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
Ozonna 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
**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*
Wednesday 24 March

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
Sedad 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
**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

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**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.

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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
Sed 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
Sed 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

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 Nackerdien, 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