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Joint EC-UNDP Thematic Workshop

**REINFORCING CREDIBILITY AND ACCEPTANCE OF
ELECTORAL PROCESSES:**

The role of electoral stakeholders and electoral
administrations

Dead Sea, Jordan 7-11 April 2014

AGENDA



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Monday
7 April

Day 1

OPENING CEREMONY

09.30 – 11.00	Registration of participants at the conference room: Grand Ball Room - Movenpick Hotel
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee served at the Grand Ball Room
11.30 – 12.15	Opening ceremony Keynote by H. E. <i>Riyad Al Shaka</i> , Acting Chairman of the Independent Election Commission of Jordan Keynote by H. E. <i>Joana Wronecka</i> , EU Ambassador to Jordan Keynote by H.E. <i>Mourad Wahba</i> , Deputy Regional Director, UNDP Regional Bureau for Arab States
12.15 – 13.00	Group picture
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch Break



14.00 – 14.30	Conference aims, presentation of the agenda and national delegations
Speakers:	<i>Gianpiero Catozzi</i> , UNDP Senior Electoral Assistance Advisor, EC-UNDP Joint Task Force on Electoral Assistance <i>Raquel Rico-Bernabe</i> , UNDP Electoral Assistance Advisor, EC-UNDP Joint Task Force on Electoral Assistance

DEFINING CONCEPTS

Moderator:	<i>Badrieh Belbisi</i> , Deputy Secretary General of the Independent Election Commission of Jordan
14.30 – 14.50	Defining the conceptual framework: What do we understand by credibility of electoral processes?
Speaker:	<i>Rafael Lopez-Pintor</i> , Independent electoral expert
14.50 – 15.10	The impact of EMBs and other election stakeholders on the credibility and acceptance of an electoral process
Speaker:	<i>Carlos Valenzuela</i> , Chief Electoral Advisor, UNDP Electoral support in Egypt, Libya and Tunisia
15.10 – 15.30	Key principles that promote the credibility of electoral processes and acceptance of results
Speaker:	<i>Hiroko Miyamura</i> , Team Leader Country Support, UN Electoral Assistance Division, Department of Political Affairs
15.30 – 16.00	Questions and discussion
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee Break

THE IMPACT OF OTHER STATE INSTITUTIONS IN THE CREDIBILITY OF ELECTIONS

Moderator:	<i>Notemba Tjipueja</i> , Chairperson of the Electoral Commission of Namibia
16.30 – 16.50	The involvement of government and its impact on the credibility of the process
Speaker:	<i>Ilona Tip</i> , Operations Director, Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa (EISA)
16.50 – 17.10	Electoral justice and the role of electoral dispute resolution mechanisms on the overall acceptance of the elections
Speaker:	<i>Adriaan Stoop</i> , Lawyer, independent electoral expert
17.10 – 17.30	Electoral security and its impact on electoral processes
Speaker:	<i>Niall McCann</i> , UNDP Lead Electoral Advisor
17.30 – 18.00	Questions and discussion
20:00	Welcome dinner hosted by the Independent Election Commission of Jordan

POLITICAL PARTIES AND CANDIDATES

Moderator:	<i>Bouah Mathieu Bile</i> , UN (BINUCA/PNUD) Senior Electoral Advisor, Central African Republic
09.00 – 09.20	The role and impact of political parties and candidates in ensuring credible and accepted elections
Speaker:	<i>Dr. Arianit Shehu</i> , Senior Country Director, National Democratic Institute (NDI) Jordan
09.20 – 09.40	What mechanisms can electoral administrations put in place to increase the collaboration with political parties and candidates?
Speaker:	<i>Francisco Cobos-Flores</i> , Independent electoral expert
09.40 – 10.00	What is the role and responsibility of electoral authorities and electoral contenders in a potentially conflict/delicate situation?
Speaker:	<i>Honorable Justice Salvador Nava-Gomar</i> , Justice, Electoral Tribunal of the Federal Judiciary, Mexico
10.00 – 10.30	Questions and discussion
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break
Moderator:	<i>Dr. Ali Darabkeh</i> , Secretary General of the Independent Election Commission, Jordan
11.00 – 11.20	What mechanisms can electoral administrations and political parties put in place to combat electoral fraud and political corruption?
Speaker:	<i>Hermann Thiel</i> , Chief of Party IFES Jordan
11.20 – 11.40	Money in politics: Should electoral administration have a role in monitoring party financing and electoral campaign financing?
Speaker:	<i>Carlos Navarro</i> , Director of International Studies and Projects, Federal Electoral Institute of Mexico (IFE)
11.40 – 12.00	Is a code of conduct sufficient to ensure that political parties and candidates abide to an electoral contest?
Speaker:	<i>Jerome Scheltens</i> , Programme manager Tanzania and Libya, The Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy (NIMD)
12.00 – 12.30	Questions and discussion
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch Break



COUNTRY EXPERIENCES

Moderator:	Dr. Iuri Ciocan, President of the Central Electoral Commission, Moldova
14.00 – 14.20	Bosnia Herzegovina: How does the Central Election Commission deal with political parties and ethnicity issues?
Speaker:	Irena Hadziabdic, Member of the Central Election Commission, Bosnia and Herzegovina
14.20 – 14.40	The Americas: The challenge of accepting electoral results
Speaker:	Manuel Carrillo, Chief of Staff, International Affairs Unit, Federal Electoral Institute of Mexico (IFE)
14.40 – 15.00	Liberia: The role and impact of political parties and candidates in ensuring credible and accepted elections
Speaker:	C.A. Lamin Lighe, Executive Director, National Elections Commission of Liberia
15.00 – 15.30	Questions and discussion
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee Break
Moderator:	Laguerre Nael Mitchel, Office of the Prime Minister, Haiti
16.00 – 16.20	Pakistan: Building the relationship between the Election Commission, political parties and candidates to enhance the integrity of electoral processes
Speaker:	Syed Sher Afgan, Additional Secretary, Election Commission of Pakistan
16.20 – 16.40	Madagascar: The participation of political parties within the EMB deliberations: challenges and opportunities
Speakers:	Beatrice Attalah, President of the Independent National Electoral Commission of the Transition (CENI-T) of Madagascar Fatma Samoura, UNDP Resident Representative in Madagascar
16.40 – 17.30	Questions and discussion

Day 3
Wednesday
9 April

MEDIA, CIVIL SOCIETY AND ELECTORAL OBSERVERS

Moderator:	<i>Andre Mpungwe Songo</i> , Vice President, National Independent Electoral Commission of the Democratic Republic of Congo
09.00 – 09.15	The role of the media on the overall trust and acceptance of electoral processes
Speaker:	<i>Firas Talhour</i> , Samir Kassir foundation for Freedom of the Press
09.15 – 09.30	Has social media changed the role of media in electoral processes?
Speaker:	<i>Dr. Annette M. Fath-Lihic</i> , Senior Programme Manager Electoral Processes, International IDEA
09.30 – 09.45	Measures that EMBs can take to foster media's impact on the credibility of the process
Speaker:	<i>James Deann</i> , Director, Policy and Learning, BBC Media Action
09.45 – 10.00	The role of media in the Republic of Guyana
Speaker:	<i>Robert Stephen Surujbally</i> , Chairman EMB, Republic of Guyana
10.00 – 10.30	Questions and discussion
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break
Moderator:	<i>Honorable Justice Esau Elliot Chulu</i> , Commissioner of the Electoral Commission of Zambia
11.00 – 11.20	Civil society and electoral administration: working together in voter education
Speaker:	<i>Vuk Maras</i> , Monitoring Program Director, Network for affirmation of NGO - Montenegro
11.20 – 11.40	Domestic Electoral observation: impact and responsibility over the electoral process
Speaker:	<i>Luis Jimbo</i> , President of the Angolan Institute of Electoral Systems and Democracy (IASSED)
11.40 – 12.00	Civil Society, a watchdog or an implementing partner? Is there a conflict of interest?
Speaker:	<i>Roman Udot</i> , Director of GOLOS regional association, Russia
12.00 – 12.30	Questions and discussion
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch Break



COUNTRY EXPERIENCES

Moderator:	<i>Lothar Boksteen</i> , Head of the Central Main Polling Station of Suriname
14.00 – 14.20	Tunisia: Democracy in transition: The role of Civil Society in the electoral process <i>Lessons learned from the 2011 election and the way forward</i>
Speakers:	<i>Mourad Ben Mouelli</i> , Vice President of the Independent High Authority for Elections (ISIE), Tunisia <i>Leila Bahria</i> , representative of Marsad Chahed, Tunisia
14.20 – 14.40	Nepal: Efforts made to include civil society, media and observers in the electoral process
Speaker:	<i>Neel Kantha Uprety</i> , Chief Election Commissioner, Nepal
14.40 – 15.00	Lessons learned from international observation: impact on the credibility of electoral processes
Speaker:	<i>Emanuele Giaufret</i> , Head of Division, Democracy and Election Observation, European External Action Service
15.00 – 15.30	Questions and discussion
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee Break
Moderator:	<i>Tatevik Ohanyan</i> , Member of the Central Electoral Commission of Armenia
16.00 – 16.20	Palestine: Positioning CEC towards fostering ties with civil society
Speakers:	<i>Hisham Kuhail</i> , CEO Central Elections Commission, Palestine <i>CSO representative from Palestine</i>
16.20 – 16.40	Kenya: The Kenyan election 2013: the role of the media in general and the factual discussion programme Sema Kenya (Kenya Speaks)
Speaker:	<i>Dr. Angela W. Muriithi</i> , Research Manager, East Africa BBC Media Action, Kenya
16.40 – 17.00	Jordan: Efforts made to include civil society, media and observers in the electoral process
Speaker:	<i>Bushra Abu Shahout</i> , Director of Policies and Institutional Development, Independent Election Commission of Jordan
17.00 – 17.30	Questions and discussion

STAKEHOLDERS AT WORK: SHARING LESSONS LEARNED

Moderator:	<i>Mchanga H. Mjaka</i> , Commissioner, National Electoral Commission of Tanzania
09.00 – 09.45 GHANA	Accepting Electoral results: Ghana Joint Party Election Results Monitoring Project (J-PERM)
Facilitator:	<i>David Ekow Appiah</i> , UNDP Ghana
Speakers:	<i>Georgina Opoku Amankwaa</i> , Deputy Chairman (Finance & Administration), Electoral Commission of Ghana <i>Hamid Kodie Fisa</i> , Principal Electoral Officer, Electoral Commission of Ghana <i>Emmanuel Wilson</i> , representative of the People's National Convention (PNC) <i>Peter Mac Manu</i> , representative of the New Patriotic Party (NPP) <i>Ahmed Gedel</i> , representative of the National Democratic Congress (NDC) <i>William Dowokpor</i> , representative of the Progressive Peoples Party (PPP) <i>James Kwabena Bomfeh</i> , representative of the Convention Peoples Party (CPP)
09.45 – 10.15	Questions and discussion
10.15 – 10.45	Coffee Break
Moderator:	<i>Maarten Halff</i> , UNDP Chief Technical Adviser, Jordan
10.45 – 11.30 MALI	Cooperation between electoral stakeholders: The experience of Mali in the post-conflict elections
Facilitator:	<i>Alain Ayadokoun</i> , UNDP Chief Technical Advisor, Mali
Speakers:	<i>Moussa Sinko Coulibaly</i> , Minister of Territorial Administration <i>Mamadou Diamoutani</i> , President of the National Independent Electoral Commission of Mali (CENI) <i>Colonel N'Tio Bengaly</i> , Director of the Electoral Registry Bureau <i>Moriba Sinayoko</i> , President of the Electoral Logistics Commission <i>Traoré Nana Sissako</i> , Groupe PIVOT (Centre AOUA KEITA) – civil society <i>Aliou Djim</i> , URTEL Media
11.30 – 12.00	Questions and discussion



Moderator:	<i>Lefterije Lleshi</i> , Chairwoman of Central Election Commission of Albania
12.00 – 12.30 GENDER Speakers:	Integrating gender equality into electoral processes: stakeholders at work <i>Errebbah Khadija</i> , National Coordinator, member of the Women Democratic Association, Morocco <i>Mamosebi Pholo</i> , Independent Electoral Commission, Lesotho <i>Julie Ballinton</i> , Political participation advisor, UN Women
12.30 – 13.00	Questions and discussion
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch Break

A REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF REGIONAL COOPERATION

Moderator:	<i>Rafael Lopez-Pintor</i> , Independent electoral expert
14.00 – 15.30 BreakoutSessions Facilitator: Rapporteur:	Group 1: Arab League <i>Luis Martinez-Betanzos</i> , UNDP Regional Advisor, Arab States <i>Nabil Salib</i> , Head of Cairo Court of Appeal and Chairman of the HEC, Egypt
Facilitator:	Group 2: ACEEEO <i>Zsolt Szolnoki</i> , Secretary General Association of European Election Officials
Facilitator:	Group 3: Africa (AU, ECOWAS and SADC ECF) <i>Joram Rukambe</i> , UNDP Chief Technical Advisor, Tanzania
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee Break
16.00 – 17.30	Facilitators report and plenary discussion

Day 5
Friday
11 April

IMPROVING THE WORK BETWEEN EMBs AND STAKEHOLDERS

Moderator:	<i>Gianpiero Catozzi</i> , UNDP Senior Electoral Assistance Advisor, EC-UNDP Joint Task Force on Electoral Assistance
09.00 – 09.15 Plenary Room	<i>Presentation of groups work and methodology</i>
09.15 – 10.30 Breakout Sessions	Group 1: EMB and political parties/candidates
Facilitator:	<i>Raquel Rico-Bernabe</i> , UNDP Electoral Assistance Advisor, EC-UNDP Joint Task Force on Electoral Assistance
Rapporteur:	<i>Adam Ibrahim Ohirsi</i> , Senior Political Advisor, Ministry of Justice and Constitution, Somalia
	Group 2: EMB and CSOs
Facilitator:	<i>Dieudonné Tshiyoyo</i> , UNDP Regional Electoral Advisor, Africa
Rapporteur:	<i>Angela W. G. Muriithi</i> , Research Manager East Africa, BBC Media Action, Kenya
	Group 3: EMB and the media
Facilitator:	<i>James Deann</i> , Director, Policy and Learning BBC Media Action
Rapporteur:	<i>Robert Stephen Surujbally</i> , Chairman EMB, Republic of Guyana
	Group 4: EMB and other state organizations
Facilitator:	<i>Aleida Ferreira</i> , UNDP Electoral Policy Advisor
Rapporteur:	<i>Irene Hadziabdic</i> , Member of EMB, Bosnia and Herzegovina
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee Break
11.00 – 12.30	Plenary discussion and recommendations



Moderator:	<i>Pierre Harzé</i> , Deputy Country Director, UNDP Brussels office
12.30 – 13.00	Closing of the Conference Keynote by H. E. <i>Mr. Riyad Al Shaka</i> , Acting Chairman of the Independent Election Commission of Jordan Keynote by H. E. <i>Jean-Louis Ville</i> , Head of Unit, Governance, Democracy, Gender and Human Rights, European Commission/ EuropeAid Keynote by H. E. <i>Magdy Martínez-Solimán</i> , Director, a.i. Bureau for Development Policy, UNDP
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch





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