

World Federalist Movement / Institute for Global Policy

Theory of Change Narrative

Vision

A just, free, and peaceful world, where humanity and nature flourish in harmony

Mission

To create more effective, transparent, and accountable global governance leading to democratic world federation.

Introduction

The World Federalist Movement / Institute for Global Policy (WFM) is a global umbrella organization for anyone sharing our vision, mission, and values. Our Theory of Change (TOC) chart and narrative present a clear, simplified overview of the diversity of approaches taken by our members. For more detail please see our website, which has links to further information and to our members' websites.

Overall structure of the TOC chart

At the top of the TOC chart lie our guiding vision and mission. The central section of the chart shows various routes to delivering our mission of democratic world federation. It is not possible to know in advance which route will ultimately prove successful, indeed it could well be a combination. Taking this diversity of approaches, responsive and resilient to the changing environment, is a strength of the movement.

The various routes are supported by two pillars on each side. The work in these pillars is mutually reinforcing and relevant to all routes. For example, any route to world federation will require developing mutually reinforcing popular and political support. Likewise, a prerequisite for accountable global governance is accountable international and national governance.

At the foundation of the chart lies the work of our member and associate organizations today, alongside the core coordination and facilitation roles of WFM.

The timescale on the left is indicative, with the target of delivering a democratic world federation by 2045, the 100th anniversary of the United Nations. We recognize that unpredictable developments, such as war or environmental catastrophe, could accelerate or delay this process, and this is reflected in the red lightning bolt of trigger events on the right.

Routes to democratic world federation

The central section of the chart shows various routes to democratic world federation. The routes on the left of this section achieve democratic world federation through reform of the UN. This could be approached via (i) a focus on specific global issues (such as the environment) and/or (ii) by the creation of an advisory UN Parliamentary Assembly (analogous to the development of the EU, which started from the European Coal and Steel Community which had its own parliamentary body), or (iii) directly via Article 109 of the UN Charter.

The remaining routes are outside the UN. One is for regional federations (such as Europe, Africa, Latin America, ASEAN etc) to form, and then for these regional federations to come together to form a world federation. Another is for the people of the world to drive the process of world federation directly, outside existing political structures. And finally the process of federation could be led by a subgroup of democratic nations, growing to become a world federation as more and more countries democratize.

Further information

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