



Survey for Civil Society on Priorities for the Summit for Democracy

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In December 2021, the US Government will be hosting the Summit for Democracy. A very timely effort, that aims to set an agenda for democratic renewal and, through a collective action, create new avenues to protect democracy, which has been under stress in the last decade and which the pandemic has strained even further. International IDEA and the European Union are committed to these objectives and to fostering and facilitating the engagement and input from CSOs to the Summit.

International IDEA is implementing the project “Supporting Team Europe Democracy - Strengthening democracy evidence and communication around the Summit for Democracy”, financed by the EU. The project aims to foster and facilitate civil society and multi-stakeholder engagement in the Summit for Democracy (convened by the United States Government) with pro-democracy organizations in Europe and across the world, as inputs to Team Europe Democracy engagement in the Summit. The project will create knowledge resources and data to aid monitoring of Summit commitments and facilitate dialogue on issues of relevance to the Summit.

As part of this project, this survey aims to gather views of stakeholders, including of civil society in Europe and beyond on the priorities of the Summit in 2021 and ahead of the 2022 Year of Action and second Summit. It will also seek to provide an initial inventory of activities that are planned for the year of Action 2022, to facilitate coordination among different organizations and for initiatives such as Global Democracy Coalition Forum (<https://www.globaldemocracycoalition.org>) and others that aim to bring organizations together during the year of Action. A follow up survey will be conducted in 2022. The survey results will be a public resource that can be used for advocacy purposes, for research and for planning of activities.

Responses to the survey will be processed in an anonymous way (submission deadline: 29 November 2021). We respect your privacy and your personal information will only be used for possible follow-up contacts regarding the survey. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact Ms Anika Heinmaa at a.heinmaa@idea.int.

Survey results

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Q1 Name

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Q2 Organisation

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Q3 Professional title

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Q4 Contact

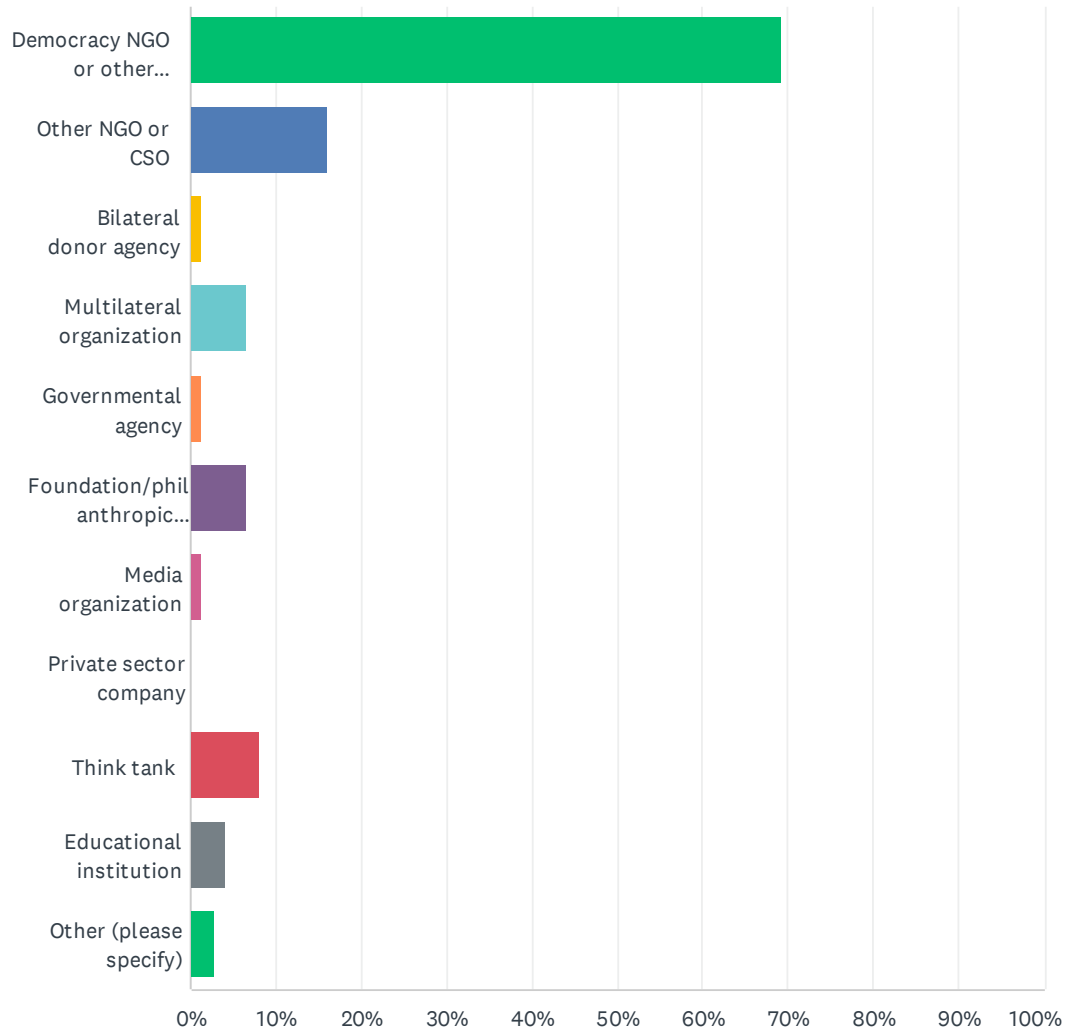
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Q5 Other relevant contacts

Answered: 21 Skipped: 56

Q6 Which of the following best describes the organization that you work for?

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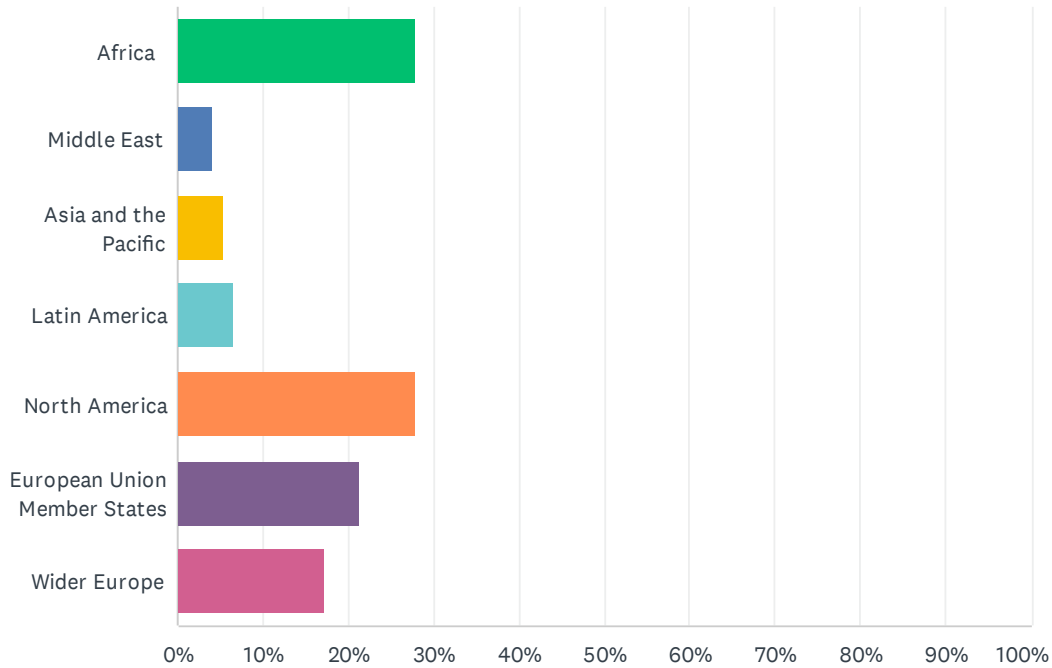


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Democracy NGO or other democracy-oriented civil society organization (CSO)	69.33%	52
Other NGO or CSO	16.00%	12
Bilateral donor agency	1.33%	1
Multilateral organization	6.67%	5
Governmental agency	1.33%	1
Foundation/philanthropic organization	6.67%	5
Media organization	1.33%	1
Private sector company	0.00%	0
Think tank	8.00%	6
Educational institution	4.00%	3
Other (please specify)	2.67%	2
Total Respondents: 75		

Q7 Please select the region in which your organization is headquartered.

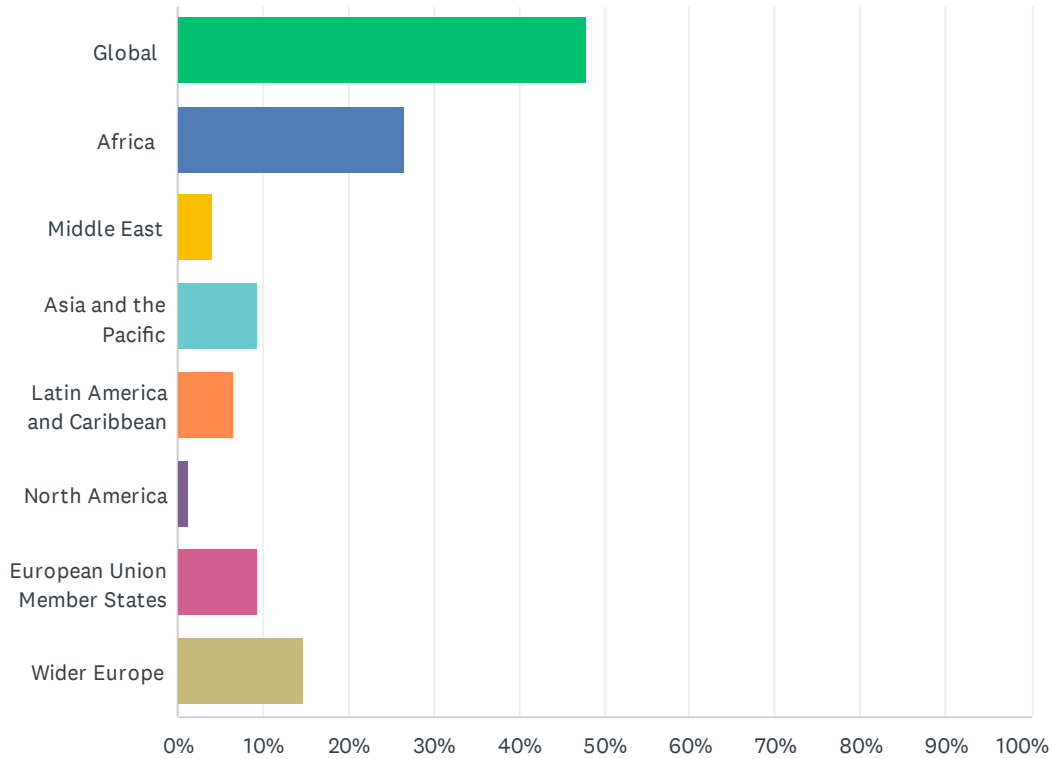
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Africa	28.00%	21
Middle East	4.00%	3
Asia and the Pacific	5.33%	4
Latin America	6.67%	5
North America	28.00%	21
European Union Member States	21.33%	16
Wider Europe	17.33%	13
Total Respondents: 75		

Q8 Please select the world region that your organization’s work primarily focuses on.

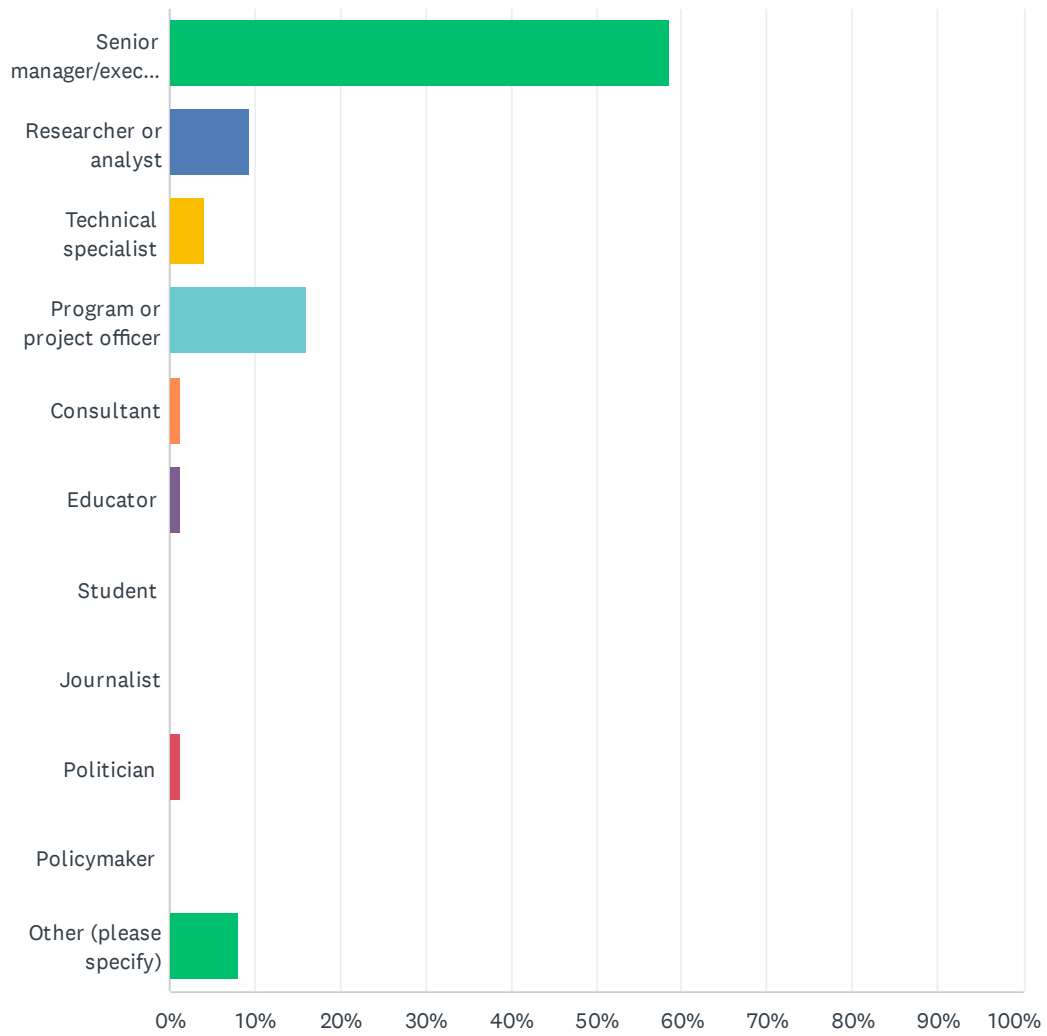
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Global	48.00%	36
Africa	26.67%	20
Middle East	4.00%	3
Asia and the Pacific	9.33%	7
Latin America and Caribbean	6.67%	5
North America	1.33%	1
European Union Member States	9.33%	7
Wider Europe	14.67%	11
Total Respondents: 75		

Q9 Which of the following best describes your professional role?

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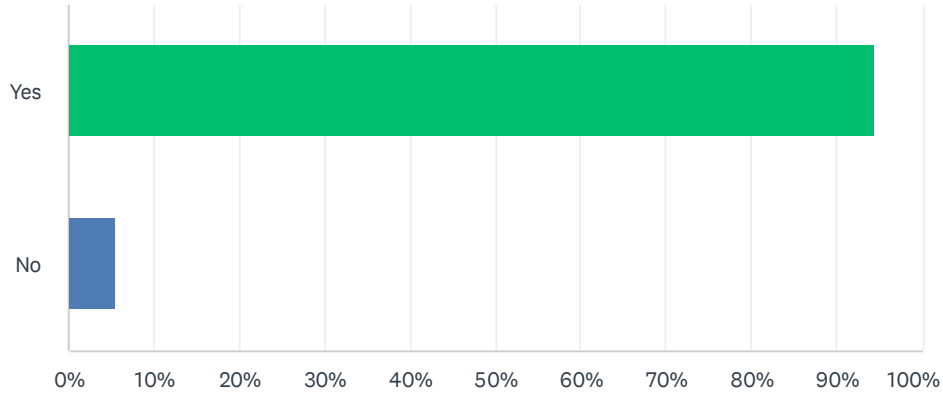


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Senior manager/executive	58.67%	44
Researcher or analyst	9.33%	7
Technical specialist	4.00%	3
Program or project officer	16.00%	12
Consultant	1.33%	1
Educator	1.33%	1
Student	0.00%	0
Journalist	0.00%	0
Politician	1.33%	1
Policymaker	0.00%	0
Other (please specify)	8.00%	6
TOTAL		75

Q10 Have you heard about the Summit for Democracy, organized by the United States Government on 9-10 December 2021 and 2022?

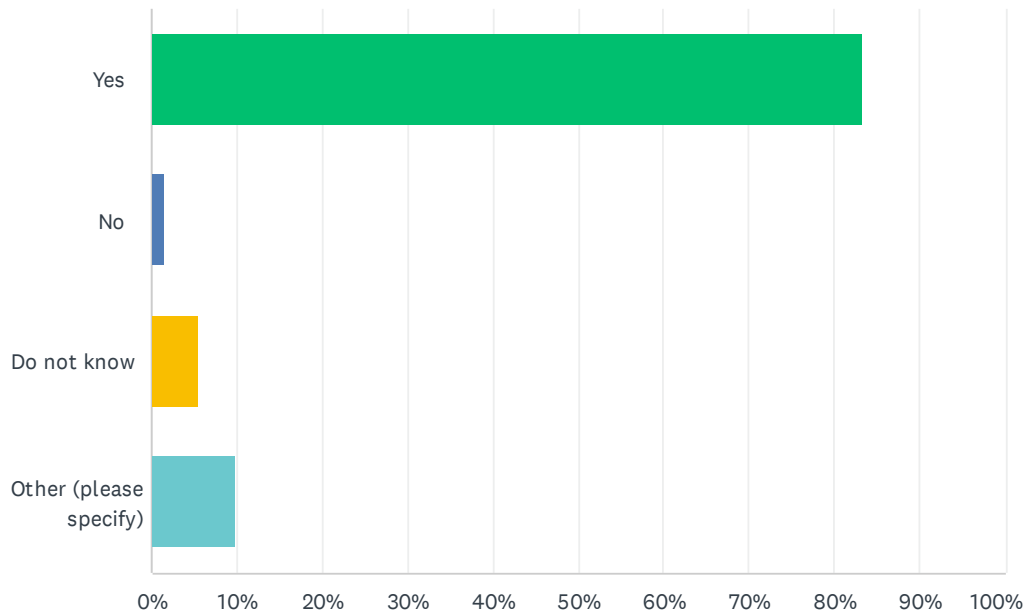
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	94.44%	68
No	5.56%	4
TOTAL		72

Q11 Do you believe that a Summit for Democracy is a valuable initiative?

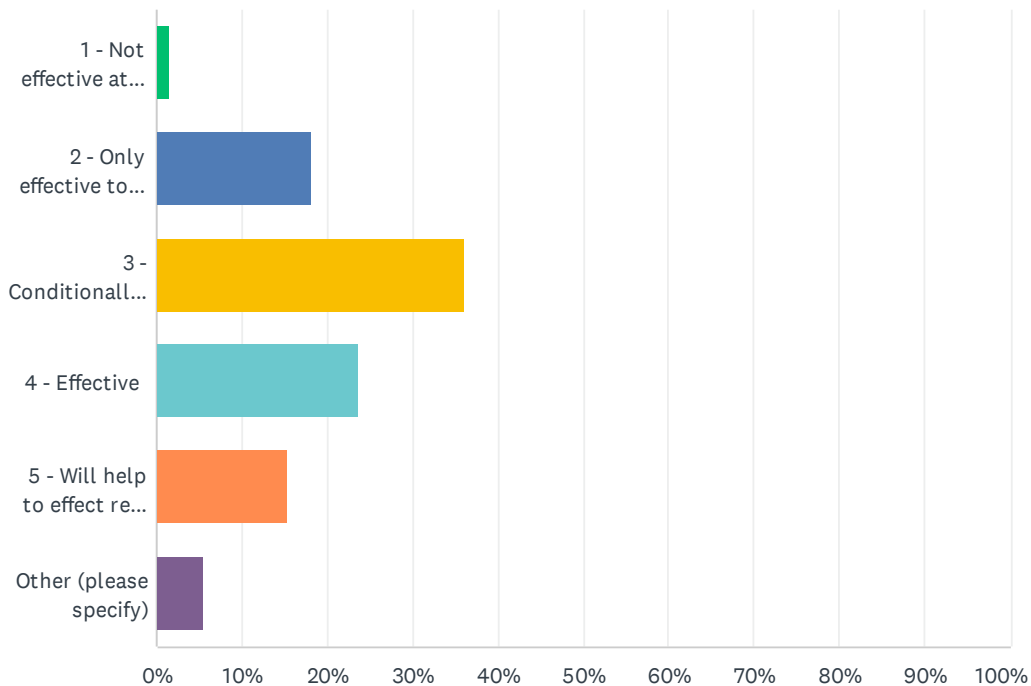
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	83.33%	60
No	1.39%	1
Do not know	5.56%	4
Other (please specify)	9.72%	7
TOTAL		72

Q12 Please rate your opinion on the potential effectiveness of the first Summit, ranging from 1 (not effective at all) to 5 (will help to effect real change).

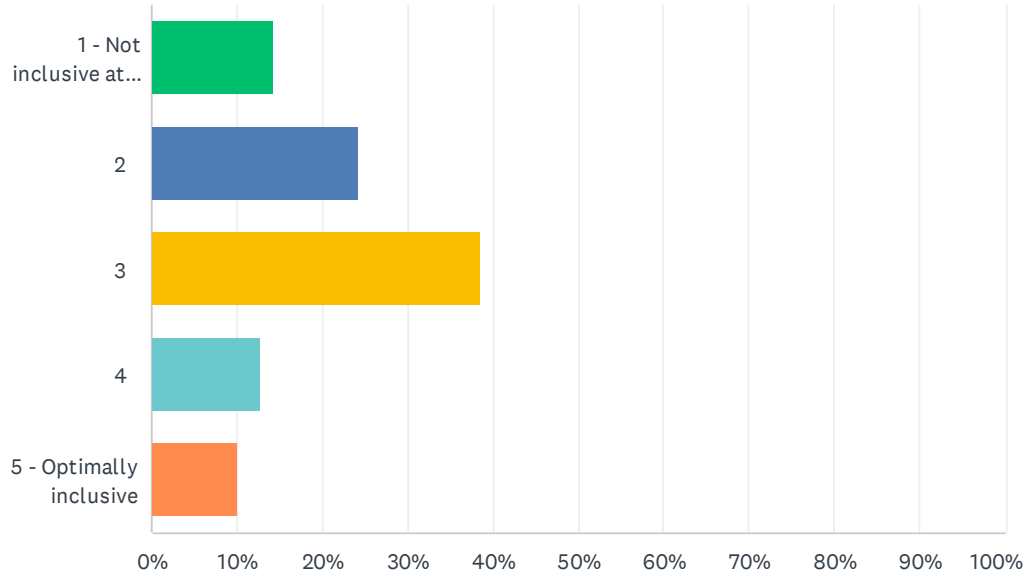
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1 - Not effective at all	1.39%	1
2 - Only effective to raise awareness	18.06%	13
3 - Conditionally effective	36.11%	26
4 - Effective	23.61%	17
5 - Will help to effect real change	15.28%	11
Other (please specify)	5.56%	4
TOTAL		72

Q13 Please rate your perception of the inclusiveness of the invitations to the first Summit, from 1 (not inclusive at all) to 5 (optimally inclusive).

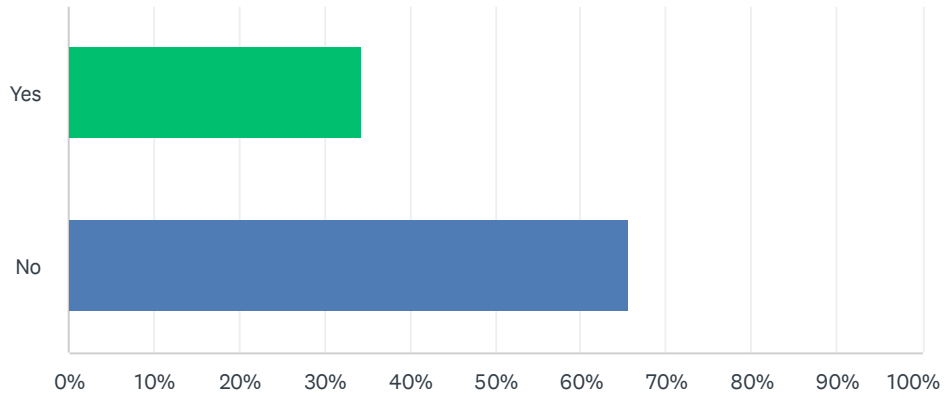
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
1 - Not inclusive at all	14.29%	10
2	24.29%	17
3	38.57%	27
4	12.86%	9
5 - Optimally inclusive	10.00%	7
TOTAL		70

Q14 Has your organization found/received adequate information on the Summit to be able to contribute to its preparations in a meaningful way?

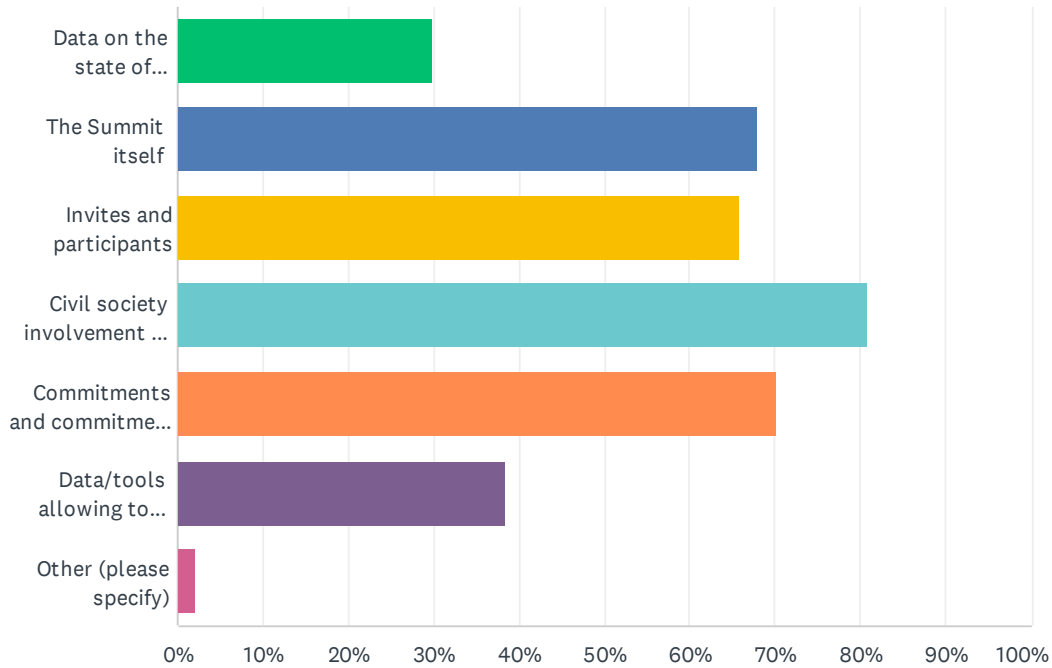
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	34.25%	25
No	65.75%	48
TOTAL		73

Q15 Would you need more information on:

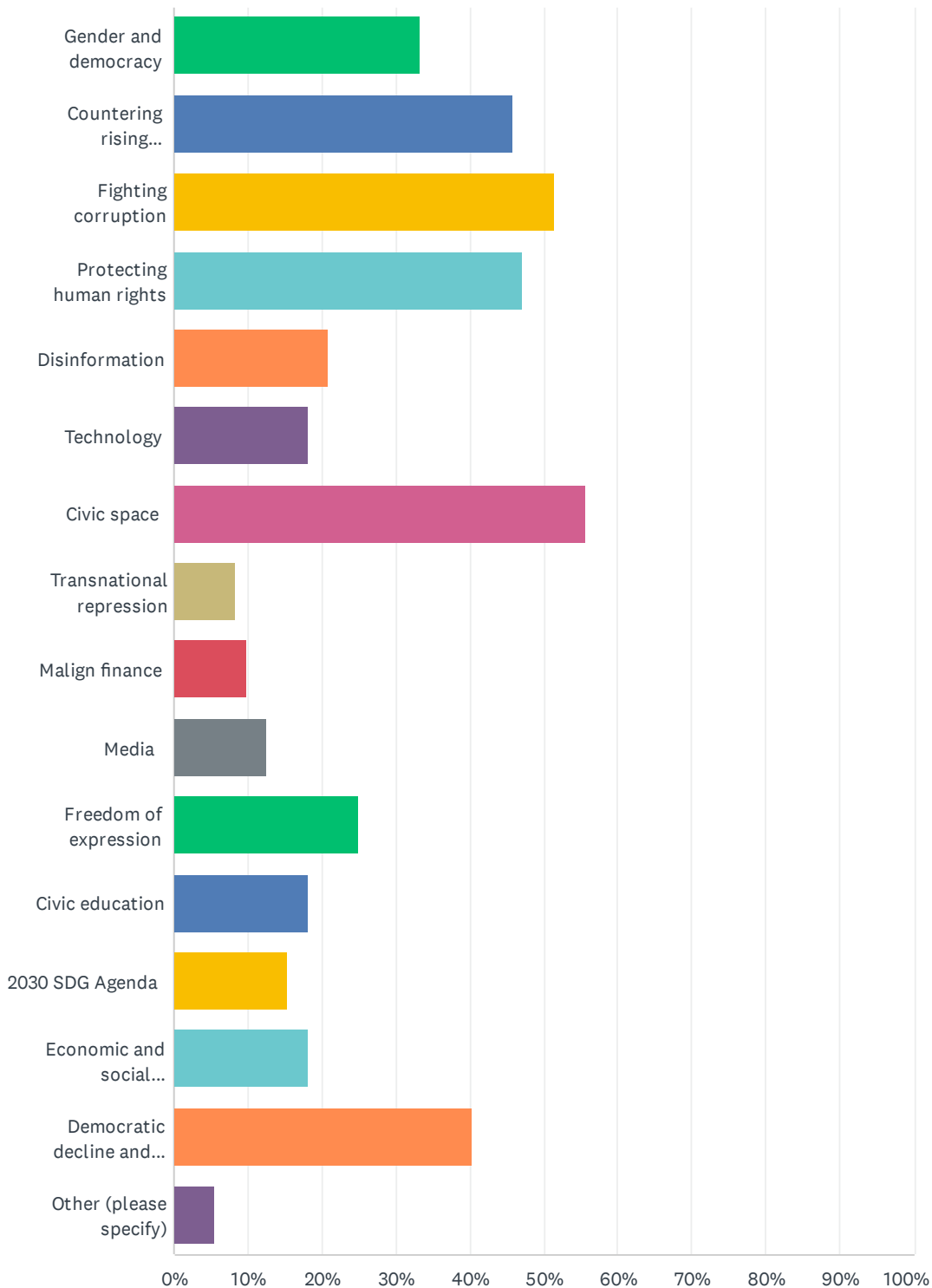
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Data on the state of democracy and democratic trends	29.79%	14
The Summit itself	68.09%	32
Invites and participants	65.96%	31
Civil society involvement in the Summit	80.85%	38
Commitments and commitments tracking	70.21%	33
Data/tools allowing to track progress on democracy	38.30%	18
Other (please specify)	2.13%	1
Total Respondents: 47		

Q16 Which democracy themes would need to be prioritized during the Summit? (Select maximum 3)

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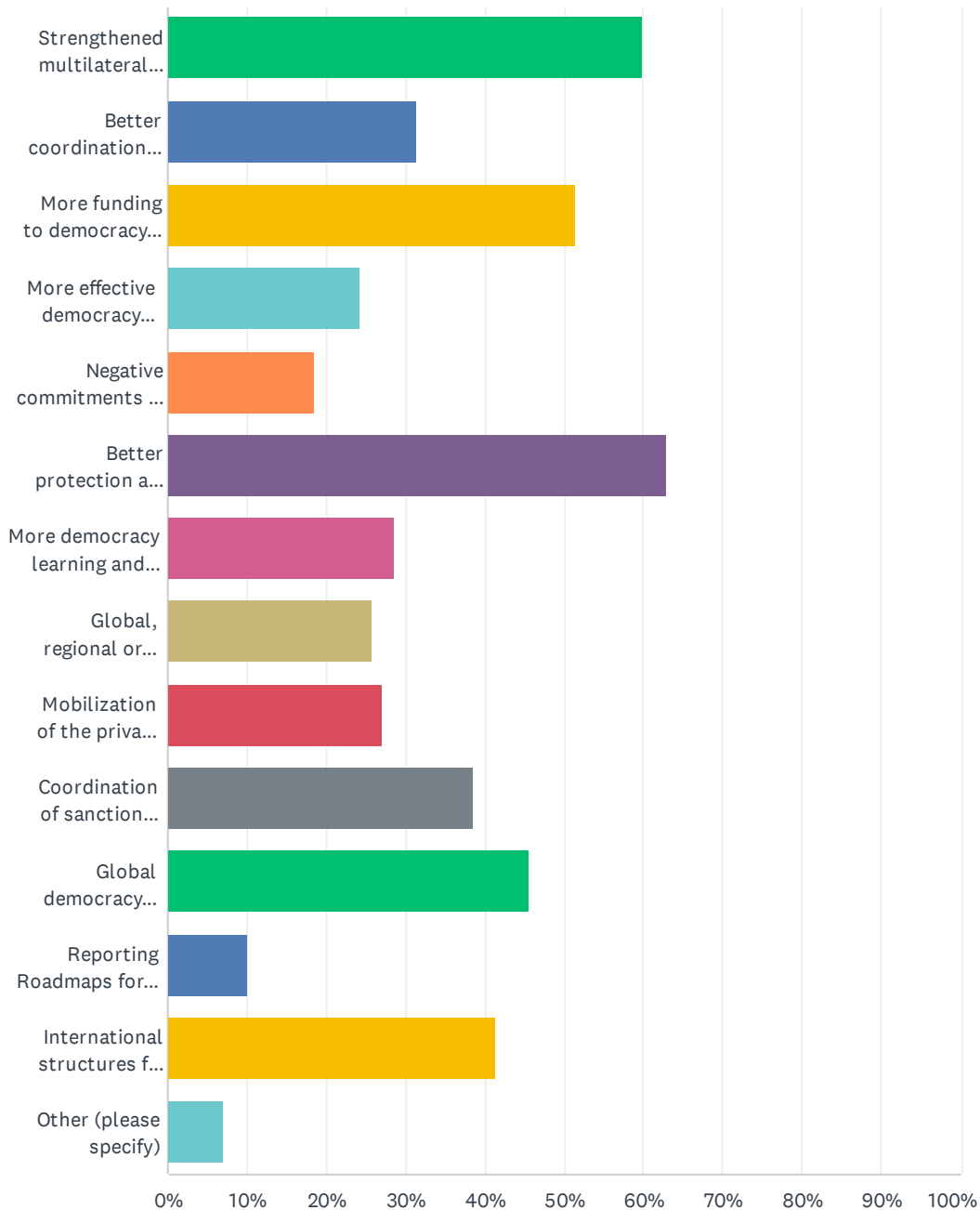


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Gender and democracy	33.33%	24
Countering rising authoritarianism	45.83%	33
Fighting corruption	51.39%	37
Protecting human rights	47.22%	34
Disinformation	20.83%	15
Technology	18.06%	13
Civic space	55.56%	40
Transnational repression	8.33%	6
Malign finance	9.72%	7
Media	12.50%	9
Freedom of expression	25.00%	18
Civic education	18.06%	13
2030 SDG Agenda	15.28%	11
Economic and social development	18.06%	13
Democratic decline and regression in democracies	40.28%	29
Other (please specify)	5.56%	4
Total Respondents: 72		

Q17 Which would your organization identify as most valuable outcomes of the Summit? (Select maximum 5 and/or answer as an open-ended question)

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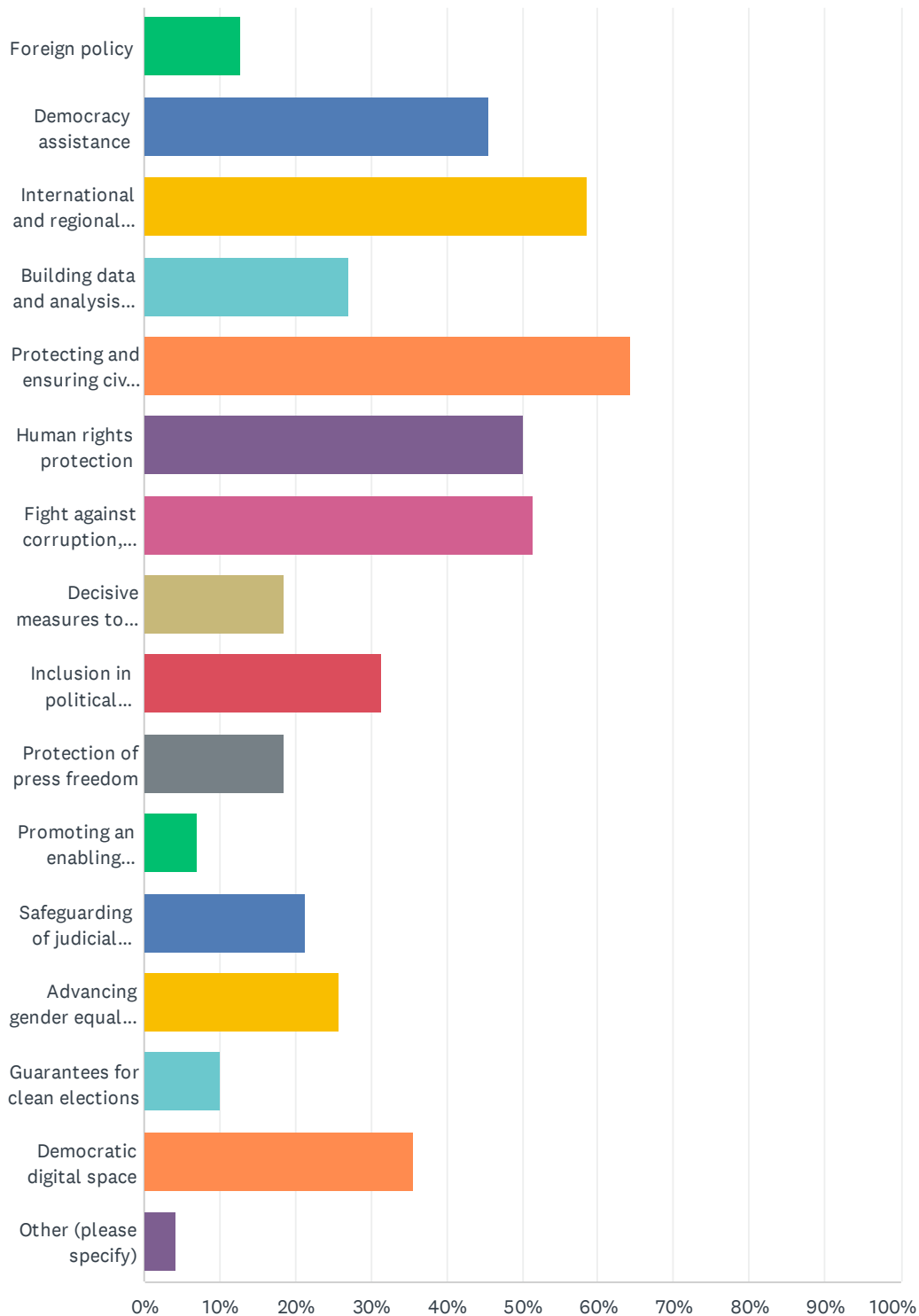


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Strengthened multilateral world order in support and defense of democratic principles and values	60.00%	42
Better coordination of democracy assistance	31.43%	22
More funding to democracy assistance programmes	51.43%	36
More effective democracy assistance	24.29%	17
Negative commitments (ie commitments not to engage in certain action that undermines democracy)	18.57%	13
Better protection and support for democracy activists, such as human rights defenders and anti-corruption whistleblowers	62.86%	44
More democracy learning and exchange between older and newer democracies	28.57%	20
Global, regional or national targets on democracy	25.71%	18
Mobilization of the private sector to defend democracy	27.14%	19
Coordination of sanction regimes (against public officials engage in subverting democratic processes, human rights abuses and corruption)	38.57%	27
Global democracy monitoring system and tracking of commitments fed by country-level initiatives	45.71%	32
Reporting Roadmaps for democracy action (e.g. compliance with the Journalism Trust Initiative)	10.00%	7
International structures for ensuring follow-up on Summit commitments	41.43%	29
Other (please specify)	7.14%	5
Total Respondents: 70		

Q18 What areas would your organization identify as important for Summit participants and donors to make commitments? (Select maximum 5)

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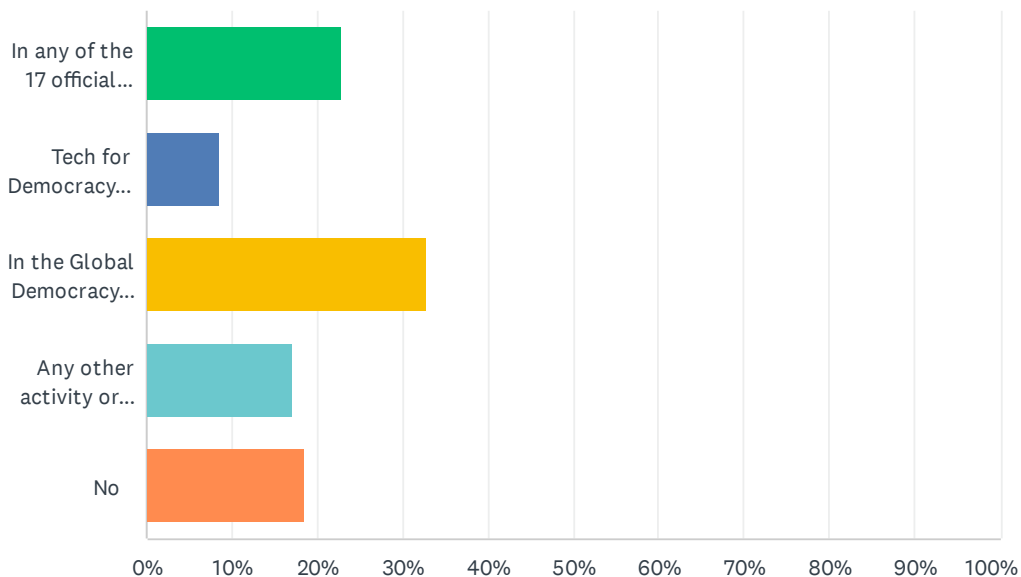


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Foreign policy	12.86%	9
Democracy assistance	45.71%	32
International and regional cooperation in support of democracy	58.57%	41
Building data and analysis on democracy	27.14%	19
Protecting and ensuring civic space	64.29%	45
Human rights protection	50.00%	35
Fight against corruption, including cross-border corruption	51.43%	36
Decisive measures to purge dirty money from financial systems and counter money laundering	18.57%	13
Inclusion in political decision-making	31.43%	22
Protection of press freedom	18.57%	13
Promoting an enabling environment for trustworthy journalism	7.14%	5
Safeguarding of judicial independence	21.43%	15
Advancing gender equality in political decision-making	25.71%	18
Guarantees for clean elections	10.00%	7
Democratic digital space	35.71%	25
Other (please specify)	4.29%	3
Total Respondents: 70		

Q19 Will you organize or participate in any activities or events related to the Summit for Democracy in 2021?

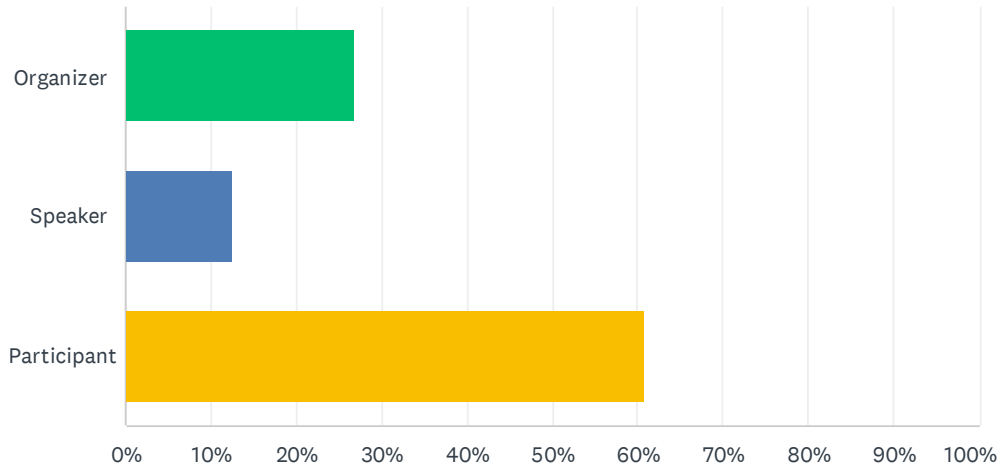
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
In any of the 17 official side events for the Summit	22.86%	16
Tech for Democracy Conference	8.57%	6
In the Global Democracy Coalition Forum	32.86%	23
Any other activity or event aimed to inform the Summit	17.14%	12
No	18.57%	13
TOTAL		70

Q20 If so, how are/were you involved: as a webinar organizer, as a speaker or as a participant?

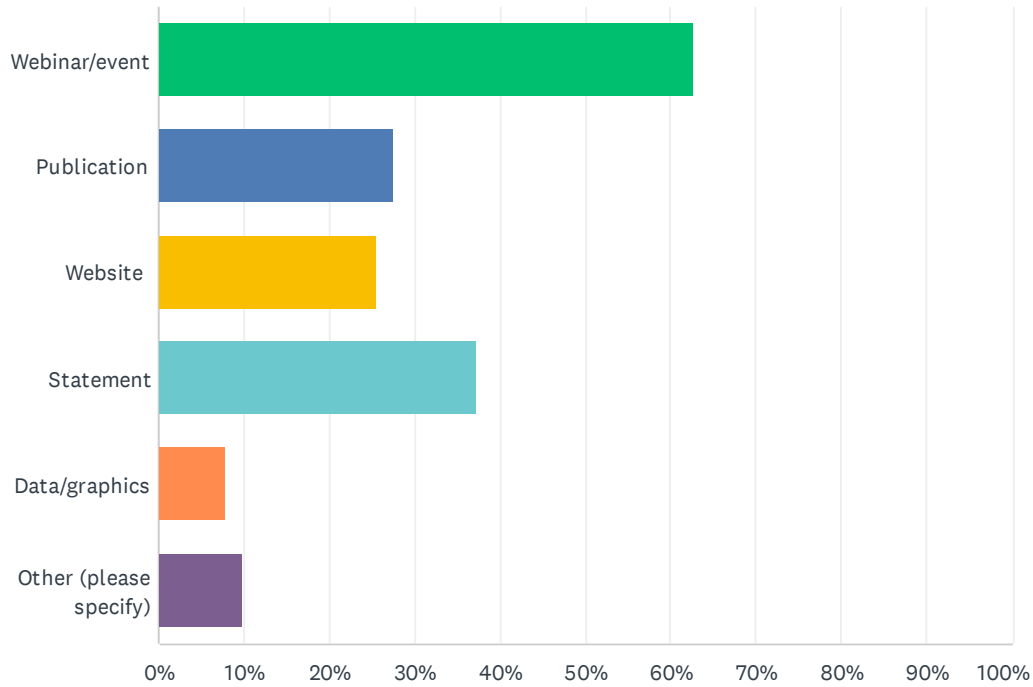
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Organizer	26.79%	15
Speaker	12.50%	7
Participant	60.71%	34
TOTAL		56

Q21 Is your organization undertaking or planning any activities related to the Summit 2021 (multiple answers possible):

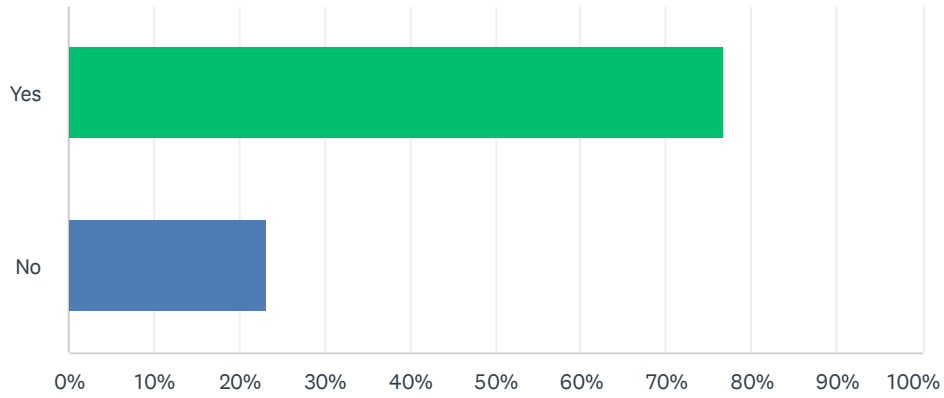
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Webinar/event	62.75%	32
Publication	27.45%	14
Website	25.49%	13
Statement	37.25%	19
Data/graphics	7.84%	4
Other (please specify)	9.80%	5
Total Respondents: 51		

Q22 Is your organization planning any activities related to the Summit during 2022?

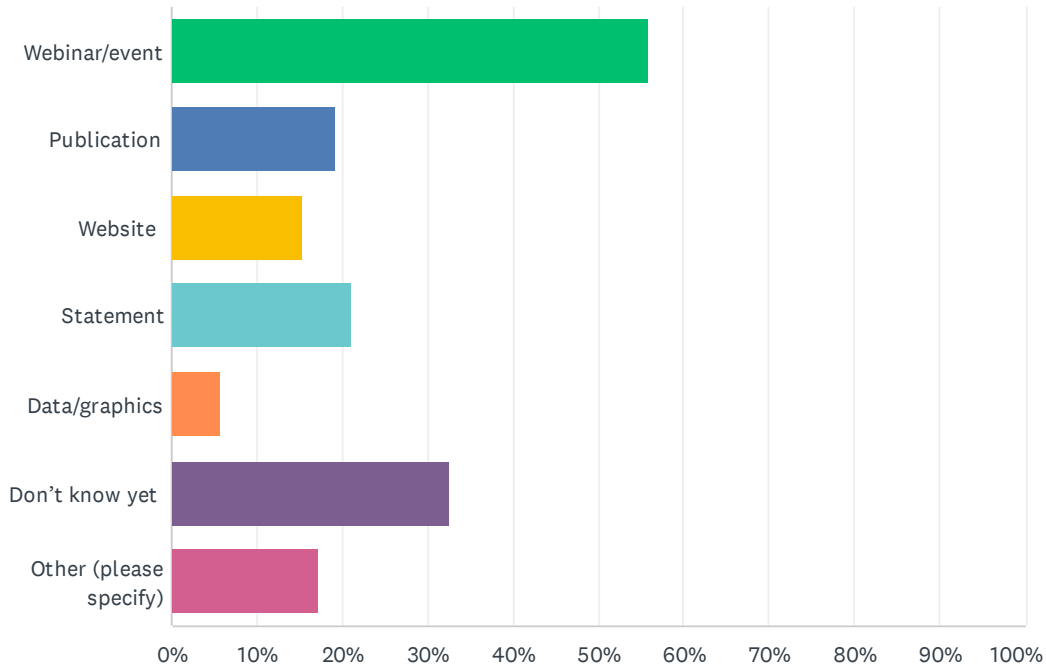
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	76.81%	53
No	23.19%	16
TOTAL		69

Q23 If so, what type of activities are you planning?

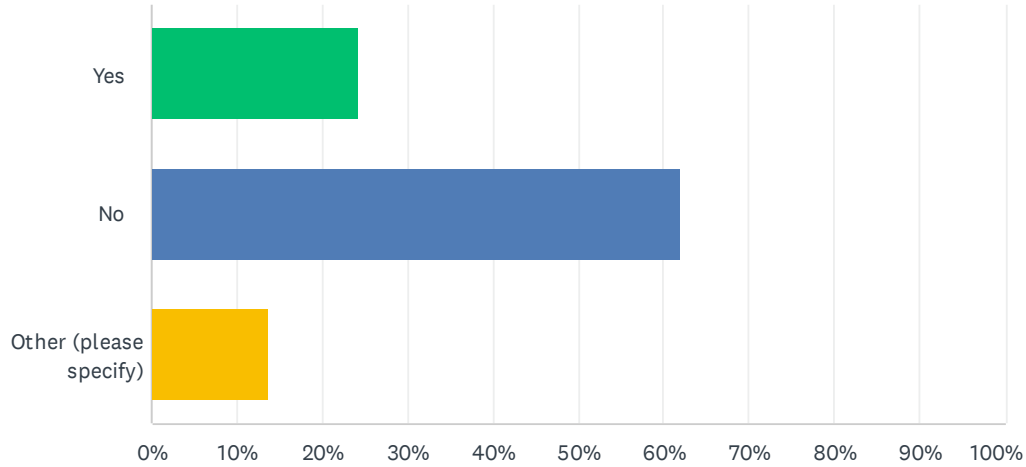
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Webinar/event	55.77%	29
Publication	19.23%	10
Website	15.38%	8
Statement	21.15%	11
Data/graphics	5.77%	3
Don't know yet	32.69%	17
Other (please specify)	17.31%	9
Total Respondents: 52		

Q24 Is your organization planning to make its own commitments ahead of the Summit and share them publicly?

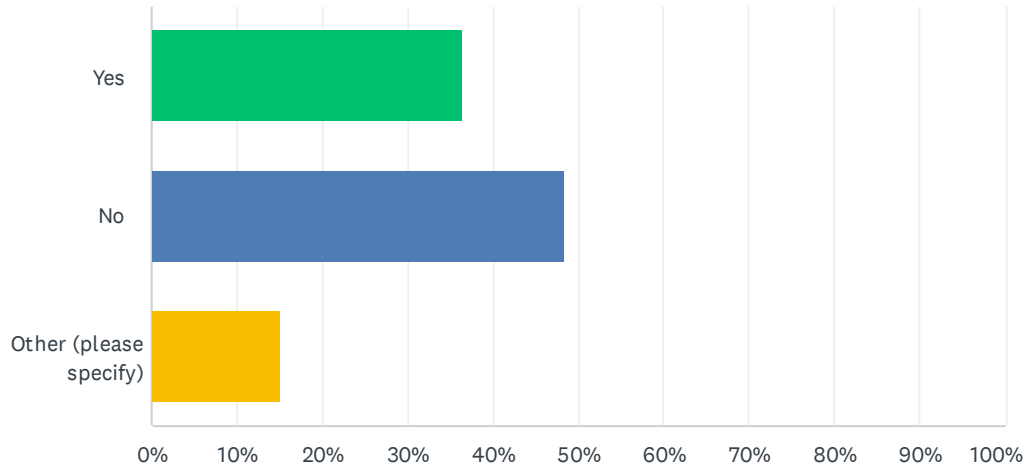
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	24.24%	16
No	62.12%	41
Other (please specify)	13.64%	9
TOTAL		66

Q25 Is your organization preparing model commitments for any summit participants for advocacy purposes?

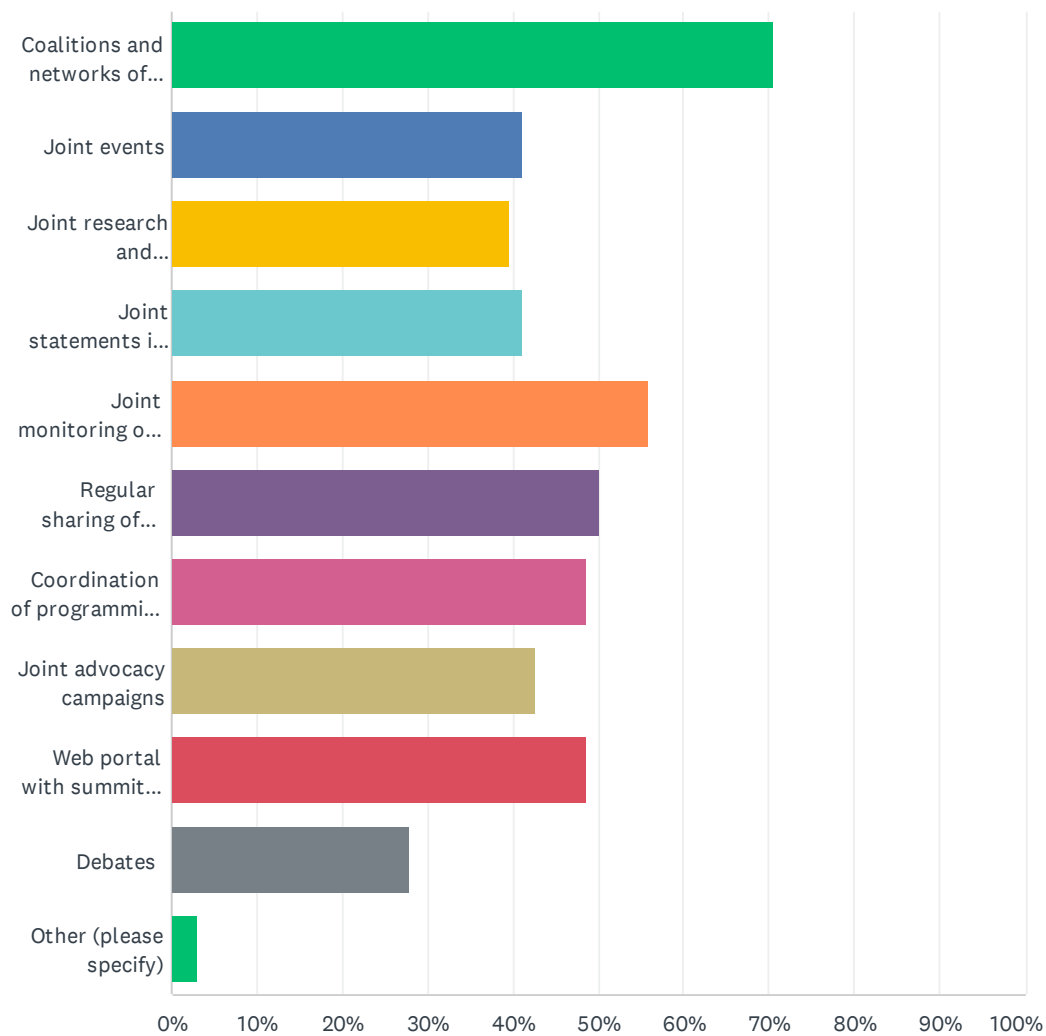
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	36.36%	24
No	48.48%	32
Other (please specify)	15.15%	10
TOTAL		66

Q26 Which cooperation modalities between civil society and other pro-democracy actors would you recommend ahead of the 2021 and 2022 Summits for Democracy to influence the discussions?

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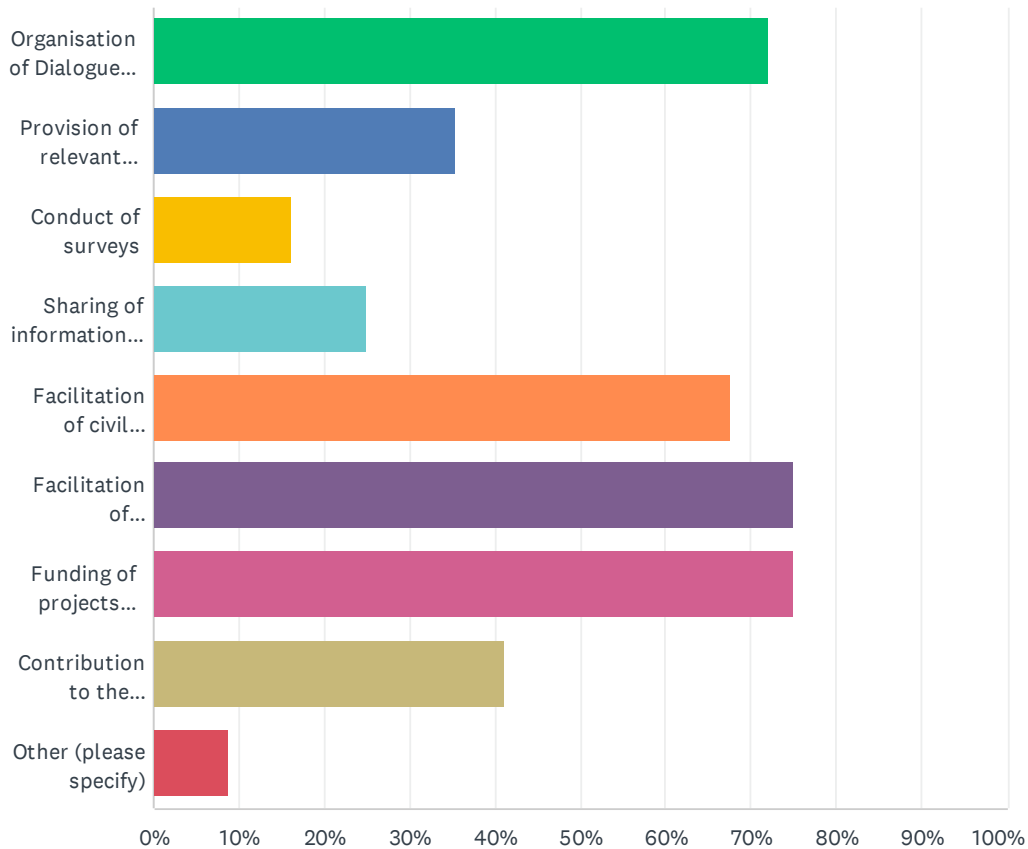


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Coalitions and networks of organizations, for example the Global Democracy Coalition Forum	70.59%	48
Joint events	41.18%	28
Joint research and publications	39.71%	27
Joint statements in support of democracy	41.18%	28
Joint monitoring of commitments	55.88%	38
Regular sharing of information	50.00%	34
Coordination of programming and activities	48.53%	33
Joint advocacy campaigns	42.65%	29
Web portal with summit information, CSO events and inputs, and democracy knowledge resources	48.53%	33
Debates	27.94%	19
Other (please specify)	2.94%	2
Total Respondents: 68		

Q27 How can donors, such as the EU, contribute to fostering the active participation of civil society in the 2021 and 2022 Summits and the year of action in 2022?

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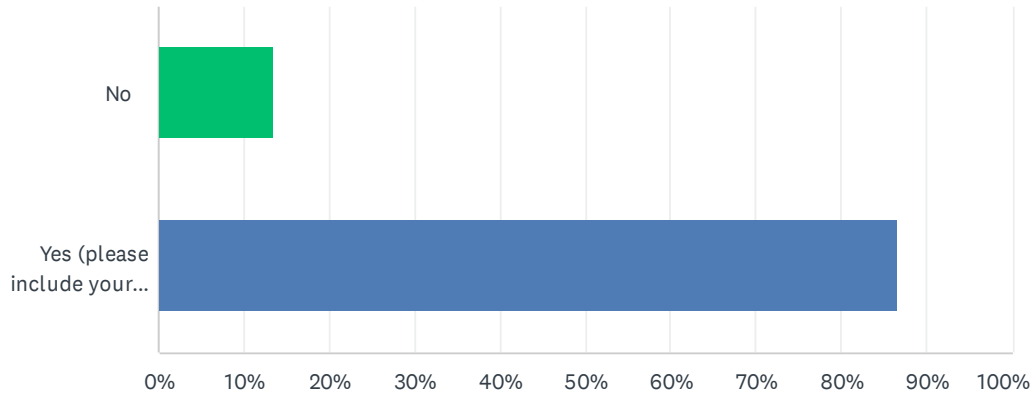
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Organisation of Dialogue events with civil society	72.06%	49
Provision of relevant knowledge products	35.29%	24
Conduct of surveys	16.18%	11
Sharing of information gathered through surveys	25.00%	17
Facilitation of civil society participation in official side events	67.65%	46
Facilitation of participation of civil society at the 2022 summit	75.00%	51
Funding of projects implemented by CSOs in support to Summit commitments	75.00%	51
Contribution to the monitoring of Summit commitments	41.18%	28
Other (please specify)	8.82%	6
Total Respondents: 68		

Q28 Please share any other inputs and ideas for better collaboration and coordination of civil society and multi-stakeholder activities for the 2021 and 2022 Summits and the year of action 2022.

Answered: 31 Skipped: 46

Q29 Would you like International IDEA to send you any communications and invitations regarding activities around the summit?

Answered: 67 Skipped: 10



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
No	13.43%	9
Yes (please include your email here)	86.57%	58
TOTAL		67