



GLOBAL NETWORK ON ELECTORAL JUSTICE

Benefits and Relevance

ABOUT THE GLOBAL NETWORK

INNOVATION

The Global Network on Electoral Justice (GNEJ) is an international collaborative forum for collective and multidisciplinary reflection, whose main objective is to strengthen the **effective protection of political-electoral rights through a space for shared reflection.**

Since its creation in 2017, at the initiative of the Electoral Tribunal of the Federal Judiciary (TEPJF) of Mexico, its members contribute to updating the agenda in the field, ensuring dynamic communication and establishing global strategies. The GNEJ allows for the direct exchange of experiences between constitutional courts, tribunals, electoral authorities, research centers, international organizations, and experts in electoral justice and democracy.



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REACH

The GNEJ is the first and only specialized forum on electoral justice with a global reach. During its first two years of operation, the Global Network **quintupled** its membership. Also, during the last two years, the number of experts linked to it has increased by **45.5%**. To date, 286 people from 47 countries have participated in its annual Plenary Assemblies. This includes representatives from 74 judicial and administrative authorities, 26 intergovernmental and international non-governmental organizations, 18 academic institutions, 7 private actors, and 26 experts worldwide.

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AUTHORITIES

26

INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS

26

EXPERTS AND
OBSERVERS

18

ACADEMIC
INSTITUTIONS

7

PRIVATE
ACTORS

286

ELECTORAL JUDGES
AND EXPERTS

FROM

47

COUNTRIES

EXCHANGES AND RESULTS

511

DOCUMENTS ON
THE PLATFORM

GNEJ members maintain constant communication through the **Global Exchange Platform**. This digital tool centralizes around 510 jurisdictional and academic documents and offers **discussion forums** on topics of interest to its members, such as equal political participation, technology and social media, protection of democratic principles, and political financing of elections.

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SPECIALIZED MEETINGS

The Technical Secretariat coordinates various activities to **meet the needs of the GNEJ**. Between 2020 and 2022, 43 virtual and hybrid meetings have been held on the implications that the pandemic has had on the administration of electoral justice and elections.

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ANNUAL PLENARY
ASSEMBLIES

The GNEJ meets annually in Plenary Assemblies (five have been held to date) that allow for **direct and constant deliberation on good practices and experiences** related to thematic priorities defined each year. The following topics stand out: judicial independence, technology and disinformation, corruption, gender equality, and equal conditions in the electoral contest, among others. The reports can be found at the [GNEJ Platform](#).

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OBSERVATORIES

Among the most important initiatives of the members of the Global Network is the creation of three **observatories: Gender Equality, Judicial Independence, and Social Media**. These are coordinated by Boards of Directors; 20 judges and experts from different countries systematize knowledge and deliver products in their areas of expertise. In 2022, **3 deliverables were developed, one by each observatory**.

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ELECTORAL OBSERVATION
MISSION

The first **Electoral Accompaniment Mission** was integrated on the occasion of the Brazilian general elections held in October 2022. Eight experts from the GNEJ analyzed sentences, interviewed different actors, and institutionally accompanied the Brazilian electoral authorities in the development of the elections.

Gender Equality

- Identify the conditions for an adequate administration of electoral justice with a gender perspective.
- Showcase the applied criteria and rulings, as well as institutional policies, with a gender perspective.

Results: Studies of key rulings, mapping of good practices, and a "Guide to Judge with a Gender Perspective in Electoral Matters."

Judicial Independence

- Issue recommendations on institutional changes to strengthen judicial independence and the rule of law.
- Promote and evaluate compliance with international standards in this area.

Result: Study "Judicial Independence and Due Process in Electoral Justice," which includes jurisdictional-national cases and a mapping of good practices.

Social Media

- Analyze the technological factors that strengthen or threaten the exercise of political-electoral rights to issue cutting-edge rulings.
- Issue recommendations in favor of the protection of fundamental rights in the digital era.

Results: Study of the rights associated with the use of digital media and a glossary of concepts with examples and national decisions.

BENEFICIARIES

286

IN 5 PLENARY ASSEMBLIES

Participants from jurisdictional, administrative, academic, international, and private bodies (48 countries worldwide, 2017-2022).

200

IN 4 FORUMS ON ELECTORAL JUSTICE AND COVID-19 WITH UNDP

Participants from jurisdictional, administrative, academic, international bodies, and the general public (global events, 2020).

127

IN 29 EXPERT MEETINGS ON ELECTIONS AND COVID-19 WITH INTERNATIONAL IDEA

Participants from jurisdictional, administrative, academic bodies, and the general public (19 Latin American countries, 2020-2021).

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IN APPROX. 20 WORKING MEETINGS OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE, ADVISORY COUNCIL, AND GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE GNEJ

Jurisdictional and academic participants (14 countries worldwide 2017-2022).

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IN 12 MEETINGS OF THE THREE OBSERVATORIES

Participants from jurisdictional, administrative, academic, and international bodies, as well as independent consultants (12 countries worldwide, 2020-2021).

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IN 5 WORKING MEETINGS AND THE CALL FOR THE GNEJ AWARDS (FIRST EDITION, 2021)

Academic and administrative participants and nominated entities (jurisdictional, international, academic bodies) for the Awards (19 countries worldwide, 2020-2022).

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PERSONS LINKED TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE GLOBAL NETWORK ON ELECTORAL JUSTICE (2017-2022)

These participants have shared, discussed, analyzed, and learned through the knowledge, strategies, and good practices addressed in the activities of the GNEJ. At least 75 people have participated in more than 1 activity presented above, resulting in an overall figure of 728 people linked to the activities of the GNEJ.



The GNEJ is comprised of the General Assembly, Governing Council, Scientific Committee, Advisory Council, and Technical Secretariat. The Governing Council includes a presidency and four regional vice-presidencies – Africa, the Americas, Asia and the Pacific, and Europe – and the TEPJF participates as an honorary member. The Scientific Committee is composed of up to 10 people and its task is to propose working topics and mechanisms.

The International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA), the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the Organization of American States (OAS), and the Venice Commission participate in the Advisory Council as founding organizations of the GNEJ. The Technical Secretariat, under the responsibility of Mexico's TEPJF, is the executive body of the GNEJ, which has ensured the continuity of the work since its foundation. It ensures that the annual program is updated and complied with.

STRUCTURE

ACTIVITIES PLANNED FOR 2022

9 meetings of the Boards of the Observatories and 3 studies

The Boards of the three Observatories will convene in three meetings each and will promote the development of three studies from an external and neutral point of view, following the qualitative and quantitative indicators of each observatory. Meetings were held in March and September; the third is scheduled for December. The documents were delivered in October.

Specific objective: Learn from the specialized reflections of the Boards, composed of judges and experts from around the world, in favor of the construction of three work agendas that advance the development of gender equality, judicial independence, and social media. Develop comparative studies focused on issues in the three areas to highlight good practices, toolboxes, and jurisprudential lines of reference in the field for the authorities that make up the GNEJ.

Countries represented on the Boards of the three Observatories



Assessment activity of the GNEJ and Scientific Committee meetings

To analyze the achievements, challenges, and future of the GNEJ, an international collaborative forum for collective and multidisciplinary reflection will be held. Participants will include representatives of national authorities, international organizations, and academic institutions. In its role as Technical Secretariat, the TEPJF (as the founder and promoter of this initiative) will promote the development of an open electoral justice, by presenting to the public what has been achieved so far by the GNEJ. This activity will be held in November.

The Scientific Committee meetings have the objective of outlining the thematic agenda of the Plenary Assembly, defining the collaborative pathways for events during the year, discussing the GNEJ Awards, and reviewing its composition and mechanisms of operation. Meetings were held in January and October, and the third will take place in November.

Specific objective: Ensure continuity for the activities, achievements, and substantive work of the GNEJ in an intermediate event between plenary assemblies.

Countries represented in the Scientific Committee





TRIBUNAL ELECTORAL **del Poder Judicial de la Federación**

Presented by the Technical Secretariat of the GNEJ:

GENERAL DIRECTORATE **OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS OF THE TEPJF**

Website: www.te.gob.mx/red_mundial/

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