

OPEN CALL!

for **Deliberative Practices**

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

EASTERN EUROPE

LATIN AMERICA

SOUTHEAST ASIA & INDIA

Mentorship Program on Sustainability 2026

What is Demo.Reset?

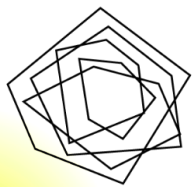
Demo.Reset is an initiative led by **Extitute de Política Abierta**, a civil society organization based in Colombia that has been working since 2019 to promote political innovation and build democratic capacities in the Global South. Extitute promotes citizen laboratories, supports community leadership, and connects organizations in global learning and collaboration networks.

Since 2021, Demo.Reset has established itself as an international community connecting more than 200 organizations, academics, and activists from Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa, Eastern Europe, India, and Southeast Asia. Our purpose is to strengthen those who work every day for citizen participation and deliberative democracy, sharing lessons learned and generating joint strategies so that these practices are sustained over time and engage in dialogue with public institutions.

We believe that democracy is built in neighborhoods, schools, and community spaces, and that each local experience has the potential to inspire others worldwide. Demo.Reset exists to amplify these voices and weave them into a network of solidarity, learning, and action.

Content:

What is Demo.Reset?	1
The 2025-2027 Call for Proposals	2
Objectives of the Call for Proposals	2
Who can apply?	3
Benefits:	3
Participation commitments	4
Program structure:	5
Schedule:	7
Contact and questions	7



Demo.Reset

Deliberation in the Global South

EXITUTUTO DE POLÍTICA ABIERTA_ 2024_
ORGANIZATIONS_ WORKING FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY
D E L I B E R A T I O N _

D_{GS}

2024

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

EASTERN EUROPE

SOUTHEAST ASIA

LATIN AMERICA

INDIA

The 2026 Call for Proposals

Now in its third edition, **Demo.Reset promotes the consolidation of deliberative practices that can be replicated over time and become part of everyday democratic life.** We aim for citizen processes to cease being isolated events and become sustainable mechanisms, supported by local norms and institutions, that foster trust, follow up on commitments, and promote shared learning between regions.

This call **invites organizations, collectives, and mentors from the Global South to join in a collaborative process of learning and joint action.** Our purpose is to strengthen and connect practices of deliberative democracy, supporting the creation of models that generate verifiable commitments between citizens and institutions, thereby enhancing trust and enabling us to learn from one another to consolidate more open and sustainable democracies.



LATIN AMERICA
HUB - 1



EASTERN EUROPE
HUB - 2



SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA
HUB - 3



INDIA
HUB - 4



SOUTHEAST ASIA
HUB - 4

Objectives of the Call

The mentoring program, together with the strategic support of specialized mentors, seeks to:

- Connect experiences, knowledge, and methodologies from different regions.
- Provide support to organizations, collectives, and movements in the development of practical tools that strengthen their capacities.
- Consolidate routes for political and community advocacy.
- Promote the design of sustainability strategies—institutional, financial, and community—that allow deliberative models to be projected over time.

Who can apply?

This program is designed for **social organizations, collectives, and citizen movements** that have developed deliberative practices in Latin America, Sub-Saharan Africa, Eastern Europe, India, and Southeast Asia, and have at least two years of verifiable experience in citizen participation or advocacy processes.

A PROJECT OF:

EXITUTUTO
POLÍTICA ABIERTA

SUPPORTED BY:

NED
NATIONAL ENDOWMENT
FOR DEMOCRACY
SUPPORTING FREEDOM AROUND THE WORLD

ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

PEOPLE
POWERED

DEMOCRACIA
EN RED

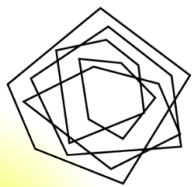
/// Participedia

INNOVATION
FOR POLICY
FOUNDATION



CEE
Centre for Environment Education





Demo.Reset

Deliberation in the Global South

D_GS

2024

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

EASTERN EUROPE

SOUTHEAST ASIA

LATIN AMERICA

INDIA

We are looking for partners who:

- **Promote deliberative practices with broad appeal**, capable of attracting and maintaining the active participation of their communities.
- **Work with organized communities** that support the commitments generated in deliberative spaces.
- **Have clear, collective, and action-oriented political or community advocacy agendas**.
- **Recognize themselves as laboratories of democratic innovation**, open to experimenting, adapting, and improving their models.
- **Have interest in linking their practices to institutional or legal frameworks**, leveraging local and regional networks to broaden their impact.
- **Proficiency in English or Spanish** (reading and communication)

Benefits:

The selected organizations and collectives will have access to a set of support measures designed to strengthen their capacities, expand their sustainability, and project their impact within the transregional Demo.Reset community.

- **Financial and logistical support (US\$10,000 per organization)**. Resources to implement the experimentation plan in the field, promoting consolidation and scalability.
- **Specialized support throughout 2026**—close accompaniment by the Demo.Reset team and mentors in deliberation, sustainability, and advocacy, with an emphasis on the specific needs of each model.
- **Transregional learning scenarios**. Exchange with organizations in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Latin America to share methodologies, experiences, and strategies.
- **Practical tools for advocacy and sustainability**. Access to methodologies, guides, and formats that strengthen dialogue with institutions and promote long-term plans.
- **International visibility**. Dissemination of achievements and lessons learned through the Demo.Reset network and in global spaces for democratic innovation.
- **Participation in the Demo.Reset Summit 2027**. With transportation covered by

A PROJECT OF:



SUPPORTED BY:



ADVISORY COMMITTEE:





Demo.Reset

Deliberation in the Global South

EXITUTUTO DE POLÍTICA ABIERTA_ 2024_
ORGANIZATIONS_ WORKING FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY
D E L I B E R A T I O N _

D_{GS}

2024

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

EASTERN EUROPE

SOUTHEAST ASIA

LATIN AMERICA

INDIA

the project, organizations will be able to present the findings of their process to a global audience of organizations, academics, and donors, contributing to the conversation on deliberative democracy in the Global South.

Participation commitments

Participation in this program involves individual and collective commitments. We aim to connect **deliberative models that can be sustained through the collaborative efforts of communities, collectives, and local allies.**

Each model must have **at least three people who take on strategic roles in coordination, design, and communication.** These individuals may come from a single organization, community partners, or allied collectives, as long as they are committed to ensuring continuity throughout the process.

In addition, organizations must:

- Attend 100% of the synchronous virtual sessions.
- Work with their mentor to develop an experimentation and sustainability plan.
- Allocate collective time and resources to implement this plan in their territories between July and December 2026.
- Document learnings, results, and challenges as part of the final systematization.
- Meet the technical requirements for virtual participation (stable internet connection, computer, willingness to use WhatsApp, and work with PDF canvases for asynchronous activities).

Program structure:

The program is developed in two complementary phases in the first and second semesters of 2026.

PHASE 1: Virtual mentoring program	
Modality	The program combines synchronous virtual sessions, thematic forums, personalized mentoring, and independent work.
Dates	March 1 - June 30, 2026.

A PROJECT OF:

EXITUTUTO
POLÍTICA ABIERTA

SUPPORTED BY:

NED
NATIONAL
ENVIRONMENT
FOR
DEMOCRACY
SUPPORTING FREEDOM AROUND THE WORLD

ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

PEOPLE
POWERED

DEMOCRACIA
EN RED

/// Participedia

INNOVATION
FOR POLICY
FOUNDATION



CEE
Centre for Environment Education





Demo.Reset

Deliberation in the Global South

EXITUTUTO DE POLÍTICA ABIERTA_ 2024_
ORGANIZATIONS_ WORKING FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY
D E L I B E R A T I O N _

D_{GS}

2024

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

EASTERN EUROPE

SOUTHEAST ASIA

LATIN AMERICA

INDIA

Duration	8 synchronous sessions 4 months 32 hours: 16 hours of synchronous work and 16 hours of asynchronous work.
Objective	To strengthen the capacities of organizations through a collaborative training process that combines theoretical knowledge, transregional exchange, and practical design of deliberative strategies.
Content	Module 1. March <i>Deliberating for Impact: Diagnosis and Strengthening of the Deliberation Model.</i> Module 2. April <i>Advocating to Stay: Practical Tools for Building an Advocacy Roadmap.</i> Module 3. May <i>Solid Foundations for Sustainable Futures: Internal governance and resources for the future.</i> Module 4. June <i>From design to action: Creating an experimentation plan.</i>

PHASE 2: Field experimentation laboratories	
Modality	In-person implementation in the field. With the support of virtual tools for monitoring and systematization.
Dates	Between August 1 and November 30, 2026.
Duration	Each laboratory will last between 5 and 10 days, depending on each organization's plan.
Objective	To implement the experimentation and sustainability plans designed in the mentoring sessions in the field, generating applied learning to strengthen and project deliberative models.
Description	Each participating organization will receive financial and logistical support to implement the designed experimentation plan in its territory. This phase seeks to validate hypotheses, strengthen sustainability, and generate practical learning that can be shared with the Demo.Reset community.

A PROJECT OF:



SUPPORTED BY:



ADVISORY COMMITTEE:





Demo.Reset

Deliberation in the Global South

EXITUTUTO DE POLÍTICA ABIERTA_ 2024_
ORGANIZATIONS_ WORKING FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY
D E L I B E R A T I O N _

D_GS

2024

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

EASTERN EUROPE

SOUTHEAST ASIA

LATIN AMERICA

INDIA

This space will include on-site support from the Demo.Reset team, mentors, and collaborators, as well as the systematization of learning, to strengthen the replicability and scalability of deliberative models.

How to apply in 3 steps:

Applications must be submitted exclusively through the online form available on the Demo.Reset website: <https://www.demoreset.org/join/>

1

Share your experience

Attach materials that reflect your background (projects, publications, evidence of participation) and describe examples of deliberative processes you have developed.

2

Introduce yourselves in a video (max. 2 min.)

Tell us who you are, what communities you work with, and how this program can strengthen your deliberative model.

3

Complete the online form.

Visit www.demoreset.org/join and complete the required information. The form can take between 60 and 90 minutes to complete, so we recommend taking your time and setting aside enough time to do so.

Schedule:

Activity	Date
Application deadline	November 1, 2025
Interviews with prioritized organizations by region	November 2025
Communication of results	December 5, 2025
Onboarding meeting	February 2026
Virtual mentoring program	March–June 2026
Implementation in the field and systematization	July–December 2026

A PROJECT OF:

EXITUTUTO
POLÍTICA ABIERTA

SUPPORTED BY:

NED
NATIONAL
ENGAGEMENT
FOR
DEMOCRACY
SUPPORTING FREEDOM AROUND THE WORLD

ADVISORY COMMITTEE:

PEOPLE
POWERED

DEMOCRACIA
EN RED

Participedia

INNOVATION
FOR POLICY
FOUNDATION



CEE
Centre for Environment Education





Demo.Reset

Deliberation in the Global South

EXTITUTO DE POLÍTICA ABIERTA_ 2024_
ORGANIZATIONS_ WORKING FOR DELIBERATIVE DEMOCRACY
D E L I B E R A T I O N _

D_{GS}

2024

SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA

EASTERN EUROPE

SOUTHEAST ASIA

LATIN AMERICA

INDIA

Demo.Reset Summit

March 2027

Contact and questions

We invite you to join our Q&A session on **Thursday, October 16, at 1:30 p.m. UTC**. If you would like to join, please email us for connection details.

If you have any further questions, you can contact us at demoreset@extitudo.org or write directly to the regional leader in your area.



General Coordination and Regional Leader
Silvia Remolina Diaz
+57 3172299035
silvia@extitudo.org



Regional Leader
Bene Asprilla
+57 3012596908
bene@extitudo.org



Regional Leader
Melissa Vélez Arias
+57 30087766400
melissa@extitudo.org



Regional Leader
Andrea Restrepo Toro
+57 314 3405413
andrearestrepo@extitudo.org



Regional Support
Fabián Ardila
+57 3106794668
fabian@extitudo.org

A PROJECT OF:



SUPPORTED BY:



ADVISORY COMMITTEE:



/// Participedia

