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The 7th EC-UNDP-IDEA Joint Workshop on Effective Electoral Assistance took place in Accra from 29 June to 3 July 2009. Building on the content, structure and experiences of previous trainings and workshop, the EC-UNDP Joint Task Force and International IDEA, in collaboration with International Organization of Migration (IOM), the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) and the Organization of American States (OAS), carried out a five day face-to-face workshop that targetted EC, UNDP and IDEA staff, staff from donor agencies, regional/international organizations as well as members of election management bodies.

Participants learnt about EC-UNDP policies, strategies and activities in the field of electoral assistance, became familiar with EC and UNDP procedures for programming, identification, formulation, implementation and evaluation, and EC and UNDP financial and implementation modalities. More specifically, they obtained insight in the electoral cycle approach and activities that are carried out in support of electoral cycles around the globe. Also, they learnt about strategies and the pros and cons of ICTs in electoral processes, electoral budgeting, procurement and global tools.

As usual, the workshop was delivered by members of the EC-UNDP Joint Task Force on Electoral Assistance and staff of International IDEA as well as senior electoral experts with extensive headquarter and field experiences of our collaborating partners at IOM, CIDA and OAS.

The workshop was reserved for EC-UN staff and staff of our institutional partners and election management bodies. Thus, participants need to be seconded by their respective organizations/institutions and/or EU Member States.

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Find the agenda and the training material in the right hand side column.

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Below you can find the power point presentations used in the training .

DAY 1: Opening, EU/EC and UN/UNDP Framework, Lessons Learned and New Approach

- 1.1 Opening Speeches
- Kwadwo Afari-Gyan, Chairman of the Electoral Commission of Ghana
- Daouda Toure, UNDP Resident Representative in Ghana
- Joram Rukambe, Programme Manager, International IDEA
- 1.2a Introduction - Training Methodology, Key Concepts and Historical Background to Electoral Assistance
- 1.2b Introduction - Training Methodology, Key Concepts and Historical Background to Electoral Assistance
- 1.3 International Commitments and Obligations for Democratic Elections
- 1.4 UN Policy and Strategic Framework - Recent Examples
- 5. UN Resources and Services: Who Does What?
- 1.6 United Nations Volunteers and Their Involvement in Electoral Assistance Programs and Projects
- 1.7 EU_EC Policy and Strategic Framework
- 1.8a EU Election Observation, Background, Methodology and Implementation + NEEDS Project
- 1.8b EU Election Observation, Background, Methodology and Implementation + NEEDS Project
- Seminars (presentations not available)
- A. The PALOP Project, Support to Electoral Cycles in African Lusophone Countries
- B. The Electoral Assistance Project in Democratic Republic of Congo
- C. Electoral Assistance Project in Benin

DAY 2: Entry Points and Activities in Support of Stakeholders within the Electoral Cycle

- 2.1 Electoral Cycle Approach and Overview of Recipients and Stakeholders
- 2.2 Legal Framework of Electoral Systems and Their Consequences
- 2.3 Capacity Development of EMBs
- 2.4 Support to Strategic and Operational Planning of Electoral Management Bodies
- 2.5 Seminars (presentations not available)
- A. Civic and Voter Education
- B. Domestic Observation
- C. Media Regulations, Monitoring and Support to Media Sector
- 2.6 Voting Operations
- 2.7 Managing Election Results
- 2.8 IOM Activities in Electoral Assistance
- 2.9 External Voting Operations
- 2.10 Seminars (presentations not available)
- A. Elections, Violence and Electoral Dispute Resolution

- B. Enfranchisement of Displaced Populations in Elections
- C. Political Implications of Electoral Management Issues

DAY 3: Linking the Electoral Cycle within Deepening of Democracy Programmes

- 3.1 Electoral Assistance Activities in Support of the Post-Electoral Period
- 3.2a Electoral Assistance and Wider Democratic Governance Support
- 3.2b Electoral Assistance and Wider Democratic Governance Support
- 3.3 Why Parliamentary Development Can Contribute to Development Policies and EU-EC Involvement in Parliamentary Development
- 3.4 Benchmarks for Democratic Parliaments
- 3.5 The Role of Parliament in Post-Conflict Situations
- 3.6 Experiences of Women Participation In Politics in Arab and West Africa
- 3.7 Parliamentary Development Overview and Challenges_Coordination and Knowledge Exchange
- 3.8 Seminars (presentations not available)
- A. Support to Budget Oversight by Parliament
- B. Strategic Development Plans for Parliaments and Interaction with Civil Society and Media
- C. Working with Political Parties: Financing of Political Parties and Electoral Campaigns
- D. Strengthening the Role of Parliament in the Reform of Political Party Legislation

DAY 4: Elections and Technology: Voter Registration and Electronic Voting

- 4.1 Embracing Appropriate Technology
- 4.2 Voter Registration Methodologies
- 4.3 Case Studies: DRC, Togo, Conakry, Zambia and Benin
- 4.4 Case Study: Voter Registration System in Ghana
- 4.5 Introduction to E-Voting
- 4.6 Electronic Voting in Brazil
- 4.7 Seminars (presentations not available)
- A. Voter Registration and Sustainability
- B. Voter Registration: the Case of Brazil
- C. Voter Registration Trends in the ECOWAS Region

DAY 5: EC-UNDP Procedures for Programming, Identification, Formulation, Implementation and Evaluation

- 5.1 The EC-UNDP Partnership on Electoral Assistance, Operational Guidelines and the JTF
- 5.2 FAFA and the EC-UNDP Contractual Arrangements: Avoiding the Traps
- 5.3a Introduction to Electoral Procurement
- 5.3b Introduction to Electoral Procurement
- 5.4 Seminars (presentations not available)
- A. Electoral Procurement Planning
- B. Procurement of Biometric Voter Registration: Cases of DRC, Togo and Conakry
- C. Cost of Elections and Electoral Budgeting
- 5.5a Global Tools: ACE
- 5.5b Global Tools: BRIDGE