

EC-UNDP-IDEA Thematic Workshop on Elections, Violence and Conflict Prevention

Agenda

**22 – 26 March 2010
Barcelona**

Methodology and Approach

Elections and electoral processes provides a means by which social conflict can be channeled into a constructive popular deliberation and dialogue with common rules for choosing representatives of the people to fulfill executive and legislative functions. Robust democratic institutions are usually understood as the ultimate guarantor for social peace. However, because electoral processes are intrinsically about the attainment of political power often in high-stake contexts, elections – as a process of competition for power – can often be catalysts of conflict.

Against this background, the EC, UNDP and International IDEA want to build capacities in the cross-roads between elections, violence and conflict management. The overall objective of the workshop is to look into ways in which electoral assistance programmes and projects can take on board means for preventing the escalation of election-related violence and conflict throughout the electoral cycle. The workshop aims to familiarize participants with the main conceptual framework of electoral assistance and strategies for integrating issues related to conflict prevention in electoral assistance programmes and projects.

The workshop different components and methodologies are organized in such a way to maximize the learning outcomes and the exchange of experience focusing the mainstreaming of the principles of the “Paris 2005 Declarations” and the “2008 Accra Agenda for Actions” on Aid Effectiveness, Harmonization, Alignment and Ownership applied to the Electoral Assistance field. Through the integration of BRIDGE style training methodology, the workshop takes on board a variety of pedagogical techniques to ensure the value added of interactive learning.

- ✓ **Presentations** are used to introduce topics and case studies to the audience. Resource persons are asked to limit their presentations to allow for questions and answers from the participants. In order to facilitate learning outcomes, we encourage the resource persons to use power point slides which will be made available online at www.ec-undp-electoralassistance.org after the completion of the workshop. Templates for the power point presentation will be provided to all resource persons.
- ✓ **Case studies:** Case studies will build upon concrete and relevant examples in order to better understand conceptual lessons applied in real settings and their outcomes. Challenges and positive results will be presented and will serve as an integrated tool to explore potential dynamics and implications.
- ✓ **Group work:** Throughout workshop, interactive group works are organized and all participants are divided into smaller groups. The main objective is to stimulate active reflection and engage in discussion in order to efficiently apply what learned. Within a teamwork approach, views and experiences are be shared and participants benefit from this team exercise. A maximum number of three working groups will take in parallel facilitated by two facilitators each. Each group will appoint a spokes person. The spokes persons will report back and the facilitators summarize the main discussions in the plenary session concluding each group workshop.
- ✓ **Facilitator notes:** All resource persons will be provided with facilitator notes to guide the session that highlights the key understanding and the learning outcomes of the specific session in question and also suggest activities that can be undertaken. Notably, the facilitator notes represent a rough and flexible guide which the facilitators can adapt according to their own views and perspectives.
- ✓ **Video recording:** The workshop will be video-recorded. The presentations and discussions will thus provide crucial input to the eLearning Course on Elections, Violence and Conflict Prevention which is under development.
- ✓ **eLearning:** All participants were granted access to the eLearning Course on Effective Electoral Assistance on the 4th March 2010 and we strongly encourage all to finalize the course upon arrival in Barcelona in order to get acquainted with the most important concepts of electoral assistance.
- ✓ **Evaluation:** Evaluations have shown that EC-UNDP-IDEA trainings and workshops have been highly successful in lifting knowledge levels and in exchanging experiences across the different stakeholders in elections. Evaluations have provided useful input to the development of the training programme and a practice we want to continue. To this end, participants will be asked to respond to a questioner to express their personal assessment of each item on the agenda in terms of content and presentation allowing for both quantitative and qualitative responses. A summary of the workshop, taking on board participants’ statistics as well as the evaluation will be published online at www.ec-undp-electoralassistance.org after the workshop.

DAY 1: Opening: Key Concepts, Electoral Cycle and Conflict – UN and EU Policy and Strategic Framework

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the day, participants will be able to:

1. Identify the difference between EC and UNDP policy and strategic frameworks for electoral assistance and conflict prevention.
2. Explain the concept of the electoral cycle and important linkages with conflict prevention

08:30 **Registration of Participants**

09.00 **Introductions remarks**

Jordi Capdevila, Director, Barcelona International Peace Resource Institute
Fabio Bargiacchi, Coordinator of the Joint EC-UNDP Task Force on Electoral Assistance
Eugenia Piza-Lopez, Senior Recovery Advisor - Conflict and Governance, BCPR/UNDP Geneva
Rushdi Nackerdien, Senior Programme Officer, International IDEA

09:20 **Introduction of Participants, Agenda and Housekeeping**

Rushdi Nackerdien, Senior Programme Officer, International IDEA

09:45 **Training Methodology and Introduction of the Electoral Cycle Approach**

Fabio Bargiacchi, Coordinator of the Joint EC-UNDP Task Force on Electoral Assistance
Rushdi Nackerdien, Senior Programme Officer, International IDEA

10.15 *Break*

10:30 **UN Policy and Strategic Framework for Electoral Assistance and Conflict Prevention**

Andrew Bruce, Electoral Political Officer, UN Electoral Assistance Division
Aleida Ferreyra, Policy Specialist, UNDP/BDP New York
Chetan Kumar, Senior Conflict Prevention Advisor, UNDP/BCPR NY

11:30 **EU Strategic Framework for Electoral Support and “New Agenda for Democracy”**

Teresa Polara, Election Specialist, AIDCO E4
Fabio Bargiacchi, Coordinator of the Joint EC-UNDP Task Force on Electoral Assistance

12:30 **Introduction to Current Trends in Election-Related Violence**

Richard Atwood, Director of Research, International Crisis Group
Chetan Kumar, Senior Conflict Prevention Advisor, UNDP/BCPR NY

13.15 *Lunch*

14:15 **Group Work: Linkages Between Electoral Processes and Conflict Prevention**

Group A. Contextual Factors Affecting Election-Related Conflict

Chetan Kumar, Senior Conflict Prevention Advisor, UNDP/BCPR NY
Eugenia Piza-Lopez, Senior Recovery Advisor - Conflict and Governance, BCPR/UNDP Geneva

Group B. The Impact of Destructive Conflict on Governance and Development

Richard Atwood, Director of Research, International Crisis Group
Ozonnia Ojielo, Advisor, UNDP/BCPR Kenya

Group C. Constructive and Destructive Election-Related Conflict

Lawrence Lachmansingh, UNDP Guyana
Aleida Ferreyra, Policy Specialist, UNDP/BDP New York

15:15 **Panel Session**
Sead Alihodzic, Programme Officer, International IDEA

15:45 *Break*

16:00 **Case Studies: Electoral Assistance Projects in Conflict Related Areas**

Group A. Nigeria or DRC

Fabio Bargiacchi, Coordinator of the Joint EC-UNDP Task Force on Electoral Assistance
Mireia Villar Forner, Senior Policy Advisor, UNDP/BCPR Brussels

Group B. Kenya

Ozonnia Ojielo, Advisor, UNDP/BCPR Kenya
Sara Staino, Policy Specialist, International IDEA

Group C. Zimbabwe

Armin Rabitsch, Elections Expert, EC Delegation Zambia
Chetan Kumar, Senior Conflict Prevention Advisor, UNDP/BCPR NY

17:00 **Plenary Session**
Aleida Ferreyra, Policy Specialist, UNDP/BDP New York

17.30 *End of the Day*

Tuesday 23 March

Day 2: Analysis: Electoral Cycle and Patterns of Violence, Legal Framework & EMBs

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the day, participants will be able to:

1. Analyses the causes of election-related violence
2. Identify common patterns of violence in the electoral cycle
3. Assess the capacity of different stakeholders in engaging with election-related violence
4. Develop monitoring strategies to mitigate electoral violence

09:00 **Recap and Energizer**
Sara Staino, Policy Specialist, International IDEA

09:15 **Actors and Stakeholders**
Chetan Kumar, Senior Conflict Prevention Advisor, UNDP/BCPR NY
Richard Atwood, Director of Research, International Crisis Group

09:30 **Group Work: Actors and Agents in Electoral Conflict**

Group A. Civil Society, NGOs and Traditional Leaders

Lawrence Lachmansingh, UNDP Guyana
Chetan Kumar, Senior Conflict Prevention Advisor, UNDP/BCPR NY

Group B. Political Parties and Parliaments

Andrew Bruce, Electoral Political Officer, UN Electoral Assistance Division
Aleida Ferreyra, Policy Specialist, UNDP/BDP New York

Group C. State Actors and Security Forces

*Richard Atwood, Director of Research, International Crisis Group
Mireia Villar Forner, Senior Policy Advisor, UNDP/BCPR Brussels*

10:30 **Plenary Session**
Rushdi Nackerdien, Senior Programme Officer, International IDEA

11:00 *Break*

11:15 **Phases of the Electoral Cycle and Common Patterns of Violence**
Richard Atwood, Director of Research, International Crisis Group

11:30 **Hard Talk on Electoral Cycle and Common Patterns of Violence: [Guyana, Afghanistan and Ghana](#)**

*Fabio Bargiacchi, Coordinator of the Joint EC-UNDP Task Force on Electoral Assistance
Lawrence Lachmansingh, UNDP Guyana
Richard Atwood, Director of Research, International Crisis Group
Ozonnia Ojielo, Advisor, UNDP/BCPR Kenya*

13:00 *Lunch*

14:00 **Constitutional Framework, Electoral Systems and Conflict Dynamics**
*Richard Atwood, Director of Research, International Crisis Group
Sead Alihodzic, Programme Officer, International IDEA*

15:00 **Analyzing the Needs of the Electoral Management Body: Independence, Professionalization and Technical Capacities**
Sara Staino, Policy Specialist, International IDEA

15:30 *Break*

15:45 **Group work: The Role of EMBs in Preventing Election-Related Violence**

Group A. Relationship – EMBs Role vis-a-vis Media

*Aleida Ferreyra, Policy Specialist, UNDP/BDP New York
Rushdi Nackerdien, Senior Programme Officer, International IDEA*

Group B. Relationship – EMBs Role vis-a-vis Political Parties

*Lawrence Lachmansingh, UNDP Guyana
Richard Atwood, Director of Research, International Crisis Group*

Group C. Enhancing Peer-to-Peer and Regional Networks of EMBs

*Fabio Bargiacchi, Coordinator of the Joint EC-UNDP Task Force on Electoral Assistance
Sara Staino, Programme Officer, International IDEA*

16:45 **Plenary Session**
Mette Bakken, Electoral Assistance Officer, Joint EC-UNDP Task Force on Electoral Assistance

17:30 *End of the day*

Wednesday 24 March

DAY 3: Planning: Strategies and Principles for Electoral Assistance and Election-Related Violence

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the day, participants will be able to:

1. Compile a plan for electoral assistance programming to include conflict prevention
2. Identify mechanisms to engage with different stakeholders regarding conflict prevention
3. Analyse different international and regional norms and standards with regards to conflict prevention

09:00 **Recap and Energizer**
Aleida Ferreyra, Policy Specialist, UNDP/BDP New York

09:15 **Monitoring of Election-Related Violence**
Eugenia Piza-Lopez, Senior Recovery Advisor - Conflict and Governance, BCPR/UNDP Geneva
Sead Alihodzic, Programme Officer, International IDEA

09:45 **Group Work: Strategic and Operational Planning of EMBs and the Mainstreaming of Conflict Prevention Activities**

Group A. Values and Principles Underlying Conflict Prevention in Electoral Assistance Programming
Chetan Kumar, Senior Conflict Prevention Advisor, UNDP/BCPR NY
Sara Staino, Programme Officer, International IDEA

Group B. Integration of the Electoral Cycle and Conflict Prevention in the Operational Plan
Sead Alihodzic, Programme Officer, International IDEA
Ozonnia Ojielo, Advisor, UNDP/BCPR Kenya

10:45 **Plenary Session**
Richard Atwood, Director of Research, International Crisis Group

11:15 *Break*

11:30 **Group Work: Working with Stakeholders – Programming Options and Challenges**

Group A. Working with CSOs
Ozonnia Ojielo, Advisor, UNDP/BCPR Kenya
Sara Staino, Policy Specialist, International IDEA

Group B. Working with Political Parties
Richard Atwood, Director of Research, International Crisis Group
Eugenia Piza-Lopez, Senior Recovery Advisor - Conflict and Governance, BCPR/UNDP Geneva

Group C. Working with the Media Sector
Rushdi Nackerdien, Senior Programme Officer, International IDEA
Aleida Ferreyra, Policy Specialist, UNDP/BDP New York

12:30 **Plenary Session**
Lawrence Lachmansingh, UNDP Guyana

13:00 *Lunch*

14:00 **Planning and Implementation of the Voter Registration Process**
Fabio Bargiacchi, Coordinator of the Joint EC-UNDP Task Force on Electoral Assistance
Teresa Polara, Elections Specialist, AIDCO E4

14:30 **Hard Talk on Voter Registration: Afghanistan, Zambia and Bosnia-Herzegovina**

Fabio Bargiacchi, Coordinator of the Joint EC-UNDP Task Force on Electoral Assistance
Richard Atwood, Director of Research, International Crisis Group
Chana Kaunda, Elections Project Officer, UNDP Zambia
Sead Alihodzic, Programme Officer, International IDEA

15:45 *Break*

16:00 **Planning for Inclusive Elections: OCV and DIP**

Francesca Marzatico, Head of Election Support Unit, IOM Geneva
Jeff Lebovitz, Regional Representative, IOM Hungary

16:20 **Hard Talk on Ensuring Inclusive Elections in Conflict-Prone Countries: Balkans Afghanistan and Iraq**

Rushdi Nackerdien, Senior Programme Officer, International IDEA
Jeff Lebovitz, Regional Representative, IOM Hungary
Francesca Marzatico, Head of Election Support Unit, IOM
Sead Alihodzic, Programme Officer, International IDEA

17:30 *End of day*

Thursday 25 March

DAY 4: Electoral Assistance Programming and Integration of the Election-Related Conflict Component

Learning Outcomes:

At the end of the day, participants will be able to:

1. Analyse various ways in which electoral assistance programming and mechanisms can be effective in mitigating electoral violence.
2. Identify ways in which conflict prevention can be mainstreamed in programming on elections, democracy, governance, human rights, gender and poverty reduction.
3. Develop a plan to integrate the security sector and observers into assistance programming

09:00 **Recap and Energizer**

Sead Alihodzic, Programme Officer, International IDEA

09:15 **Tabulation and Announcement of Results**

Rushdi Nackerdien, Senior Programme Officer, International IDEA

10:00 **EVoting and the case of Brazil**

Fabio Bargiacchi, Coordinator of the Joint EC-UNDP Task Force on Electoral Assistance

10:45 *Break*

11:00 **Promoting Dispute Resolution and Security Sector Engagement**

Sead Alihodzic, Programme Officer, International IDEA

11:30 **Group Work: Electoral Dispute Resolution Mechanisms & Security Sector Engagement**

Group A. Formal Structures for Electoral Dispute Resolution/Prevention*Sara Staino, Policy Specialist, International IDEA**Mette Bakken, EA Officer, Joint EC-UNDP Task Force on Electoral Assistance***Group B. Informal Structures for Electoral Dispute Resolution/Prevention***Sead Alihodzic, Programme Officer, International IDEA**Rushdi Nackerdien, Senior Programme Officer, International IDEA*

12:30

Plenary Session*Andrew Bruce, Electoral Political Officer, UN Electoral Assistance Division*

13:00

Lunch

14:00

Domestic and International Observation, Monitoring and Verification of Electoral Processes*Andrew Bruce, Electoral Political Officer, UN Electoral Assistance Division**Fabio Bargiacchi, Coordinator of the Joint EC-UNDP Task Force on Electoral Assistance*

14:45

Working with Parliaments and MPs: Building Capacities in Conflict Prevention and Recovery*Diane Sheinberg, Policy Officer, Parliamentary Development/Gender UNDP New York**Eugenia Piza-Lopez, Senior Recovery Advisor - Conflict and Governance, BCPR/UNDP Geneva*

15:30

Break

15:45

Group Work: Electoral Assistance and Gender Mainstreaming through the Lenses of Conflict Prevention**Group A.***Lawrence Lachmansingh, UNDP Guyana**Teresa Polara, Elections Specialist, AIDCO E4***Group B.***Ozonnia Ojielo, Advisor, UNDP/BCPR Kenya**Sead Alihodzic, Programme Officer, International IDEA***Group C.***Diane Sheinberg, Policy Officer – Parliamentary Development/Gender, UNDP NY**Sara Staino, Programme Officer, International IDEA*

16:45

Plenary Session*Diane Sheinberg, Policy Officer – Parliamentary Development/Gender, UNDP NY*

17:30

*End of day***Friday 26 March****DAY 5: EU and UN Services, Project Management and Global Tools****Learning Outcomes:**

At the end of the day, participants will be able to:

1. Distinguish the differences between the roles of the UN/UNDP, EU and Joint Task Force to support conflict prevention programming
2. Explore aspects of project management associated with contracting, budgeting and procurement related to conflict prevention programmes
3. Explore global tools available to support elections activities in the field.

4. Develop recommendations on the improvement of the workshop.

09:00 **Recap and Energizer**

Rushdi Nackerdien, Senior Programme Officer, International IDEA

09:15 **Panel: UN and EU Resources and Services – Who does What?**

Fabio Bargiacchi, Coordinator of the Joint EC-UNDP Task Force on Electoral Assistance

Mireia Villar Forner, Senior Policy Advisor, UNDP/BCPR Brussels

Teresa Polara, Elections Specialist, AIDCO E4

10:15 **The EC-UNDP Partnership on Electoral Assistance and the JTF: Findings of the Evaluation Report 2010**

Mette Bakken, Electoral Assistance Officer, Joint EC-UNDP Task Force on Electoral Assistance

Fabio Bargiacchi, Coordinator of the Joint EC-UNDP Task Force on Electoral Assistance

11:15 **FAFA and the EC-UNDP Contractual Arrangements: Avoiding the Traps**

Fabio Bargiacchi, Coordinator of the Joint EC-UNDP Task Force on Electoral Assistance

11:45 *Break*

12:00 **Electoral Cycle Budget and Costs of Elections**

Rushdi Nackerdien, Senior Programme Officer, International IDEA

12:45 **Introduction to Electoral Procurement**

Mette Bakken, Electoral Assistance Officer, Joint EC-UNDP Task Force on Electoral Assistance

Fabio Bargiacchi, Coordinator of the Joint EC-UNDP Task Force on Electoral Assistance

13:30 *Lunch*

14:30 **Group Work: Global Tools for Elections**

ACE Electoral Knowledge Network

Sara Staino, Programme Officer, International IDEA

BRIDGE Project

Rushdi Nackerdie, Senior Programme Officer, International IDEA, Mette

Conflict Mapping Tools

Sead Alihodzic, Programme Officer, International IDEA

iKnowPolitics

Diane Sheinberg, Policy Officer – Parliamentary Development/Gender, UNDP NY

Tools available from BCPR

Mireia Villar Forner, Senior Policy Advisor, UNDP/BCPR Brussels

15:45 **Recommendations and Comments on the Workshop**

Rushdi Nackerdien, Senior Programme Officer, International IDEA

Lawrence Lachmansingh, UNDP Guyana

16:15 **Closure**