



FACT SHEET

- Open World has hosted more than **13,500** Eurasian leaders in the United States since the program's inception in 1999.
- In 2007, Open World expanded to include the countries of **Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova,** and **Tajikistan.** **Kazakhstan** and **Turkmenistan** programs began in 2008. Open World has also hosted delegations from Belarus, Lithuania, and Uzbekistan.
- Representing all **83 regions**, more than **12,400 individuals** from the Russian Federation have participated in the program, with most hosted in the areas of accountable governance, social issues, and the rule of law.
- Since 2003, over **725 leaders** have come from Ukraine for programs on accountable governance, NGO development, the rule of law, and media issues.
- The average age of Open World delegates is **38**; over half are women.
- More than **60** percent of Open World delegates have been federal, regional, or local government officials.
- Over **1,950** Russian and Ukrainian judges and legal professionals have been hosted in U.S. courts and communities as part of Open World visits focused on the rule of law. In addition, **46 judges** have participated from the countries of **Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova,** and **Turkmenistan.**
- **145** U.S. federal and state judges have hosted their counterparts from **Russia, Ukraine, Kyrgyzstan,** and **Georgia.**
- Open World has brought **153 members** of the Russian Federation Council and State Duma to the United States. Ten percent of the current Russian State Duma are Open World alumni.
- **52** U.S. senators, representatives, and state governors have hosted Open World participants.
- Since November 2003, **287 cultural leaders** from Russia have participated in Open World's cultural program in the areas of music, dance, writing, film, and historic preservation.
- Some **6,000** families in **1,700** host communities in all **50** states and the District of Columbia have home-hosted Open World participants.
- California, Wisconsin, New York, and Washington, DC, have each have welcomed over **750** Open World participants.
- Open World has organized over **50** major alumni events throughout Russia. Program alumni are also active in Ukraine and the expansion countries.
- Total funding appropriated for the Open World Program from 1999 through fiscal year 2008 is **\$113.21** million.