political party in an actual voting district.

How can I join and form online electoral coalitions hosted on the network?

You can create a spin-off of the above opportunities by forging *informal* coalitions with political parties and voting blocs.

You can also forge *formal* coalitions seeking to influence and even determine the outcomes of actual election, including primaries and general elections.

How can I participate in nominating electoral candidates?

Important services and tools the network will provide you are designed to facilitate your efforts to conduct and participate in online candidate evaluation forums.

You will be able to collect information about a candidate's priorities, prior track records, and actions advocating as well as opposing legislative initiatives and enactments.

You can scrutinize this information in deciding whether to support or oppose election bids of specific candidates.

How can I gather information about past, present and future elections?

The DDGN homepage provides several sources of information about elections, including the [ElectionGuide](#), the [Global Elections Database](#), and the [International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance \(IDEA\)](#).

How can I find out what election laws exist?

You can get an overall summary of elections laws and pending laws by accessing the information provided in Wikipedia: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Election_law

There are specific summaries provide for specific countries.

You can also obtain information from network members who have joined online voting blocs, political parties, and electoral coalitions hosted on this network.

How can I transmit legislative mandates to elected representatives?

The network provides several tools and ways for transmitting mandates to lawmakers.

You can email elected representatives directly and also participate in activities conducted on this network.

These activities include conducting and voting in online *initiatives, referendums, petition drives, and recalls* of incumbent lawmakers.



How can I find out about existing and pending legislation, and influencing factors?

Legislation passed, amended, disregarded or confounded, merits attention as the the vital "bottom line" and ultimate significance of what voters are learning, doing and accomplishing using the *Direct Democracy Global Network* tools and services.

The network's mission is to increase the potential of voters around the world to connect online, unite to build consensus, and promote welfare and wellbeing. It will empower voters to address and devise global solutions to the challenges, crises, and impending emergencies facing the world's population.

First and foremost among these challenges are climate disruption and the unending catastrophes they are causing.

To surmount them, voters -- past, present, and future -- will have access to tools and services enabling them to

reconcile divergent viewpoints and build consensus across partisan lines.

They will be able to devise innovative solutions to cross-national problems that single countries and governments are unable to solve by themselves and/or in combination with several other countries.

For these reasons, legislation is a primary focus of the network, and its motivation to build a Digital Global Town Square where virtually unlimited numbers of voters can connect online to initiate legislation.

They will be able to achieve their legislative objectives *online* and implement them *offline* in countries where they are eligible to register to vote. They can nominate electoral candidates, and campaign to elect lawmakers who will exert their best efforts to enact voters legislative agendas into law -- and implement them across frontiers to encircle the globe.

That is why and how the *Direct Democracy Global Network* and its members will usher in a new stage of harmonious development and consensus building around the world.

This collaboration will ensure the planet's capabilities of sustaining life and promoting the welfare and well-being of people and animals. It will preserve the planet's vital ecosystems as effectively as existing supra-national entities.

For these reasons, the network will maintain and provide its you access to extensive online legislative databases and documents. You will be able to delve into them to obtain timely information about legislation, proposed changes in legislation and laws, and pending efforts to modify existing legislation and enact new legislation.

You can also track legislative activities through messages posted by other network members on *Community Stories*. These posts will highlight members' legislative activities and enable you to contact them if they authorize internal exchanges of messages and wish to explore possibilities for collaboration.

