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Parliamentary Support - Legislative Strengthening

Strengthen the ability of parliaments to fulfill their **lawmaking, oversight, and representative** functions

NDI Resources for Parliament Strengthening

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- Roles/ responsibilities of members
- Committee operations
- Legislative ethics
- Constituent outreach
- Communications and media
- Legislative-executive relations
- Legislative rules of procedure, and
- Legislative transparency and accountability
- Poverty reduction strategies and extractive industries oversight

Three Components

- Sharing Experiences
- Standards
- Technology and eDemocracy

Sharing Experiences

- Legislator and Staff Exchanges
- Online Exchanges
 - **AGORA Portal for Parliamentary Development**
 - www.agora-parl.org

Standards

- Toward Standards for Democratic Legislatures
 - Available on NDI.ORG website
- XML

Technology and eDemocracy

- Huge Opportunity
- Formidable Challenges

Key Factors to Successful Technology Cooperation

- 1 Leadership and Vision
- 2 Resources
- 3 Change Management Strategy and Plan
- 4 Capacity in Parliament
- 5 IT Capacity



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Thank You

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