

## **The Roadmap: From the Global Primary to the Democratic National Convention**

### **What happens to our Global Primary Results?**

Barack Obama won our worldwide primary with 65.8% of the vote, followed by Hillary Clinton with 32.5%. Joe Biden received 0.1%; John Edwards 0.7%; Dennis Kucinich 0.6%; Bill Richardson 0.1%; and “uncommitted” 0.2%.

The results of the Global Primary (link to [http://www.politico.com/blogs/bensmith/0208/Dems\\_Abroad\\_mapped.html](http://www.politico.com/blogs/bensmith/0208/Dems_Abroad_mapped.html)) determine the Democrats Abroad delegation that will go to the National Convention.

The count so far (20 March) for Democrats Abroad? Based on the global vote, our 22-member delegation will include 9 pledged Obama delegates and 5 pledged Clinton delegates who will be elected at the Regional Caucuses and the Global Convention. The remaining 8, our superdelegates, consist of the International Chair and Vice-Chair of Democrats Abroad, plus our six previously elected representatives on the Democratic National Committee (DNC). We currently have 2 uncommitted, 2 Clinton, and 4 Obama superdelegates. So: 13 Obama, 7 Clinton, 2 uncommitted delegates – each with a half vote at the Convention.

### **Who goes to the DA Caucuses?**

Officers of country committees can attend and vote at the caucuses (or countries can run a caucus to determine electors, which India did not do). Any member of DA is welcome to go to the caucuses as an observer, or to run as a delegate. (visit <http://www.democratsabroad.org/article/2008/01/08/want-be-delegate-denver-deadlines-coming-delegate-filing-form-pdf>.) The Chair of DA-India, Carolyn Sauvage-Mar, will attend the Asia-Pacific Regional Caucus and the Global Convention as an elector (meaning that as an officer of the India committee she gets to vote).

### **What gets decided at the Asia-Pacific Regional Caucus and Global Convention April 10-12 in Vancouver?**

Delegates and DNC Members (Link to <http://www.democratsabroad.org/article/2008/01/08/want-be-delegate-denver-deadlines-coming-delegate-filing-form-pdf>)

The Asia-Pacific Regional Caucus, including India, will select 1 Obama delegate and 1 Democratic National Committee (DNC) member. (All the newly elected DNC members will begin their service following the National Convention in August.)

The Americas Regional Caucus will select 1 Obama delegate and 1 Clinton delegate, along with 1 DNC member. (The Europe-Middle East-Africa Region has already held its Caucus, where 4 Obama delegates and 2 Clinton delegates were elected, along with 1 DNC member.)

The Global Convention will elect 5 more delegates (3 pledged to Obama and 2 to Clinton), along with an alternate for each candidate. The Global Convention will also elect 3 DNC members; additionally the International Chair and Vice Chair are DNC members; along with regional members, DA has a total of 8 DNC members.

2008 Platform (Link if the global committee is ready...)

The Platform of Democrats Abroad will be discussed and adopted. (See 2004 model at <http://www.democrats.org/pdfs/2004platform.pdf>. or email [bobbregar@yahoo.com](mailto:bobbregar@yahoo.com)) India has submitted resolutions and planks for consideration in the final platform (**LINK TO resolutions and platform planks!**)

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