



Welcome!



Greetings voters -- past, present, and future.

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. You can use them to gather information relevant to voting and building consensus and evaluate it.

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

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



What is the purpose of the <i>Direct Democracy Global Network</i> ?	
	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 <i>direct democracy</i> 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 <i>voting utility</i> to vote online on members' proposals. They can devise ways and means to emulate Switzerland's success in promoting peace, 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 can I write "About Me"?	
	You can use this space to provide information about yourself, what you are doing, what are your priorities, and whatever

	else you want to share with other members of the network.
How can I define and share my priorities, and set legislative agendas?	
	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 set them and use your own words if you prefer. You can also 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.
	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?	
	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?	
	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, 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?	
	You can create a spin-off of the above opportunities by forging <i>informal</i> coalitions with political parties and voting blocs. You can also forge <i>formal</i> coalitions seeking to influence and even determine the outcomes of actual elections, including primaries and general elections.

How can I nominate 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 track and participate in 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).
What election laws exist and are pending?	
	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 in online voting blocs, political parties, and electoral coalitions hosted on this network.
How can I transmit 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 <i>initiatives, referendums, petition drives</i>, and <i>recalls</i> of incumbent lawmakers.
How can I track legislation?	
	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 <i>Direct Democracy Global Network</i> tools and services. The network's mission is to enhance the potential of voters to connect online, unite to build consensus, and devise overarching solutions to the challenges, crises, and impending emergencies facing the world's population. First and foremost among them are climate disruption and the unending catastrophes they are causing. To surmount them, voters around the world -- past, present, and future -- must be able to build consensus and devise solutions to problems that single countries and governments are not solving alone, or in alliance with other countries. Legislation is a primary focus of the network, to enable virtually unlimited numbers of voters to initiate legislation and achieve their legislative objectives <i>online</i> and then implement them <i>offline</i> in countries where they register to vote. Then they will be able to nominate candidates and campaign to elect lawmakers to enact their legislative agendas into laws, and implement them within and across frontiers, encircling the globe.

	That is why and how the <i>Direct Democracy Global Network</i> and its members can usher in a new stage of consensus based harmonious development around the world. This collaboration can ensure the planet's capabilities of sustaining life and promoting the welfare and well-being of its people and animals. It will also be able to preserve vital ecosystems as effectively, and possibly more effectively, than existing supra-national entities at this time. For these reasons, the network will maintain and provide its voter members access to extensive online legislative databases and documents. You will be able to access them to obtain information about legislation, changes in legislation and laws, and pending proposals to enact legislation or modify existing legislation. You can also track legislative activities through messages posted by other network members on <i>Community Stories</i>. They will highlight members' legislative activities and enable you to contact them when they authorize internal exchanges of messages.