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[MOOC on Freedom of Expression for Parliamentarians and their Members](#)

A new Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) on Freedom of Expression for Parliaments and Their Members is being launched on Monday, 28 October, and everyone who is interested in this subject is encouraged to take the course, which is available in English, French, Spanish and Portuguese (see links below). The course was developed by the [Centre for Law and Democracy](#) (CLD), and commissioned by the [Inter-Parliamentary Union](#) (IPU) and the [United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization](#) (UNESCO). The primary aim of the course is to develop the skills and capacity of members of parliament, parliamentary staff, and civil society organisations, academics and others who focus on parliaments, so as to protect and promote freedom of expression inside and outside of parliament.

“This course provides an excellent introduction for parliamentarians to international standards on freedom of expression,” said Toby Mendel, Executive Director of CLD. *“We believe the need for this course has never been higher, as parliamentarians around the world grapple with how to protect the right to freedom of expression in an increasingly challenging digital environment.”*

The course features a range of pedagogical tools, including readings, games and quizzes, as well as videos by internationally recognised experts and members of parliament from around the world, who share their knowledge, expertise and relevant parliamentary experiences. A core background document for this course is a 2018 IPU publication authored by Toby Mendel, [Freedom of expression for parliaments and their members: Importance and scope of protection](#).

You can register for this free, self-paced course at the following links in [English](#), [French](#), [Spanish](#) or [Portuguese](#). The course will go live on 28 October 2024. Those who complete the course will receive a certificate.

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