



SUPPORTING YOUTH-LED SOLUTIONS



Young leaders from 35 countries brainstorm how they can promote youth innovation through social enterprise in rural areas at the Generation Democracy Global Summit.



Approach

At the International Republican Institute (IRI), we advance the role of youth in decision-making processes. We help youth and partners identify barriers and opportunities to promote active participation, connect youth with other democratically-minded leaders, co-develop tools and test strategies. IRI's programs equip a generation of changemakers with the knowledge and skills to better advocate for reform, overcome barriers to meaningful political participation and promote more vibrant, resilient, and inclusive democracies.

- 1 **ASSESS** barriers and opportunities to promote active participation;
- 2 **CONNECT** democratically-minded youth;
- 3 **CO-DEVELOP** tools and strategies with youth and partners; and
- 4 **TEST** solutions;

To better advocate for reform, effectively tackle barriers to meaningful political participation and promote more vibrant, self-reliant, and inclusive democracies.

IRI currently works with:



**53,000
YOUTH**



**ACROSS 70
COUNTRIES**



**THROUGH 51
PROGRAMS**

Europe

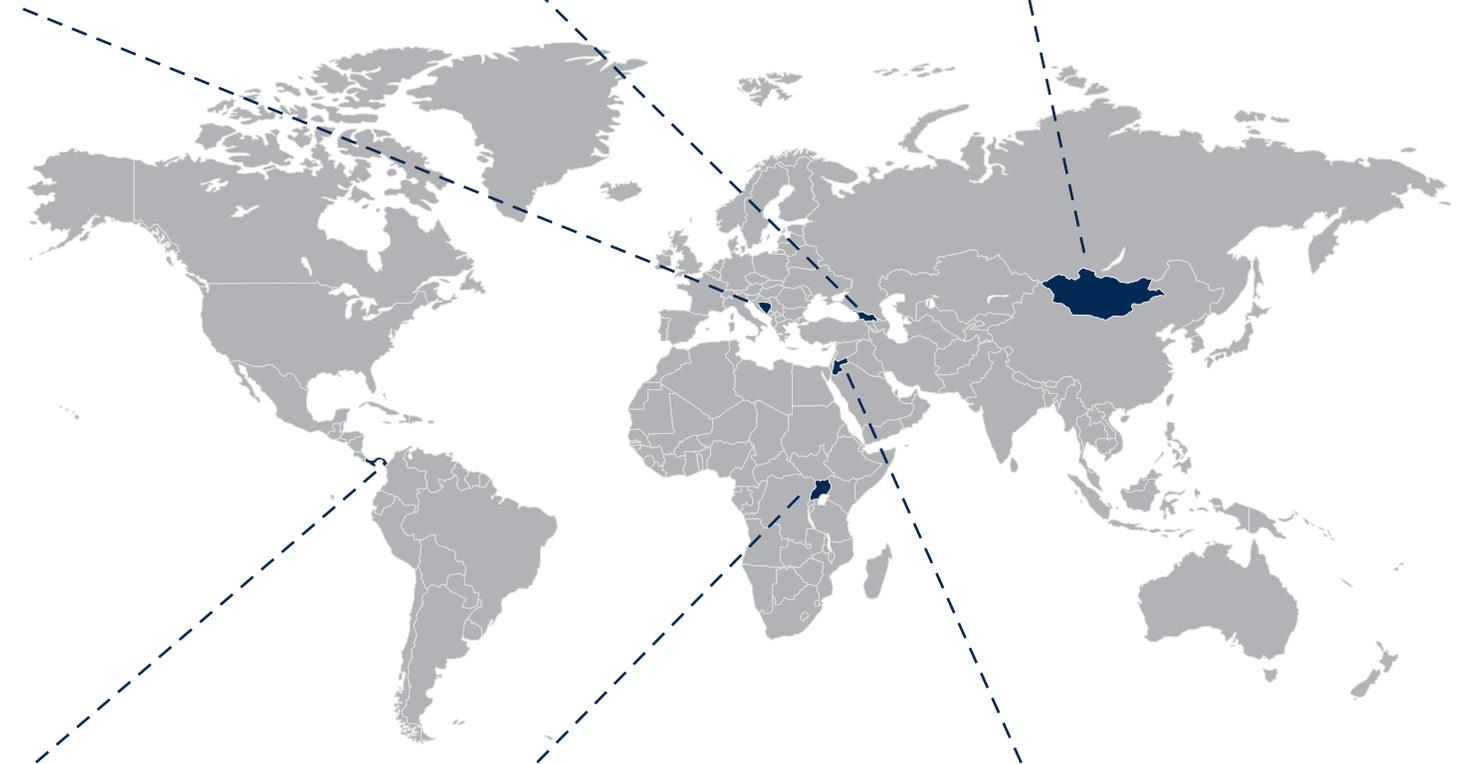
In Bosnia and Herzegovina, IRI is working with a select group of young “Reconciliation Ambassadors” through the USAID-funded re:Generation program to create a documentary film that examines the legacy of the Bosnian war and advocates for positive change in the country.

Eurasia

In Georgia, IRI organizes Youth Political Debates to encourage a culture of respectful policy-oriented discussion and empower a new generation of leaders. This project has been so successful that the model has been replicated in Kyrgyzstan.

Asia

In Mongolia, IRI connects emerging leaders with their global counterparts through the Leaders Advancing Democracy Program (LEAD), an initiative that has reached nearly 1,000 beneficiaries in Kyrgyzstan, Bhutan and Myanmar.



Latin America

In Panama, IRI works with government and civil society organizations to engage at-risk youth to design, implement and seek local stakeholder support for projects to improve their communities, create economic development opportunities, and reduce crime and violence.

Africa

In Uganda, IRI supports the Inter-Party Youth Platform (IYOP), an initiative which unites youth across the political spectrum through sports in order to foster a dialogue on constitutional reform and barriers to political participation.

Middle East

In Jordan, IRI’s Youth Leadership Academy (YLA) is equipping young Jordanians with the the communications skills necessary to ensure their concerns are represented in the political process. Through the advanced YLA Training of Trainers program, IRI promotes peer-to-peer learning and mentorship.

GENERATION DEMOCRACY

IRI is building on the momentum generated by young leaders across its regional programs through Generation Democracy.

Launched in 2015, Generation Democracy is a global network of more than 400 youth across 70 countries. Through the network, young changemakers can share ideas and best practices and access skills-building workshops, webinars and professional development opportunities to help advance positive change in their communities and countries.

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