



## FACT SHEET

- Open World has hosted more than **17,000** Eurasian leaders in the United States since the program began in 1999.
- More than **14,300** individuals from all 83 Russian regions have participated in the program, most on exchanges focused on accountable governance, social issues, and the rule of law.
- In 2007, Open World expanded to **Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, and Tajikistan**. Open World's **Kazakhstan** and **Turkmenistan** programs began in 2008; its **Armenia** program launched in 2011. Open World has also hosted delegations from Belarus, Lithuania, and Uzbekistan.
- Since 2003, **1,400** 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 at the time of their visit.
- Over **2,100** 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. Another **100-plus** judges from **Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan** have taken part in Open World rule of law programs.
- Over **150** U.S. federal and state judges have hosted their counterparts from **Russia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan, and Turkmenistan**.
- Open World has brought **155** members of the Russian Federation Council and State Duma to the United States. Members of the national parliaments of **Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Turkmenistan, and Ukraine** have also participated in the program.
- In 2010, **37** meetings were held between **Members of Congress** and Open World participants. Over **50 percent** of Open World's 2010 delegates visited Congressional offices while in Washington, DC, or their host states.
- Since November 2003, over **350** cultural leaders from Russia have participated in Open World's cultural program in the areas of music, dance, writing, film, and historic preservation.
- Some **6,500** American families in nearly **2,000** host communities in all **50** states and the District of Columbia have home-hosted Open World participants.
- California has welcomed over **1,325** Open World visitors. New York, Wisconsin, and the District of Columbia have each hosted over **900** visitors; Iowa, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania have each hosted over **800**; and Ohio has hosted over **700**.
- Total funding appropriated for the Open World program from 1999 through fiscal year 2011 is **\$151.68** million.