EC-UNDP Workshop on

Formulating and Implementing Electoral Assistance Projects in the Context of the EC UNDP Partnership

Feedback from EMBs (REGIONAL EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF ELECTORAL CYCLES)

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AAEA is the Association of African Election Authorities

The members consist of African Election Management Bodies (EMBs) and Election-related NGOs
Objective of AAEA

- To promote and institutionalize professionalism in the administration of elections in Africa, through networking and the exchange of ideas
Formation of AAEA

- Idea of formation conceived during colloquium of Election Administrators in Nov. 1994
- Draft charter developed at meetings in Cape Town, South Africa (1995) and Windhoek, Namibia (1996)
- Founding Conference was held from 14-16 January 1997 in Kampala, Uganda (Conference Revised and Approved Association’s Charter)
- Inaugural Meeting was held in Accra in August 1998 (Charter adopted and Executive Secretary elected)
Organs of AAEA

- **General Assembly**
  - *Supreme Organ* - open to all Members and meets every three years

- **Advisory Board**
  - made up of ten member Associations elected by the General Assembly
  - As far as practicable it reflects geographic and linguistic representation
  - Advisory Board meets annually to act on matters referred to it by the General Assembly and oversee the finances of the secretariat

- **Secretariat (at the EC of Ghana)**
  - *It is the depository of the Association*
  - Does day to day administration of Association
  - *It reports activities and finances of Association yearly to the advisory Board and every three years to the General Assembly*
Assumptions Underling AAEA Courses

- Election Administration is a professional activity and therefore should not be done any how.

- The way election administrators do their work can contribute to peace and stability or to a situation of disorder.
Overarching objectives of the AAEA courses

- To equip participants with Knowledge and skills that will enable them run elections more efficiently and effectively

- To make the participants fully conscious of and sensitive to their roles and responsibilities in delivering incontrovertible elections
Basic Course Modules

- Introduction to Electoral systems
- Election Management Bodies
- The Electoral Process
- Stakeholders of the EMB
- The concept and Practice of Free and Fair Elections
- The Work Environment of the Election Officer
- Recruitment and Training of Temporary of Election Officials
- Election Report Writing
Intermediate Course Modules

- Election Language
- Logistics
- Human Rights, Elections and Good Governance
- Conflict and Elections
- Election Financing and Procurement
- Election Observation
Advance Course

- Modules will be developed with Support from GEC/EC 2012 Election Support Project.
Thank You