



Derek Luyten – Executive Director, House Democracy Partnership



Derek Luyten currently serves as the Executive Director of the House Democracy Partnership (HDP), a bipartisan commission of the U.S. House of Representatives that advances U.S. economic and security interests by fostering stable, effective governance in key regions worldwide. Under Mr. Luyten's leadership, HDP promotes accountability, transparency, and legislative capacity, creating environments that support economic growth, strengthen regional security, and reinforce partnerships that benefit the United States.

In his role, Mr. Luyten advises Members of Congress on developments in HDP partner countries and broader U.S. governance initiatives. He oversees the commission's programs, including peer-to-peer exchanges between U.S. Members of Congress and their international counterparts, technical assistance missions, U.S.-based programs, and assessments of prospective and current partner legislatures. HDP currently collaborates with approximately 15 legislatures, ensuring direct engagement by U.S. lawmakers in shaping effective governance, fostering economic stability, and countering authoritarian influence.

Prior to his work with HDP, Mr. Luyten worked with technology firms and international development organizations to embed good governance as a core design principle. He also spent more than a decade as an international development expert across Asia and the Middle East, with in-depth experience in Thailand, Malaysia, Tunisia, Morocco, and Iraq.

Mr. Luyten has served as a foreign election observer 12 times and previously held a political appointment at the U.S. Department of the Treasury in the Office of the U.S. Treasurer. He is fluent in French, proficient in Spanish, and holds a master's degree in international affairs from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. He resides in Washington, DC, with his wife and two children.