

# The Aspen Institute International Partners Network



## 2024 Impact Report



INTERNATIONAL  
PARTNERS

Dear Friends of the Aspen Institute  
International Partners,

As the sun rises in one corner of the world and sets in another, the work of the Aspen Institute International Partners continues—uninterrupted, unyielding, and united in purpose. Somewhere around the world, at any moment, our global network of Partners is advancing the shared mission of fostering free, just, and equitable societies.

In reflecting on 2024, we are reminded of the remarkable breadth and impact of this global network. From Queenstown to London, New Delhi to Madrid, and everywhere in between, our partners champion initiatives that tackle the defining challenges of our time: strengthening democracy, addressing inequities, and fostering dialogue across cultures. Together, Partners have launched new programs, deepened collaborations, and sparked conversations and connections that ripple far beyond their origins, transforming communities in profound and lasting ways.



This work is only possible because of the enduring commitment of our International Partners. With 13 Partners and one Initiative in 16 countries, the network amplifies the Aspen mission across every region of the globe. It is this global reach—grounded in shared values but responsive to local contexts—that makes the International Partners a cornerstone of the Aspen Institute's vision.

As we look ahead to 2025, the need for this network and what it represents is stronger than ever. We will continue to strengthen connections across borders, build new bridges in regions where they are most needed, and empower young and emerging leaders to carry forward the work of creating a better world. This year, we will also deepen our focus on collaborative innovation, leveraging the collective expertise of the International Partners to address challenges that transcend national boundaries.

To every partner, supporter, and advocate – thank you for being part of this extraordinary community. As we embark on another year of impactful work, we are proud of what we have accomplished together and hopeful for what lies ahead. Somewhere, everywhere, the work of the Aspen Institute International Partners is always in motion—and with your continued support, we know that motion will drive lasting change.

With gratitude and optimism,

Clare Muñana  
Chair, International Committee  
Aspen Institute Board of Trustees





# The International Partners

The Aspen Institute's International Partners are on the **front lines to spark intellectual inquiry** and respond to the need for civil discourse in their societies.

Our Partners work to create a **global community** of leaders committed to the greater good and elevate non-partisan dialogue to address the world's biggest challenges.

The Aspen idea continues to grow and expand worldwide, most recently with the Aspen Initiative Africa-Nairobi.

Each branch of the Aspen family tree is committed to upholding the Aspen mission to drive change through **dialogue, leadership, and action** to help solve the most important challenges facing the world.





# Global Milestones



This year, the Aspen Institute International Partners celebrated various anniversaries as milestones of shared commitment, fostering collaboration, innovation, and enduring global connections.

Aspen Institute Germany celebrated its 50th anniversary, Aspen Institute France celebrated its 40th anniversary, Aspen Institute Italia celebrated its 40th anniversary, Aspen Institute Central Europe celebrated its 12th anniversary, Aspen Institute Mexico celebrated its 10th anniversary, and Aspen Institute UK celebrated its 5th anniversary.

# The Impact of the Network

**117+**

HOURS OF  
DIALOGUE HOSTED  
BY ASPEN MEXICO

**438+**

HOURS OF DIALOGUE  
HOSTED BY ASPEN  
KYIV

**350**

RISING LEADERS  
IN THE ASPEN UK  
RISING LEADERS  
FELLOWSHIP

**1.9M**

ASPEN INSTITUTE  
ITALIA WEBSITE  
VISITS



**40**

40 NEW AYLP  
ALUMNI  
WELCOMED TO THE  
ASPEN CENTRAL  
EUROPE FAMILY

**384+**

PARTICIPANTS  
THROUGHOUT  
ASPEN JAPAN'S  
VARIOUS SEMINARS  
APRIL- SEPT. 2024

**2,592+**

ASPEN INSTITUTE  
GERMANY EVENT  
PARTICIPANTS  
SO FAR IN 2024

**495,014+**

IMPRESSIONS ON  
ASPEN INITIATIVE  
AFRICA-NAIROBI'S  
LINKEDIN IN 2024

**300**

NEW ASPEN INSTITUTE  
ROMANIA FELLOWS &  
ALUMNI FROM 11  
LEADERSHIP  
PROGRAMS

**100+**

YOUTH  
ENGAGED AT  
THE  
ANANTA  
CENTRE IN 2024

**10,000+**

IMPRESSIONS ON  
ASPEN INSTITUTE  
FRANCE'S  
LINKEDIN IN 2024





# The Impact of the Network

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**“I FOUND THE ASPEN INSTITUTE AND WHAT THEY DO TO BE ONE OF THE MOST INSPIRING ORGANISATIONS IN THE FIELD.”**

**ASPEN NEW ZEALAND PROGRAM PARTICIPANT**

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**“FOR ME, IT WAS AN AWAKENING! AN AWAKENING TO THAT REALITY THAT IS SELDOM TALKED ABOUT, BUT THAT SUSTAINS US, AND REPRESENTS KINDNESS, AWARENESS, AND LOVE TOWARDS OTHERS AND TOWARDS COLOMBIA.”**

**ASPEN COLOMBIA PROGRAM PARTICIPANT**

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**“ENGAGING IN AN OPEN DIALOGUE THAT EXPLORES THE MAJOR, COMPLEX, AND CONCEPTUALLY CHALLENGING QUESTIONS FACING HUMANITY HAS PROFOUNDLY SHAPED MY PERSPECTIVE ON THE WORLD.”**

**ASPEN INSTITUTE ESPAÑA PROGRAM PARTICIPANT**

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# 2024 Partner Highlights

**ASPEN INSTITUTE UK  
HELD ITS SECOND ANNUAL  
MEETING ENGAGING OVER 200  
ATTENDEES.**



**ASPEN INSTITUTE ROMANIA  
CO-ORGANIZED THE 2024 NATO  
YOUTH SUMMIT ACROSS  
LOCATIONS IN THE US AND  
EUROPE.**



**ASPEN INSTITUTE MÉXICO  
HOSTED "CREATING  
COMMUNITY THROUGH SPORTS"  
ON THE SIDELINES OF CITYLAB.**



# 2024 Partner Highlights

**ASPEN INSTITUTE FRANCE  
HOSTED THE 2024 YOUNG LEADERS  
ENGAGÉS SEMINAR, ON THE  
SHORES OF LAKE ANNECY IN THE  
ALPS.**



**ASPEN INSTITUTE ESPAÑA  
CONTINUED PROGRAMS LIKE THE  
ASPEN IDEAS PROGRAM AND  
SEMINARS FOR UNIVERSITY STUDENTS  
PROMOTING LEADERSHIP AND OPEN  
DIALOGUE ON GLOBAL CHALLENGES.**



**ASPEN INSTITUTE CENTRAL EUROPE  
CELEBRATED THE 12TH ANNIVERSARY  
OF ITS FOUNDING WITH AN EVENT AT  
THE EMBASSY OF POLAND TO THE  
CZECH REPUBLIC.**



**ASPEN INSTITUTE NEW ZEALAND  
HOSTED A SOCRATES SEMINAR ON  
“THE FUTURE OF BUSINESS”  
MODERATED BY JUDY SAMUELSON  
IN QUEENSTOWN.**



# 2024 Partner Highlights

**ASPEN INSTITUTE GERMANY  
CELEBRATED 50 POWERFUL YEARS  
WITH AN ANNIVERSARY GALA  
HOSTING OVER 150 PEOPLE AT  
ROTES RATHAUS.**



**ASPEN INSTITUTE ITALIA  
HOSTED A ROUNDTABLE IN  
COOPERATION WITH ASPEN INSTITUTE  
CENTRAL EUROPE, ASPEN INSTITUTE  
ROMANIA, INSTITUT ASPEN FRANCE,  
ASPEN INSTITUTE KYIV.**



**ASPEN INSTITUTE JAPAN  
HOSTED THE YOUNG EXECUTIVE  
SEMINAR WHICH WAS DEVELOPED  
AS A FOUNDATIONAL PROGRAM OF  
THE EXECUTIVE SEMINARS.**



**ASPEN INSTITUTE COLOMBIA  
HOSTED "LIDERANDO A COLOMBIA 2050"  
WHICH CONSISTS OF FOUR ASPEN  
SEMINARS – TWO TEXT BASED SEMINARS  
AND TWO IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCES  
THROUGHOUT COLOMBIA.**





# 2024 Partner Highlights

**ASPEN INSTITUTE KYIV  
CO-ORGANIZED THE  
GOOD GOVERNANCE FORUM  
"UKRAINE 2024: DIMENSIONS OF  
RESILIENCE" BRINGING TOGETHER  
113 PARTICIPANTS.**



**ANANTA ASPEN CENTRE  
HOSTED THE ANANTA GODREJ  
IDEAS INDIA FESTIVAL THAT  
BROUGHT TOGETHER OVER 100  
FELLOWS.**



**ASPEN INITIATIVE AFRICA – NAIROBI  
CONVENED INTERFAITH RELIGIOUS  
LEADERS FROM THE US, KENYA,  
NIGERIA AND SOUTH AFRICA.**



***"For me, the Aspen Idea is about bringing together two very different worlds; the world of what can be done, the economy and technology, and the world of what ought to be done, moral reasoning, service to the community, building a better world."***



Jose Maria de Areilza, Secretary General  
Aspen Institute España

# Network Digital Reach

The Aspen Institute International Partners leverage digital platforms to amplify their global impact and foster collaboration across their extensive network. Through targeted campaigns, newsletters, and a dynamic online presence, the International Partners network connects thought leaders, policymakers, and change agents worldwide. Their digital initiatives facilitate the exchange of ideas and best practices, bridging gaps across continents to address pressing global challenges. By enhancing virtual engagement, the International Partners network continues to strengthen their role as a hub for innovation and cross-cultural dialogue around the world.

YOUTUBE 

8,651+ SUBSCRIBERS

INSTAGRAM



17,584+ FOLLOWERS

TWITTER/X



17,712+ FOLLOWERS

LINKEDIN



35,134+ FOLLOWERS

FACEBOOK



57,908+ FOLLOWERS

***"The International Partners network is a window to the world. It is an extraordinary group of talented people who are absolutely dedicated to doing the best for their country and then collaborating internationally so that spreads for the benefit of all."***

Christine Maiden Sharp, CEO  
Aspen Institute New Zealand



# Rising Generations

2024 marked 75 years of NATO, celebrating an enduring alliance that has safeguarded our collective security, commitment to peace, stability, and cooperation. Youth involvement is critical for the continued evolution of the Alliance, as it brings fresh perspectives and innovative solutions to emerging global challenges. This year, the NATO Youth Summit, co-hosted by NATO PDD, The Aspen Institute International Partners, Aspen Institute Romania, the Swedish Defence University, and the Swedish Civil Contingencies Agency, demonstrated a significant milestone of unprecedented youth engagement and opportunities that empowered and activated the next generation of rising leaders.

**900+**  
**In Person**  
**Attendees**



**4.5M+**  
**Online**  
**views**





# Global Changemakers Workshop

Since 2023, the Global Changemakers Workshop Series has become a key part of the Aspen Institute International Partners' network efforts to empower the next generation of leaders to focus on the challenges to democracy and inspire values-based leadership.

This year, 19 young leaders from 15 countries were selected to gather together in Warsaw, Poland to tackle one of the most pressing global challenges: **building a greener, more secure, and just future with critical minerals.**

From thought-provoking seminars focused on leadership to dynamic policy roundtables to innovative simulations and cross-cultural conversations, the Changemakers proved the power of investing in young leaders to drive change, realize innovation, and foster understanding. Our sincerest thank you to Aspen Central Europe - Warsaw Office for co-hosting the Workshop this year.

**19 Selected  
Participants  
15 Countries**

**75%**  
of participants  
attributed open and  
honest dialogue in  
the program with  
shaping and changing  
their perspectives



# Looking Ahead

As we reflect on 2024, we are encouraged to see the impact of the Aspen Institute International Partners grow. This powerful network remains steadfast in our commitment to fostering dialogue, connection, and innovation across borders. The challenges we face—rising threats to democracy, growing polarization, and the urgent need for collaborative solutions to global issues—require not just vision, but bold and inclusive action. Thank you to our generous supporters who make this work possible.

In the year ahead, the International Partners will continue to strengthen our efforts to build global networks, cultivate next-generation leaders, and hold space for critical dialogue and purposeful collaboration. Our mission calls on us to remain a bridge between diverse voices, ensuring that the Aspen ethos—grounded in timeless values and enriched by global perspectives—remains a beacon for meaningful impact.



# About the Partners

The Aspen Institute International Partners conduct independently developed and financed programs, conferences, and seminars on region-specific issues, global challenges, and leadership development. To learn more about the International Partners and their individual missions, explore the links below.

**[Aspen Institute Germany](#)**

**[Institut Aspen France](#)**

**[Aspen Institute Italia](#)**

**[Aspen Institute Japan](#)**

**[Ananta Aspen Centre \(India\)](#)**

**[Aspen Institute Romania](#)**

**[Aspen Institute España](#)**

**[Aspen Institute Central Europe](#)**

**[Aspen Institute México](#)**

**[Aspen Institute Kyiv](#)**

**[Aspen Institute New Zealand](#)**

**[Aspen Institute UK](#)**

**[Aspen Institute Colombia](#)**

**[Asepn Initiative Africa - Nairobi](#)**





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