

KOSOVO



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History of Partnership

The House Democracy Partnership (HDP) approved a legislative strengthening partnership with the Assembly of Kosovo in 2009. Since then, HDP has worked with the Assembly in the areas of constituent relations, committee operations and parliamentary research. HDP has encouraged development on these fronts with congressional delegations and training seminars for visiting Kosovar members of parliament (MPs) and staff from the Assembly, among other forms of engagement including staff delegations and technical assistance consultancies.



HDP Engagement with the Assembly of the Republic of Kosovo

- **MP and Regional Seminars:** Since 2009, the members from the Assembly of Kosovo participated in nine MP and regional seminars on topics related to building modern, professional, and representative parliaments; developing an inclusive parliament; good practices on staff hiring; strategic communications around ethical breaches, responses to negative press coverage, party and caucus dynamics around conduct and discipline; managing parliamentary crises to protect institutional integrity and public trust; committee operations; and constituent communications.
- **Staff Delegations and Technical Assistance Consultancies (TACs):** HDP has organized six staff delegations and TACs with the Assembly focused on the professionalization of parliamentary staff; ethics and peer-to-peer accountability among members; parliamentary ethics, oversight and transparency; budget analysis; and the role of civil society in shaping legislative priorities.
- **Staff Seminars:** Staff from the Assembly of Kosovo have participated in 16 staff seminars on topics including legislative integrity; challenges of and strategies for cultivating trust by members and partisan staff; concerns related to openness, transparency, and access to information; committee processes; legislative budgeting; digital technologies; and constituent relations.

HDP Congressional Delegations (CODELs)

- HDP has organized five U.S. Congressional delegation visits to Kosovo.
 - March 2008
 - February 2010
 - April 2012
 - August 2015
 - February 2017