

## The regions

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- ▶ Regional Office for Central, South East and East Europe, Southern Caucasus and Central Asia  
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- ▶ Regional Office for Africa  
*in Johannesburg*
- ▶ Regional Office for Mediterranean Countries  
*in Cairo*
- ▶ Regional Office for Latin America  
*in Mexico-City*
- ▶ Regional Office for South Asia  
*in New Delhi*
- ▶ Regional Office for Southeast and East Asia  
*in Bangkok*
- ▶ Regional Office for the European Institutions and North America  
*in Brussels*

The Regional Offices supervise and coordinate the work of the various Project Offices that are responsible for one or more countries.

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# International Work of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom

## At a glance

The Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom is active both at home and abroad. Our activities in third countries are part of Germany's development cooperation and foreign policy work.

Freedom is the fundamental value guiding our efforts. All our projects strive to help people throughout the world to live in freedom, human dignity and peace.

Together with our partners – which include liberal political parties as well as non-governmental organisations – we support the development of constitutional and democratic institutions and promote a free market economy. But development policy is not a one-way street: we engage in dialogue and bring back into the German context successful political examples from our project countries.

The Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom has seven regional offices, 44 project offices and over 60 project countries around the world. More than one hundred individual projects are implemented by over 250 staff members in the various project regions. Funding is provided by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, the German Federal Foreign Office and, increasingly, by the European Union.

## Issues

The principles of liberalism as a political philosophy underpin all the work of the Foundation. In the 2008–2011 period we shall focus on the following issues:

*Freedom and property:* private property and its protection through the legal system are essential conditions for wealth creation, economic growth and, furthermore, for a self-confident civil society.

*Freedom and civil society:* active citizens are the lifeblood of a liberal society. It is people, not government bureaucracies, who can bring freedom to life and secure it on a lasting basis.

*Freedom and the rule of law:* only a state governed by the rule of law can sustainably perform the core functions liberals assign to it, namely, the protection of freedom, security and property.



## Aims and methods

The main objectives of our international work are:

- ▶ to spread liberal ideas and concepts in all political areas;
- ▶ to strengthen civil society, particularly liberal organisations and parties;
- ▶ to bring into the German political discussion liberal approaches and solutions from abroad.

Our activities are as varied as our cooperating partners or the regions we work in. They are based on long-standing experience and are constantly evolving.

- ▶ *Political education* aims at helping increasing numbers of people to become involved in political and social processes.
- ▶ *Political dialogue* offers politicians and civil society representatives the opportunity to exchange experiences, learn from each other and find solutions to conflicts.
- ▶ *Political consultancy* provides liberal political decision-makers with skills, knowledge and experiences that are important for strengthening political parties and implementing liberal policies.