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## THEMATIC WORKSHOP

### Information Technology and Elections Management Informed Decisions for Sustainable Outcomes



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# “Voter Registration and Methodologies in Africa: A Comparative Analysis”

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# Presentation Outline

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- Voter Registration in the Electoral Cycle
- EISA Publication
- Guiding Principles of Voter Registration
- Overview of Voter Registration Methodologies in Africa
- Key Research Findings
- Conclusion





# EISA Publication on “Voter Registration Methodologies in Africa”

- **Objectives**

To promote awareness

To enable informed decision-making

- **8 Cases studies :**

- Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Liberia, Malawi, Mozambique, Rwanda, Senegal, South Africa



# Guiding Principles of Voter Registration

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- LEGALITY
- INTEGRITY
- COMPREHENSIVENESS
- INCLUSIVENESS
- FAIRNESS
- ACCURACY
- ACCESSIBILITY
- TRANSPARENCY
- TIMELINESS
- COST-EFFECTIVENESS
- CREDIBILITY
- SUSTAINABILITY



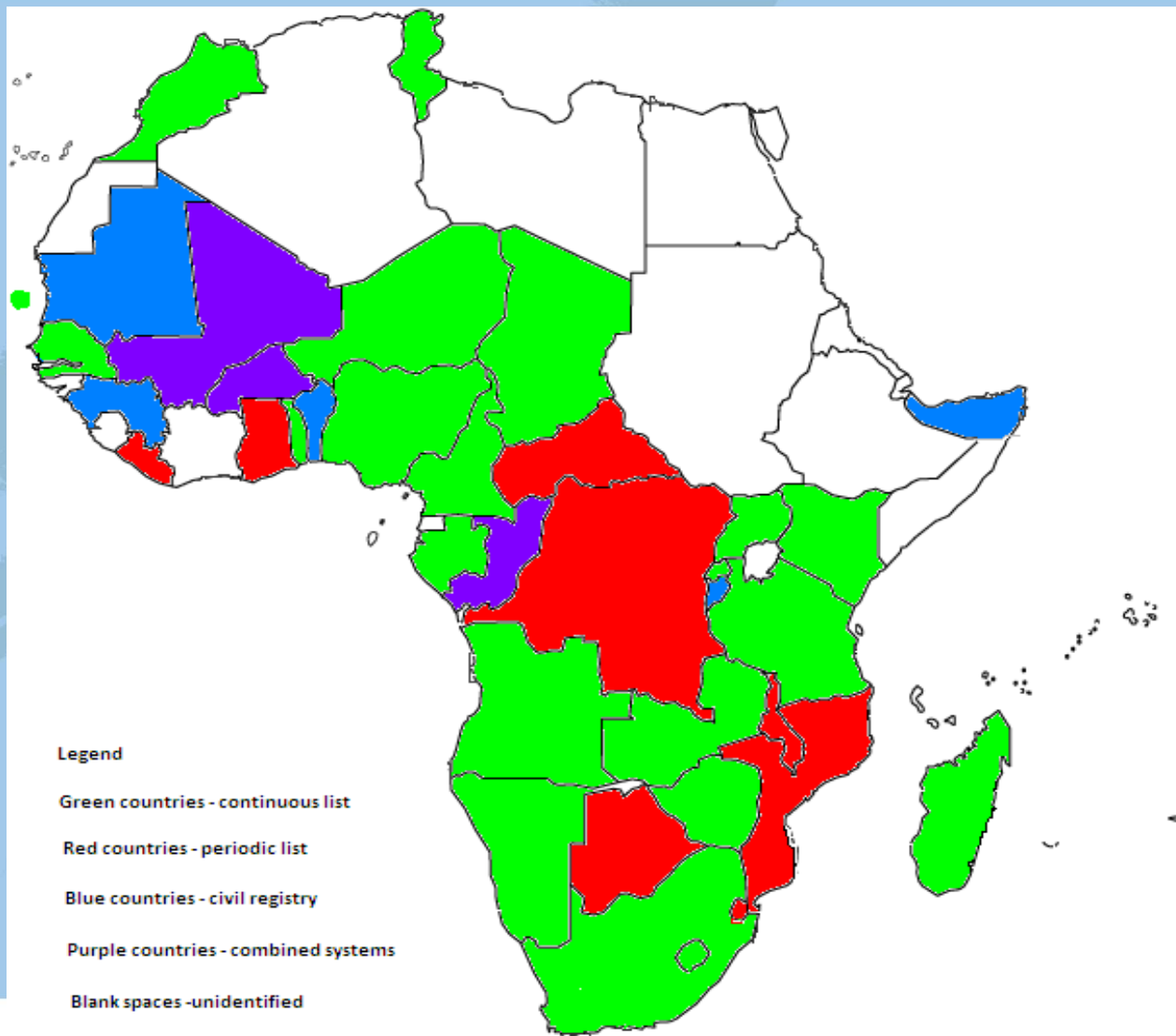
# Classification of Voter Registration Methodologies

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- Voter registration systems may be classified based on a number of criteria:
  - a) Compulsory versus Voluntary Registration
  - b) Active versus Passive Registration
  - c) Continuous versus Periodic registration
  - d) Civil Registration versus Voter Registration



# CONTINUOUS or PERIODIC?



# VR Methodologies

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160	60	MOGNAHZAMBONDO	Sylvain	cultivateur	1981	HBaïli	M	MOGNAHZAMBONDO Joseph	KOKOTO Germaine	DEMOU		



# VR Methodologies (II)

(Semi-computerised)

**Republic of Liberia**  
**NATIONAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION**  
**VOTER REGISTRATION FORM VR4**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Write in CAPITAL LETTERS. Write each letter or figure in a separate box, before shading. For shading use HB pencil only and shade like this.

**Registration Center Name**

**Name of Voter (Last Name space First Name)**

**Age** **Sex**

**Information on County of Origin (if Applicable)**  
COMPLETE ONLY IF REGISTRANT INTENDS TO VOTE IN COUNTY OF ORIGIN

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Please paste photo in this space  
Ensure that barcode is completely covered  
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**Present Residential Address**

**Date of Registration (dd/mm/yy)**  
Day Month Year

**Applicant's Signature/Mark**

**Registrar's Signature**

**NATIONAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION**  
**Voter's Card**

**NATIONAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION**  
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**NATIONAL ELECTIONS COMMISSION**  
**Voter's Card**

**County** **Registration Center Code**

**Age** **Sex**

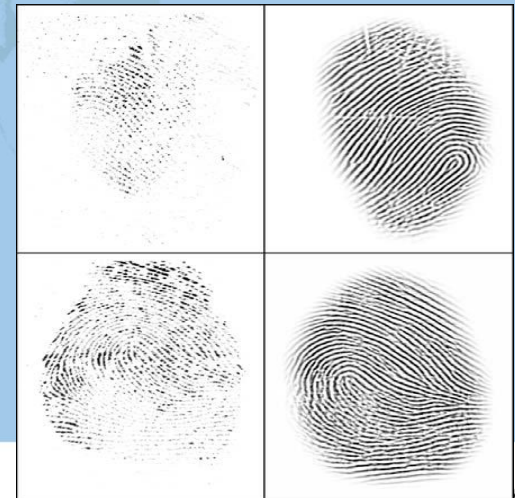
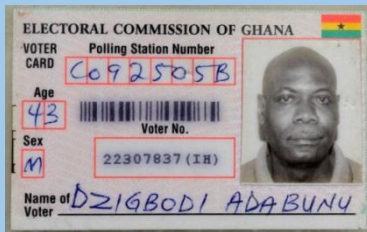
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**Photo**

**Name:**



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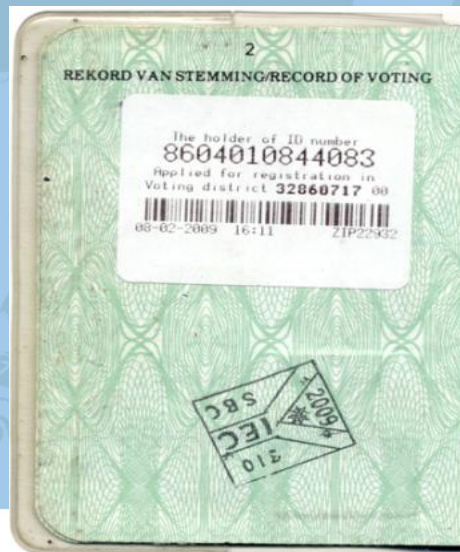
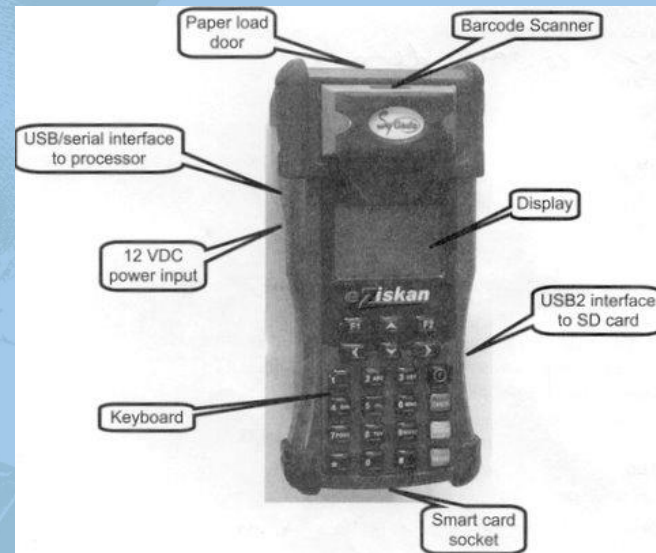
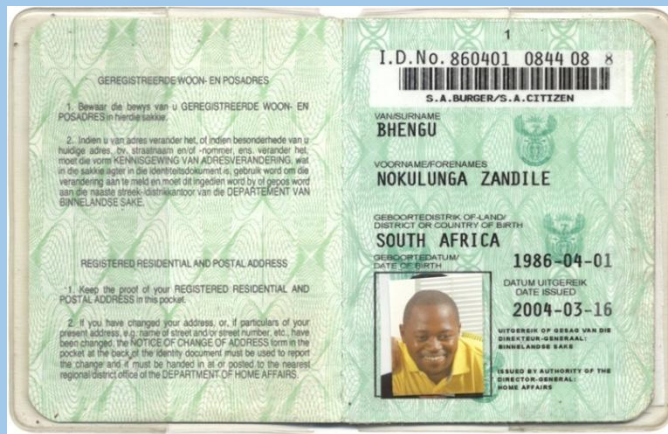


# VR Methodologies

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# 3. High-tech systems (cont'd)



# Key findings!

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- **Confidence in the EMB by election stakeholders is CRUCIAL!**
- **The use of high tech VR systems or methodologies does not necessarily guarantee credibility of the process**
- **Even best designed systems can fail if not well managed**
- **Institutional sustainability is crucial for sustainable VRM.**
- **VRM sustainability also depends on costs, storage/maintenance of equipment, human resource etc...**
- **Once a high-tech VRM has been adopted, it is difficult to revert to a less costly one.**
- **Lead Time – Election Calendar!**
- **VRM dependent on civil registers require relevant Government's Departments' effectiveness.**



# Conclusion

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- **A sound voter registration process is crucial to a successful election.**
- **There is no one 'size-fits all' VRM**
- **Elections, at the end of the day, are a political process.**
- **'Technically perfect' elections, even if they were possible, will not necessarily deliver the political acceptance of election results by all stakeholders.**



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