How to Form a Local AAPI Caucus

What do we do?

As the Global Asian American and Pacific Islander Caucus, our goal is to speak to, and speak for, the diverse AAPI community among Democrats Abroad membership in all three regions: Asia-Pacific, EMEA and the Americas.

Make your local AAPI community's voices, thoughts, and opinions heard - by organizing a local AAPI Caucus!

What is this document?

This document will provide you and your country committee the steps necessary to become a local AAPI Caucus, and to work with the Global Asian American Pacific Islander Caucus.

Why should you form a local AAPI Caucus?

There are a number of reasons a local Asian American Pacific Caucus can be beneficial to your country or local chapter:

- 1. It will enable you to engage with your AAPI members more effectively and encourage greater involvement in your local activities.
- 2. It will provide your local membership an outlet to shape conversations at the global level about issues relevant to the AAPI community.
- 3. It will provide leadership opportunities for your members.

For members interested in forming a local AAPI Caucus

- 1. Join the AAPI Caucus at www.democratsabroad.org/aapi
- 2. Contact your Chapter or Country Committee Chair to inform them of your interest in starting a local caucus.
- Once you have received approval from your Chapter or Country Committee Chair, please get in touch with the <u>Global AAPI Caucus</u> to let them know that you will be forming a local caucus.
- 4. You should complete a <u>Democrats Abroad Confidentiality Agreement</u> since you will be in touch with other members of Democrats Abroad

For Country Committee or Chapter Chairs

You can request a DA email address for your local caucus (for example,

"DAG-AAPICaucus@democratsabroad.org".) Email the Democrats Abroad IT Team via the Caucus Helpdesk (caucus-helpdesk@democratsabroad.org). The address that you request will act as a forwarding address and will send emails to the newly appointed local caucus leader. Like other democratsabroad.org email addresses, the individual receiving the emails will not be able to respond from this address.