



Annual report  
2008

## **NIMD Board**

- B.R. Bot, President
- R. Koole, Vice President (PvdA)
- W. Haitzma, Treasurer (CU)
- J.J.A.M. van Gennip (CDA)
- F.C. Giskes (D66)
- C.S.L. Janse (SGP), Member
- U. Rosenthal (VVD), Member
- L. van Hooijdonk (GL), Member

### *Board members who resigned in 2008*

- B. van Ojik (GroenLinks), Member

## **NIMD Supervisory Council**

- J.C. van Baalen (VVD), Chair
- R.H. van der Meer (VVD)
- M.H.P. van Dam (PvdA)
- J. Bos (PvdA)
- J. Lagendijk (GL)
- M.H.A. Strik (GL)
- G.J. Gerbrandy (D66)
- J.W. Bertens (D66)
- R. van Eijle (CU)
- L.C. Groen (CU)
- R.A.C. Donk (SGP)
- G. Nieuwenhuis (SGP)
- L.C. Dekker (CDA)
- 1 vacancy (CDA)

### *Supervisory Council members who resigned in 2008*

- J.P.R.M. van Laarhoven (CDA)
- J.J.M. Penders (CDA)
- B. Stolte-van Empelen (GroenLinks)
- W. Derksen (D66)
- J. Dankers (SGP)

## **NIMD Staff**

*As per 31 December 2008*

### *Executive Board*

- Mr Roel von Meijenfheldt, Executive Director
- Mr Wim Bakker, Deputy Director
- Ms Yvonne de Baay, Personal Assistant to the Executive Director

### *Regional Team for Africa*

- Mr Jasper Veen, Regional Director
- Ms Karijn de Jong, Senior Policy Officer
- Mr Egbert Pos, Policy Officer
- Ms Ellen van Koppen, Political Advisor
- Mr Henk Jan van Schothorst, Political Advisor
- Mr Martin van Vliet, Political Advisor
- Ms Katrien Bardoel, Junior Policy Officer
- Ms Anne van Staaldunin, Junior Policy Officer

### *Regional Team for Eurasia & New Regions*

- Mr Pepijn Gerrits, Regional Director
- Mr Will Derks, Policy Officer
- Ms Lotte ten Hoove, Junior Policy Officer
- Ms Annie van de Pas, Political Advisor
- Mr Sam van der Staak, Political Advisor

### *Regional Team for Latin America*

- Mr Alvaro Pinto, Regional Director
- Ms Eliane Faerstein, Policy Officer
- Ms Lizzy Beekman, Political Advisor
- Mr Frans Visscher, Political Advisor
- Ms Ariëtta van Eck, Junior Policy Officer
- Ms Doris Cruz, Head of Guatemala Field Office
- Ms Heleen Schrooyen, Senior Programme Officer Guatemala Field Office

### *Knowledge & Communication*

- Mr Maarten van den Berg, Knowledge & Communications Coordinator
- Ms Sarah O’Gorman, Editor
- Ms Silvia Rottenberg, Knowledge Officer
- Mr Jan Tuit, Senior Policy Officer International relations
- Mr Jeroen Mimpfen, Coordinator YNIMD

### *Finance & Administration*

- Mr Wim Nusselder, Controller
- Ms Thelma Doebar, Administrator
- Mr Jeffrey Krul, Assistant Administrator

### *Office Management*

- Ms Livia van Helvoort, Office Manager
- Ms Monique Ronza, Office Assistant
- Ms Marieke Landman, Junior Office Assistant

## Public events, including lectures

- Public debate on Party Financing organised by Young NIMD focusing on the examples of The Netherlands and Kenya, with Laurens Dragstra of the University of Amsterdam and Josh Maiyo, Utrecht, 11 December 2008
- Public debate on Democracy and Development in Africa organised by NIMD, D66 Knowledge Centre IDEE and CDA, with Njekwa Anamela, Chair of the Zambian Centre for Interparty Dialogue (ZCID), Prof. dr. Peter A.H. van Lieshout of the WRR, the Scientific Council for Government Policy, journalist Linda Polman and Keith Richburg, Washington Post New York Bureau Chief, Amsterdam, 5 December 2008
- Participation of Coordinator Knowledge & Communication Maarten van den Berg in a panel debate on Elections in Ghana held in Utrecht as part of an Election Café series organised by NIMD, Debatcentrum Tumult and the Instituut voor Publiek en Politiek (IPP), Utrecht, 3 December 2008
- Public debate on Zimbabwe organised by NIMD and D66 in Press Centre Nieuwspoort with Isaac Maposa, Executive Director of the Zimbabwe Institute, Obed Bapela, Member of Parliament (ANC), South Africa, and NIMD Executive Director Roel von Meijenfeldt, The Hague, 2 December 2008
- Lunch lecture about the possible foreign policy implications of the election of Barrack Obama as U.S. President by Thomas Carothers, Vice President for Studies at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, The Hague, 17 November 2008
- Participation of NIMD staff and Executive Director Roel von Meijenfeldt in a workshop on Accountability organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, The Hague, 3-4 November 2008
- Introduction on NIMD's Africa Programme by Coordinator Knowledge & Communication Maarten van den Berg at a public viewing of the film 'Iron Ladies of Liberia' in the series 'Movies that Matter' organised by Amnesty International, Utrecht, 3 November 2009
- Presentation of the Policy Brief 'A Plea for Democracy Assistance' published by NIMD and the Eduardo Frei Foundation (CDA) in the debate series 'Over de Dijk: Dilemmas in International Cooperation' with participation of Political Policy Officer (CDA) Martin van Vliet, Regional Director Eurasia and New Areas Pepijn Gerrits, and Coordinator Knowledge & Communication Maarten van den Berg, Breda, 3 October 2008
- Lecture on democratisation by Senior Policy Officer International Relations Jan Tuit and Political Advisor (PvdA) Ellen van Koppelaar for African army officers participating in the Netherlands Defence Orientation Course at the Instituut voor Defensie Leergangen, Delft, 29 August, 2008
- Presentation of the NIMD documentary 'Clever people can't remain silent: democracy schools in Indonesia' by Coordinator Knowledge & Communication Maarten van den Berg for a delegation of the parliamentarians from Aceh at the embassy of Indonesia, The Hague, 28 August 2008
- Presentation by Senior Policy Officer International Relations Jan Tuit on the candidacy of Zimbabwean political leader Morgan Tsvangirai for the 'Sakharov Award for Freedom of Thought' in the European Parliament, Brussels, 26 August 2008
- Lunch lecture about democratisation in Indonesia by political scientist Marcus Mietzner, Visiting Fellow at the Koninklijk Instituut voor Land, Taal- en Volkenkunde in Amsterdam, The Hague, 14 June 2008
- Annual conference of the relations between Europe and Latin America (ELE) co-organized by NIMD, The Hague, 28 May 2008
- Workshops on Malawi – with ESARP Coordinator Augustine Magalawondo and VPRO journalist Rik Delhaas –, Kenya – in cooperation with HIVOS, featuring Njeri Kabeberi (Director of the Centre for Multiparty Democracy in Kenya), Wambua Kawive (Chief Executive of the Constitution and Reform Education Consortium in Kenya) and Volkskrant journalist Kees Broere –, and Zimbabwe – with Pascal Richard (Zimbabwe Watch), Harm Evert Waalkens (MP, PvdA), Mark Dijk (International Secretary, VVD) and NIMD Executive Director Roel von Meijenfeldt -, at the Africa Day, an annual public event organised by the Evert Vermeer Stichting (EVS), 19 April, 2008
- Workshop 'Making democracy work: how to build platforms for Interparty Cooperation' chaired by Hans Breeveld, Coordinator of the NIMD programme in Suriname, and NIMD partner delegations from Ghana and Zambia, and workshop 'How can Europeans Enhance their Support for Democratic Transitions' with NIMD Executive Director Roel von Meijenfeldt at the 5<sup>th</sup> Assembly of the World Movement for democracy (WMD) in Kiev, 4-10 April 2009
- Public debate about developments in Zimbabwe organised by NIMD,

Hivos, Zimbabwe Watch and the International Institute for Social Studies (ISS), 12 March 2008

- Visit to NIMD by President of Mozambique Armando Guebuza and various Mozambican Ministers, and discussion with representatives of Dutch political parties and civil society organisations, 28 February 2008

### Publicity (The Netherlands)

- Interview with NIMD Executive Director Roel von Meijenfeldt about the book 'Reclaiming the American Dream' by Barack Obama' in *ViceVersa*, October 2008
- Opinion article on political developments in South Africa entitled 'Mbeki deserves better than this meagre farewell' by NIMD Executive Director Roel von Meijenfeldt, in newspaper *Trouw*, 30 September 2008
- Letter to the editor on political developments in Zimbabwe entitled 'The world should not leave Zimbabwe on its own now' by NIMD Executive Director Roel von Meijenfeldt, in newspaper *NRC Handelsblad*, 27 September 2008
- Selection of photos from a series made by photographer Roel Burgler for NIMD in Ghana with an introduction to NIMD 's work there, published in *Vredes Magazine*, September 2008
- Commentary by Senior Policy Officer International Relations Jan Tuit in article on developments in Zimbabwe, newspaper *Metro*, 16 September 2008
- Radio interview with Senior Policy Officer International Relations Jan Tuit on political developments in Zimbabwe by Jari Stein for the radio program *Villa VPRO*, 8 September 2008
- Television interview with NIMD Executive Director Roel von Meijenfeldt on developments in Zimbabwe in news program *NOVA*, 24 June 2008
- Radio interview with NIMD President Bernard Bot on developments in Zimbabwe, *Business Nieuws Radio* (BNR), 24 June 2008
- Television interview with NIMD Executive Director Roel von Meijenfeldt on developments in Zimbabwe in news program *NOVA*, 23 June 2008
- Radio discussion on democratisation in Indonesia with Policy Officer Will Derks and Henk Schulte Nordholt in the EO/VPRO program *De Ochtenden* (Radio 1), 3 June 2008
- Interviews with NIMD President Bernard Bot by the Canadian radio station CBC and Embassy magazine on the occasion of a visit to Canada on behalf of NIMD, 26-30 May 2008.
- Radio interview on the elections in Georgia with Regional Director Eurasia and New Areas Pepijn Gerrits in the EO/VPRO program *De Ochtenden* (Radio 1), 22 May 2008
- Illustrated article entitled 'Consultants in the bush' on the cooperation between NIMD and Berenschot Consultancy in Zambia, *Intermediar*, 17 April 2008
- Television interview with NIMD Executive Director Roel von Meijenfeldt on developments in Zimbabwe in news program *NOVA*, 31 March 2008
- Interview with NIMD President Bernard Bot on the launch of the European Partnership for Democracy (EPD) in *Algemeen Dagblad*, 16 June 2008
- Commentary by Coordinator Knowledge & Communication Maarten van den Berg in an article on the launch of the European Partnership for Democracy (EPD) in *European Voice*, 16 June 2008
- Radio interviews with Senior Policy Officer International Relations Jan Tuit on developments in Zimbabwe in EO/VPRO program *De Ochtenden*, (Radio 1), 31 March and 1 April 2008
- Radio interview with Senior Policy Officer International Relations Jan Tuit on developments in Zimbabwe in VARA program *Spijkers met Koppen* (Radio 2), 29 March 2008
- Commentary by Senior Policy Officer International Relations Jan Tuit in article on developments in Zimbabwe, newspaper *Dag*, 14 March 2008
- Opinion Article on postelection crisis in Kenya by NIMD Executive Director Roel von Meijenfeldt, in newspaper *Trouw*, 4 february 2008
- Radio interview with NIMD Executive Director Roel von Meijenfeldt on postelection crisis in Kenya, *Business Nieuws Radio* (BNR), 25 January 2008

Statement of costs and revenue 2008 in €

Programmes

	Budget 2008		Result 2008		Result 2007	
	Subsidies	Expenses	Subsidies	Expenses	Subsidies	Expenses
<b>To be funded</b>						
<b>Region Africa</b>						
ARP (African Regional Programmes)		590.000		584.455		526.143
Ghana		640.000		609.583		528.265
Kenya		755.000		648.908		864.480
Malawi		460.000		512.375		618.824
Mali		590.000		556.848		703.269
Mozambique		305.000		159.546		338.059
South Africa		140.000		27.749		245.761
Tanzania		555.000		503.593		424.135
Zambia		600.000		659.769		532.743
Zimbabwe		60.000		73.917		572.081
<b>Subtotal Africa</b>		<b>4.695.000</b>		<b>4.336.742</b>		<b>5.353.760</b>
<b>Region Eurasia and New Regions</b>						
ENRP (Eurasian & NR Programmes)		160.000	5.400	109.808		94.568
Afghanistan	50.000	185.000		147.025		130.631
Burundi	50.000	180.000		181.679		48.607
Georgia	260.000	280.000	183.750	195.669	245.689	247.444
Indonesia		765.000		883.834		602.189
<b>Subtotal Eurasia and New Regions</b>	<b>360.000</b>	<b>1.570.000</b>	<b>189.150</b>	<b>1.518.015</b>	<b>245.689</b>	<b>1.123.439</b>
<b>Region Latin America</b>						
LARP (Latin America Regional Programme)		100.000		111.411		78.302
Media & Politics Thematic Programme	50.000	140.000	43.226	107.263	16.083	93.863
Bolivia		390.000		457.581		315.574
Ecuador	150.000	395.000	150.230	408.678	106.228	287.188
Guatemala	70.000	900.000	11.022	918.245	82.372	786.824
Nicaragua	130.000	170.000	119.164	164.187	158.620	181.070
Suriname		245.000		229.467		95.849
<b>Subtotal Latin America</b>	<b>400.000</b>	<b>2.340.000</b>	<b>323.643</b>	<b>2.396.831</b>	<b>363.303</b>	<b>1.838.671</b>
<b>Cross-cutting programmes</b>						
Knowledge sharing, Networking, Outreach	200.000	765.000	191.319	696.701		581.030
Evaluation of country programmes		65.000		53.196		51.401
<b>Subtotal Cross-cutting programmes</b>	<b>200.000</b>	<b>830.000</b>	<b>191.319</b>	<b>749.897</b>		<b>632.430</b>
<b>Total programmes</b>		<b>9.435.000</b>		<b>9.001.485</b>		<b>8.948.300</b>
<b>Management costs</b>		<b>900.000</b>		<b>882.582</b>		<b>776.915</b>
<b>To be funded</b>		<b>10.335.000</b>		<b>9.884.067</b>		<b>9.725.215</b>
<b>FUNDING</b>						
other subsidies	960.000		704.112		608.993	
contribution Ministry of Foreign Affairs	9.375.000		9.179.954		9.116.223	
<b>Funding</b>	<b>10.335.000</b>		<b>9.884.067</b>		<b>9.725.215</b>	

Balance sheet as of 31 December 2008 in €

**Assets**

31 December 2008

31 December 2007

**Fixed assets**

**Intangible fixed assets**

Programme management software	72.165	108.242
Capitalised website development costs	57.091	
	<b>129.256</b>	<b>108.242</b>

**Tangible fixed assets**

Architectural changes	25.723	40.983
Cars representation in Kenya and Mozambique	6.805	4.980
Furniture	79.986	87.801
Computer equipment	33.822	49.242
	<b>146.336</b>	<b>183.006</b>

**Current assets**

**Receivables**

Securities	706	1.792
Capitalised costs to be funded 2007-2010	135.000	202.500
Other receivables	4.979	54.218
Advance payments and accrued receivables	441.724	841.580
	<b>582.409</b>	<b>1.100.090</b>

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**772.351** **2.105.707**

**Total assets**

**1.630.352** **3.497.047**

**Liabilities**

**General reserve**

**0** **0**

**Liabilities**

Programme liabilities	12.872	500.393
Dutch political parties (strengthening support base)	239.967	171.473
Estimated liabilities	29.206	100.960
Personnel related creditors	161.940	144.525
Other creditors	110.725	87.288
Subsidy Ministry of Foreign Affairs received in advance	876.906	2.235.221
Other advance receipts and accrued expenses	198.736	275.187
	<b>1.630.352</b>	<b>3.497.047</b>

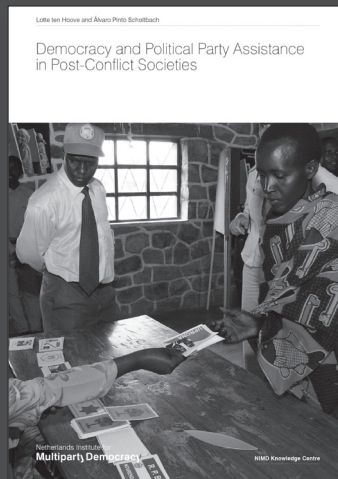
**Total liabilities**

**1.630.352** **3.497.047**

The statement of costs and revenue and the balance sheet are abstracted from the annual report 2008 and subject to auditors approval.

## NIMD Publications in 2008

- Policy Paper *Democracy and Political Party Assistance in Post-Conflict Societies*, Álvaro Pinto Scholtbach and Lotte ten Hoove, NIMD, The Hague, August 2008
- Policy Paper *A plea for democracy*, a publication of the Eduardo Frei Foundation and NIMD to inform the 'Beyond Borders' debate series on foreign policy organised by the Christian Democratic Party (CDA), EFS and NIMD, 2008
- Handbook *Reseña del Sistema Político Neerlandés*, Spanish translation of 'The Dutch political system in a nutshell', IPP and NIMD, 2008
- Book *Democracy and Development*, Bernard Berendsen (ed.), KIT Publishers, Amsterdam, 2008, with a preface by NIMD President Bernard Bot and Vice President Jos van Gennip
- Article 'Het spook van de revolutie' on political developments in Georgia by Regional Director Eurasia and New Areas Pepijn Gerrits in *De Helling*, July 2008
- Article 'Georgische democratie is niet terug bij af' on political developments in Georgia by Policy Officer Lotte ten Hoove, *Internationale Spectator*, February 2008
- Handbook *La conception de systèmes électoraux: les possibilités et les pièges*. (French translation of 'Engineering Electoral Systems: Possibilities and Pitfalls'), Alan Wall and Mohamed Salih, NIMD, February 2008



# Africa

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## GHANA

In partnership with the Institute for Economic Affairs (IEA), NIMD supports a political party programme that has delivered a home grown democratic reform agenda, the Democratic Consolidation Strategy Paper (DCSP), which aspires to be a political equivalent to Ghana's Growth and Poverty Reduction Strategy (GPRS).

A depolarisation strategy, an enforced code of conduct and a presidential transition bill, contributed to peaceful and fair elections, and a smooth transition of power at the end of 2008.

## KENYA

In the aftermath of the troubled 2007 elections, NIMD's Kenyan partner, the Centre for Multiparty Democracy (CMD-K), played a visible and constructive role in fostering a multi-actor dialogue, bringing together political and civil society around a democratic reform agenda, and building consensus for the necessary constitutional reform.

## MALAWI

Working with the Centre for Multiparty Democracy (CMD-M), the NIMD programme in Malawi has helped political parties and the Malawian Electoral Commission (MEC) develop joint initiatives to make the electoral process more transparent, achieve agreement on conflict-prevention procedures, and organize political education programmes to overcome voter apathy in the run up to the 2009 elections.

## MALI

Through its interparty dialogue programme, NIMD's partner in Mali, the *Centre pour le Dialogue Inter-Partis et la Démocratie* (CMDID), has been able to achieve consensus on the establishment of a single, independent institution to manage the electoral process, and a code of conduct for political parties. With the help of storytellers and singers, the centre has raised awareness on the code of conduct at the local level.

## MOZAMBIQUE

The NIMD programme in Mozambique supports political party development and initiatives that contribute to the depolarisation of the political system. It facilitates debates and promotes dialogue on political developments at a provincial level, encouraging tolerance among different political constituencies.

## TANZANIA

Through the work of the Tanzania Centre for Democracy (TCD), the NIMD programme in Tanzania is focusing on electoral and constitutional reform. TCD has been instrumental in lobbying for an amended Political Party Act, which provides for a more even political playing field. TCD's political party capacity-building programme is fostering political accountability and ethical leadership.

## SOUTH AFRICA

NIMD's programme in South Africa contributes to efforts to build a culture of trust and understanding between political parties through an interparty dialogue series on policy issues of national interest.

## ZAMBIA

With support of NIMD, Zambia's political parties have founded the Zambian Centre for Interparty Dialogue (ZCID), which is instrumental in creating political consensus and raising public awareness on the constitutional review process. The programme also facilitates more frequent contact between political parties both nationally and at the regional level, empowering the rank-and-file to hold their leaders politically and financially accountable.

## ZIMBABWE

Supported by NIMD, the work of the Zimbabwe Institute (ZI) focuses on advocacy for the return of democracy and a peaceful transition in Zimbabwe. ZI has facilitated the two opposition parties in the SADC dialogue process, which culminated in the Global Political Agreement (GPA) last year, and produced a number of critical studies and policy documents (such as on the restart of the economy), which are used in the implementation of the agreement.



## Latin America

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### BOLIVIA

Through the Bolivian Foundation for Multiparty Democracy (FBDM), the NIMD programme in Bolivia promotes interparty dialogue and provides technical assistance to lawmakers. The foundation has played an instrumental role in the achievement of an agreement in congress on a new constitution, which passed popular vote in January 2009, and started up a multi-party working group to prepare a new Electoral Law.

### ECUADOR

In Ecuador NIMD works with International IDEA in the joint programme *Ágora Democrática* that promotes inclusive politics and provides technical assistance to lawmakers. The programme has contributed to provisions for women's political and economic rights in Ecuador's new constitution, and helped design a new Electoral and Political Parties law.

### GUATEMALA

The NIMD programme in Guatemala supports multiparty efforts to improve the functioning of political institutions nationally and on the local level. In 2008, the programme has contributed to a new Law of Congress that enables a better management of the parliament, and initiated a programme in 27 municipalities that engages local politicians and citizens groups in an effort to devise a joint agenda for the development of their municipality.

### NICARAGUA

In 2008, the NIMD programme in Nicaragua facilitated a self-assessment of the most important political parties, published a study of the country's political history, and organized a series of radio debates on political issues, bringing together politicians, scholars, representatives of the private sector, civil society and the international community.

### SURINAME

In Suriname NIMD supports interparty dialogue, provides technical assistance to lawmakers, and facilitates a training programme on party development in which representatives of 21 political parties are participating.

## Eurasia and New Regions

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### AFGHANISTAN

In Afghanistan NIMD is preparing a programme that will provide support to political education, based on the experience with the Democracy Schools in Indonesia.

### BURUNDI

In Burundi, NIMD is setting up a programme for interparty dialogue with a view to contribute to the consolidation of the country's still fragile democracy as it is emerging from civil war since a 2003 peace agreement.

### GEORGIA

In the run up to the parliamentary elections in May 2008, the NIMD programme in Georgia has helped political parties formulate their policy programmes, using the voter education tool *VoteMatch*, developed by the Dutch Institute for Political Participation (IPP).

### INDONESIA

In partnership with the Jakarta-based Indonesian Community for Democracy (KID), NIMD supports a national interparty dialogue programme in which seven political parties participate, and a political education programme, consisting of Democracy Schools in five regions, where young politicians, social activists, and professionals are trained in democratic values and practices.

## About NIMD

The Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (NIMD) is a democracy assistance organisation of political parties in The Netherlands for political parties in young democracies. Founded in 2000 by seven parties (CDA, PvdA, VVD, GroenLinks, D66, ChristenUnie en SGP), NIMD currently works with more than 150 political parties from 17 countries in Africa, Latin America, Asia and Eastern Europe.

NIMD supports joint initiatives of parties to improve the democratic system in their country. NIMD also supports the institutional development of political parties, helps them develop party programmes and assists in efforts to enhance relations with civil society organisations and the media.

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