

Conferences are MEDP's greatest contribution to democracies as we hold 12 of them annually. Each year 12 democratic countries will come under scrutiny with their own conference (national summit). These conferences are not what academics would call customary. The conference is a four day affair. However, in the interest of your personal lives, the conference is broken down so that for most people it will only last two days. During these two days you will discuss your idea further with others that have ideas similar to yours. You will then draft practical suggestions which are then printed, bound, and given to the appropriate government ministries, as well as other NGOs (including the United Nations), public libraries, the prevalent media bodies of that state, larger universities, embassies, and will be available for viewing online (including Google Scholar).

All university students, academic staff, professionals, or members of the general public with an idea of how to improve some aspect of a country (society, sport, economy, cooking, etc.; all ideas are important) are welcome to your ideas for our conferences. University, technical school, and high school students, as well as general population are eligible to participate as audience bodies. All you have to do is tell us what your idea is, why is it important, and how can it be done.

The conference is broken into sections with each section representing a specific purpose. A section is composed of similar ideas so that it is easier for you to write a chapter over the two days you are with us. For example, you may have an idea on the environment and as such will be grouped with other people who have ideas pertaining to the environment. That is how sections are composed. After you section has written your ideas up into a document, we then publish it, and send it along to a government ministry responsible for the government, to universities, etc. The overall goal of these sections is to write about the importance and utility of your ideas so that the country the conference is in can use the information straight away. Remember, we not only present your ideas to government bodies, but also to the media and other key players in civil society.

There are to be two distinct sections for our conferences: the first is a **specialist committee** which is composed of academic and professional leaders in the country hosting MEDP's conference; the second is an **auxiliary committee** which is composed of a body of technical students who suggest one or two improvements to a country's infrastructure. But don't be too concerned here. If your idea falls into one of these categories, we will tell you straightaway. These sections last 4 days due to the specialist and technical nature these ideas purport. If we do contact you about being in one of these bodies and you do not wish to be part of them, we will put you in a 2 day section.

After the conference, each section's document bodies will be designated chapters in a book printed at a local university press (close to where the conference has taken place) which will then be available for purchase worldwide, viewable online (optional donation), and for referral at libraries. Also, your document body will be considered for MEDP's annual journal, *The International Abridgment of Democratic Improvement*. Entry into this journal requires approval from third party peer reviewing and the overall agreement of the Editor in Chief. Finally, all of your ideas will be published in the Conference Proceedings.

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Each section in the conference may have an audience body composed of listeners from the general public, other universities, NGOs, government ministries, trade schools, and high schools. If you wish to be an audience body please register as one on our registration page. Please bear in mind this is an extremely important endeavour and if you are accepted as a

listener or delegate your highest degree of professionalism is required. Out of respect for one another, there is to be no casual attire, only business formal.

MEDP's conferences are noble and prestigious events which gain you and/or your university/institution two publications (proceedings and book chapter) and possibly a third in our journal. Please act accordingly when in a country that is hosting our conference. You are not only representing yourself, your affiliation, and your country, but our organization as well.

To be part of the conference you must simply tell us what your idea is, why it is important, and how it can be done in (you can do this on the registration page). After registering you will be contacted by MEDP and sent a registration package with further details about the conference. One month before the conference you registered for begins; we will send you a list of all the ideas taking place in the conference in section groupings. Feel free to read what other ideas there are in your group so that you can be ready to talk about them when the conference rolls around.

Cost:

Delegate - \$346.00 CAD

(If you register an idea, you are a delegate).

Audience (University, Professional, General Public) - \$57.00 CAD (equivalent in country currency, limited to general public only).

(If you simply want to listen and talk about your ideas and those of others, then you are an audience member).

Audience (High School) - \$17.00 CAD (equivalent in country currency).

(If you are part of a high school tour).