

Parliaments, Elections, and the Cost of Politics: Implications for Corruption and Exclusion

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09:30 - 11:30

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Why are women and youth still a minority in parliaments around the world? And why does corruption persist in political systems despite decades of investment in transparency? This panel discussion explores the interconnected challenges of corruption and exclusion, by looking at the cost of getting into politics.

The discussion will be informed by [cross-country research](#) of the Westminster Foundation for Democracy (WFD) on how the cost of politics feeds into cycles of corruption. Speakers will explore the relationship between corruption, inclusiveness and accountability, taking lessons from the field to shed light on the implications for donors and practitioners.

Programme

- 09.00 Breakfast and registration
- 09.30 Presentation: Cost of Politics Research
Graeme Ramshaw, Director of Research and Evaluation, Westminster Foundation for Democracy
- 10.00 Panel discussion
- Arjan van der Waal, Programme Manager, Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy
 - Gonzalo Jorro Martinez, Political Parties and Parliaments Desk, DG DEVCO, European Commission
 - Kristine Hovhannisyan, Project Coordinator, OxYGen (Armenia)
- 11.20 Wrap-up

To confirm your participation, please fill in this [registration form](#). For more information, please contact [Ruth-Marie Henckes](#).