

The [Democratic Space Barometer](#) forecasts democratic “opening” and “closing” in any country across six analytical dimensions: **Associational, Electoral, Economic, Governing, Individual, Informational**. These forecasts allow democracy, human rights, and governance (DRG) practitioners to:

- Better anticipate and respond to **opening** or **closing** democratic space
- Prepare to respond to emerging **opportunities** or unexpected **threats**
- Inform strategic and contingency planning processes

How to use DemSpace for Global and Regional Strategy:

1. Filter by any of the following categories:

- **opening** or **closing** event
- one of the six democratic spaces
- regional or global map and ranking

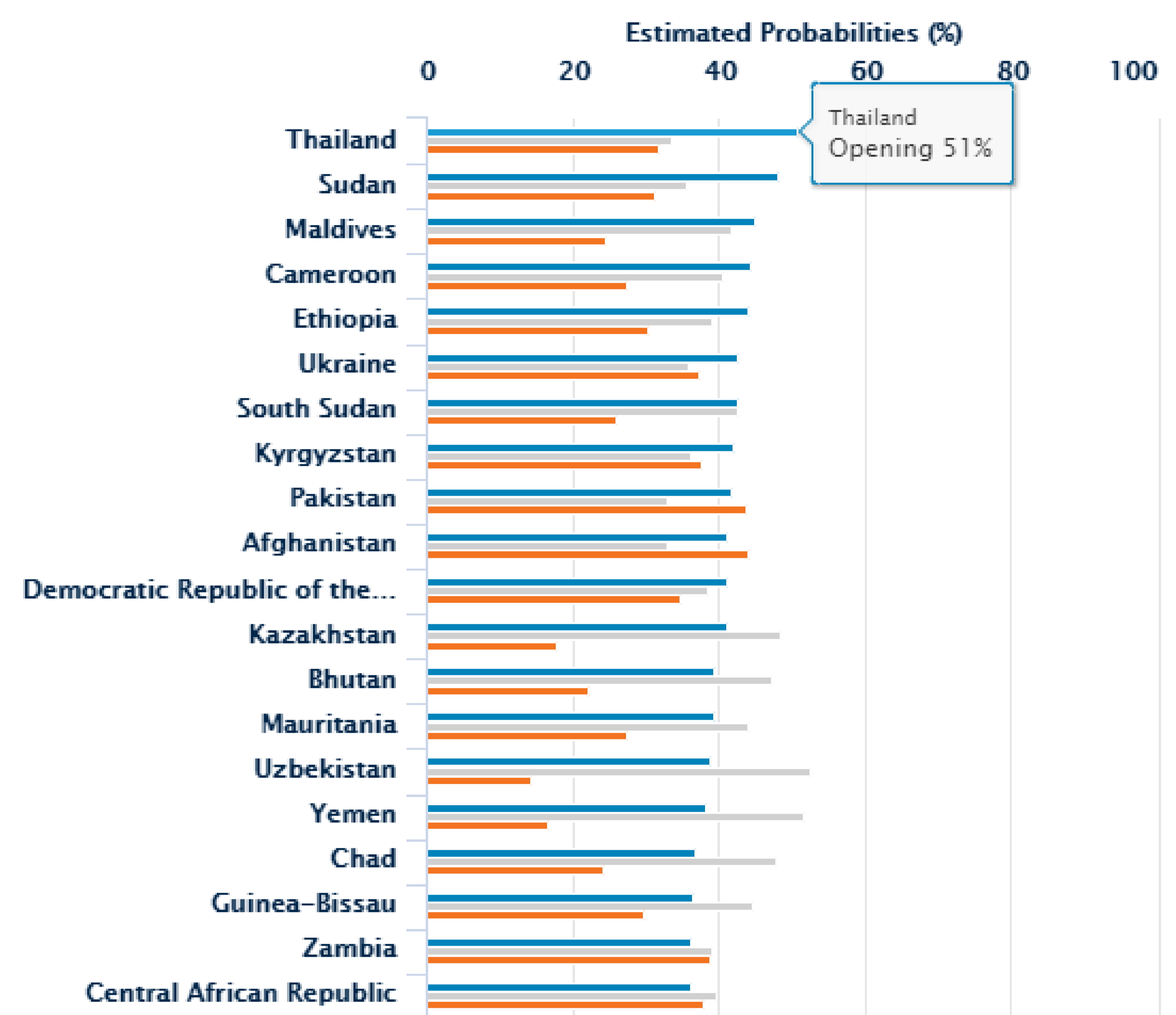
2. Hover over bars in the ranking tile, or click on a country in the map to view details on probabilities of **opening** or **closing**.

3. Consider how these probabilities compare to your expectations and your current strategic plan.



Remember, these estimates are probabilities, not certainties. We recommend organizations and teams use the tool as a first step to guide a deeper analysis of potential underlying conditions. Think of this tool as way to quickly “scan the horizon” and identify regions or countries that merit further investigation.

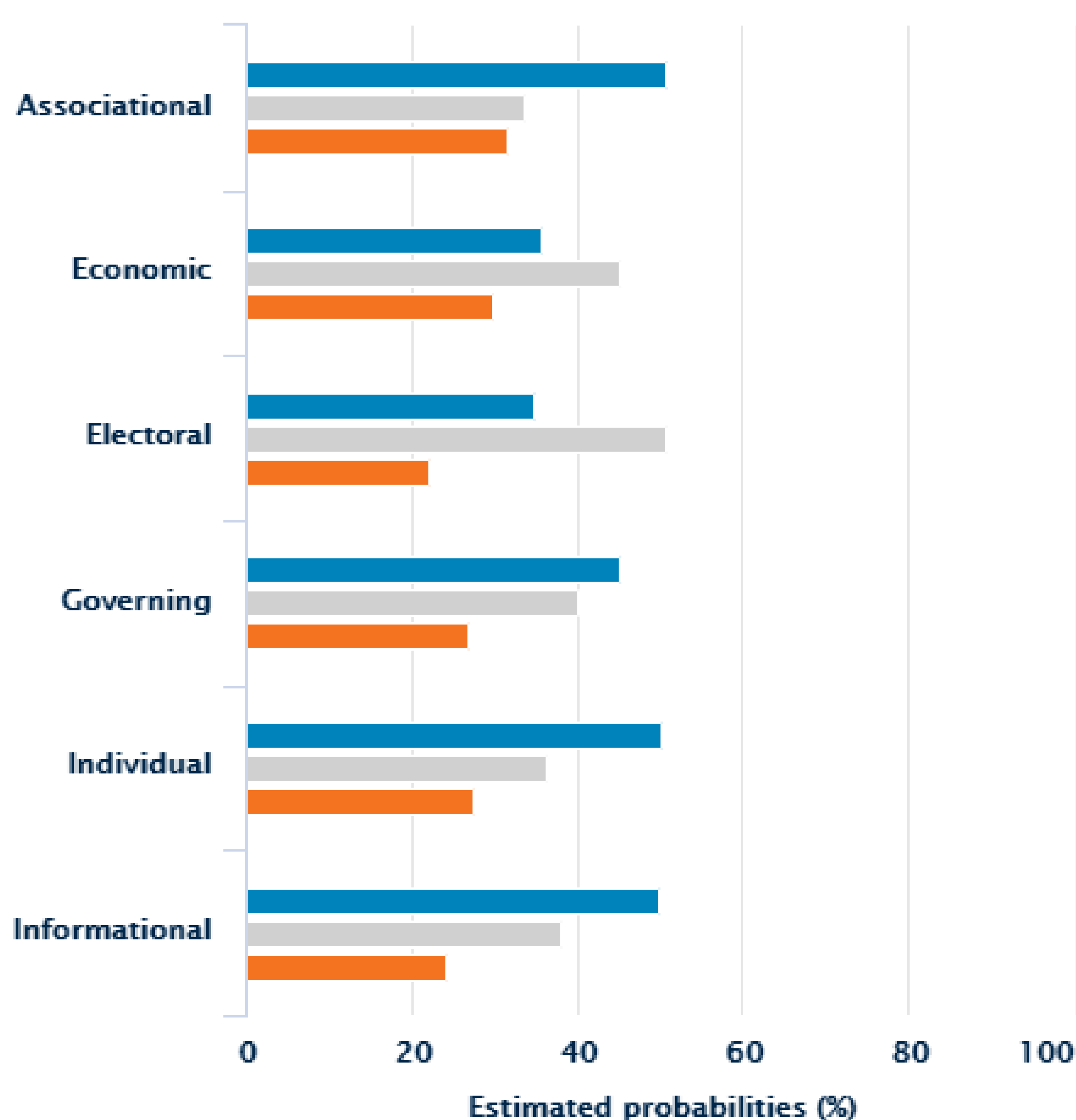
Top 20 Opening Event Estimates for the Associational Space
Global, 2020–2021



How to use DemSpace for Country Context and Program Design:

1. Scroll to the second set of graphs.
2. Select the country you are interested in.
3. Hover over the bars to see the estimated probability of **opening**, **closing**, and stability in each democratic space.
4. Consider what this data means for the sequencing and types of activities planned.

Estimates by space for Thailand, 2020–2021



V-Dem index scores for Thailand, 2010–2019

