



FACT SHEET

- Open World has hosted more than **14,400** 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 **12,900** 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 **860** 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 **2,000 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, **59** judges have participated from the countries of **Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, and Turkmenistan**.
- **147** 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, over **300** 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 has welcomed over **1,150** Open World participants. New York, Wisconsin, and the District of Columbia have hosted over **830** participants; Iowa and North Carolina have hosted over **700**.
- 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 2009 is **\$127.11** million.