

Concise Summary of the Delegate Selection Process for Democrats Abroad

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In the Democratic Party, Presidential candidates are awarded delegates at the Democratic National Convention in proportion to their support in a state caucus or the number of votes received in a state primary. Any candidate receiving 15% or more of the primary votes cast in a Democratic presidential primary will be accorded delegates.

Democrats Abroad will hold a Global Presidential Primary from March 1-8, 2016. Ballots may be cast by email, fax, post, or in-person at Voting Centers in countries around the globe.

Democrats Abroad will then hold a combination of local, regional and worldwide Caucus meetings to choose delegates to the Democratic National Convention. These meetings will culminate in a Global Convention in Berlin on May 14, 2016.

Democrats Abroad will send a total of 21 delegates to the Democratic National Convention to be held in Philadelphia in July 2016. Eight of these delegates will be our Members on the Democratic National Committee.

In addition to elected pledged delegates, Democrats Abroad will also send to Philadelphia: one or more alternates, one member for each of the three convention standing committees (Credentials, Platform, and Rules), six Democratic National Committee Members-elect and a page.

To vote in the Democratic Global Presidential Primary and/or run for delegate to the Democratic National Convention, overseas Americans should contact Democrats Abroad at www.DemocratsAbroad.org. The forms and detailed instructions for those seeking to be a delegate for Democrats Abroad will be available no later than February 15, 2016.