

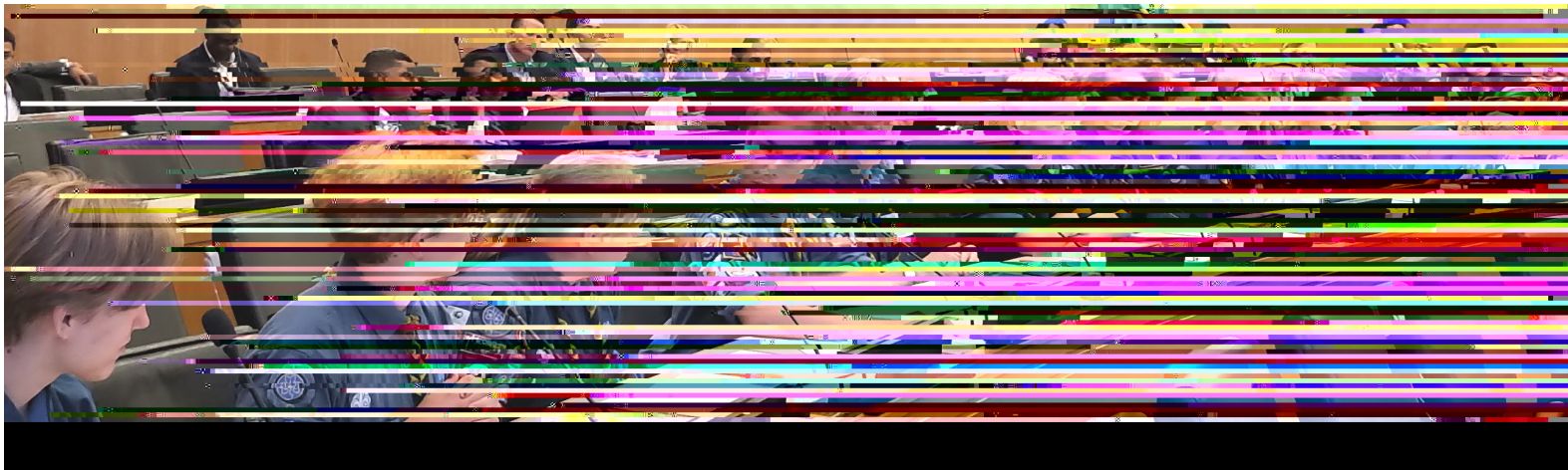
UN Secretary-General, UNDEF Board, approve almost 50 new projects

Almost 50 two-year projects totalling almost ten million dollars have been approved for UNDEF's 13th Round of funding. In this Round, UNDEF received 2,307 project proposals from organizations in 141 countries, the vast majority local civil society organizations in Africa, Arab States, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean, adding further to the considerable growth the Fund has experienced since its creation in 2005 and bring the total number of projects supported by the Fund to more than 800.

Drugs and Crime and UN Women. Based on this collective input, the UNDEF Secretariat produced the short list of 54 recommended project proposals.

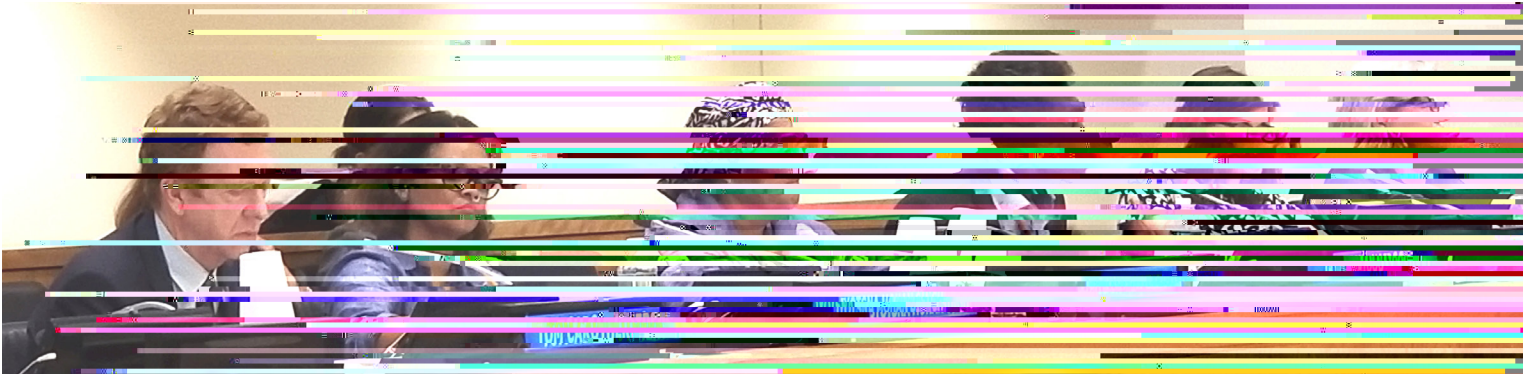
Of the project proposals, 33 per cent are in the Arab States, 22 per cent in Africa, 19 per cent in Asia, 11 per cent in Europe, and 13 per cent in Latin America. Broken down by key activity, 23 per cent of project proposals are in rule of law and human rights; 22 per cent in gender equality; 18 per cent in youth engagement; 15 per cent in strengthening interaction with government; 9 per cent in electoral processes; 9 per cent in community activism; 3 per cent in media and 1 per cent in tools for knowledge. Governments on the Board comprise those countries who have made the largest

What Is democracy? UNDEF hosts High-level Political



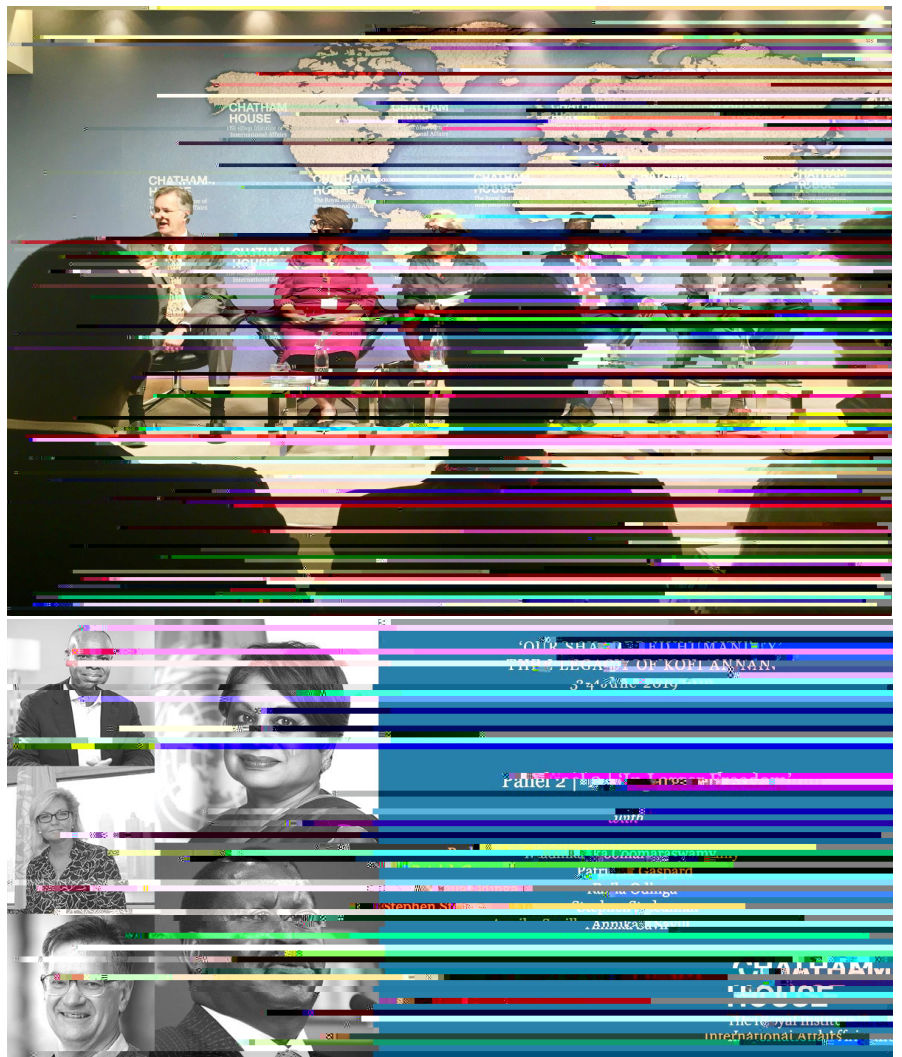
gong said that as “democracy optimist”, he saw the question as one not about the democratic concept of government, but rather about the institutions, the systems, and approaches that have been put in place to implement democracy. The public perception of parliaments was often negative, one of “self-serving individuals, corrupt, not working for the people, and most often throwing chairs at each other during parlia-





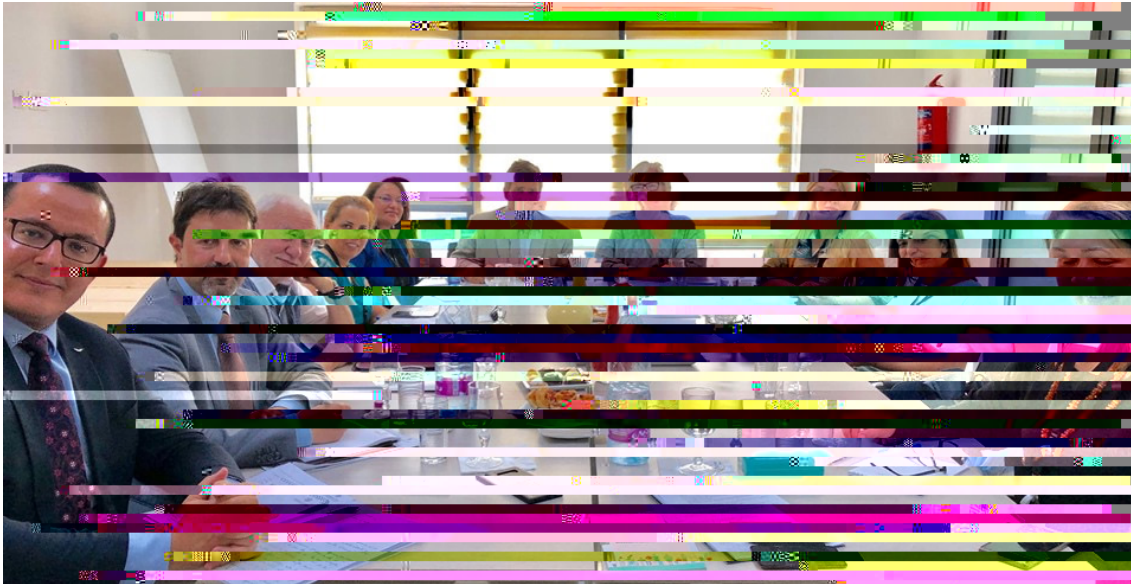
are constrained by law and not law that is constrained by leaders". Carothers emphasized the need for a balance between openness and judiciousness in debates about democracy, distin-

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NEWS FROM THE FIELD

UNDEF sees results in Tunisia



Annika Savill visited Tunisia in June 2019, at a critical time for the country's democratic transition and the role of civil society. She chaired a roundtable in Tunis together with the UN Resident Coordinator for UNDEF's ongoing civil society projects in Tunisia. These included 'Entrepreneurs and men', implemented by Free Sight Association; 'Observatoire pour la défense du droit à la différence en Tunisie', implemented by 'Feyza pour l'égalité des chances', implemented by the Tunisian 'hommes égaux dans les pouvoirs locaux en Tunisie', implemented by Association Lam Echaml.

Annika Savill also co-chaired a townhall discussion on empowering youth in Tunisia together with Zitouna Tamkeen CEO Nabil Ghalieb. The project to include and economically empower vulnerable youth in Tunisia. Implemented by local NGO Tamkeen For Development, the project links economic empowerment and political participation for youth at risk in poverty-prone areas of the country. The project aims to integrate youth in the country's social fabric and democratic transition by equipping them to participate in their regions' economic and political life, through training in soft skills, project management, participative democracy, entrepreneurship. The project is co-managed through a youth-led steering committee, allowing them to exercise leadership and launch public initiatives where they can put into practice the foundations of democracy. As a result of project, almost



one of whom one was elected; several others became electoral observers; yet more formed and led Groupements de Développement Agricole – democratically mandated public utility organizations include owners and users, empowered by the state to manage natural resources. Thus through vocational and political participation training, the project already has achieved objectives of democratic engagement.

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