



# *NEEDS Project*

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# *Consortium members*

**Inter-governmental organization with the sole purpose of strengthening democratic processes worldwide.**

**Areas of expertise are electoral processes, political parties, constitution building, gender analysis and democracy assessments.**

**13 years of experience in producing electoral tools, policy development and provision of electoral assistance in specific contexts.**

**It aims to strengthen the ability of electoral observation to provide more comprehensive assessments of the observed electoral processes that could be applied in the post-electoral period.**

**Moving from pure knowledge collection and generation to the terrain of applied knowledge**

**Will play lead role in developing the training material and methodology.**



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**125 member states and 110 offices worldwide. Unique expertise in external voting and large scale electoral logistics.**



**Implementing partner for EU EOMs.**

**IOM's global reach supports networking activities**

**Sharing knowledge on standard operating procedures, know-how and observer selection methods.**

**Provides administrative and logistic support for the NEEDS project office in Brussels through its Regional Bureau.**

**Provision of logistics, security and crises management expertise for the training events.**

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**Formerly known as Electoral Institute of Southern Africa, created in 1996 with HQ in Johannesburg**

**Provides services to electoral authorities, political parties and civil society on a variety of elections, governance and human rights issues**

**Developed a significant reputation in providing assistance to domestic observation groups in the SADC area and expanding in Africa (DRC, Ivory Coast, Sudan)**

**Developed specific Principles for Election Management, Monitoring and Observation**

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CAPEL is a specialised agency of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights, founded 25 years ago.

Created the Central America and Caribbean EMB network in 1985, the first one in the world. Since then it developed specific expertise in bringing together election observers and electoral management bodies.

Participated in over 200 observation missions and provided technical assistance to domestic observation groups for more than 10 years

Specialized publications on a wide array of electoral topics, keen on interchange of experiences with other regional networks



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Responsible for media work and NGO media development  
Registered 12 years ago



Mission to support local media and ensure access to quality information for everyone

**INTERNEWS EUROPE**  
INFORMATION ACCESS FOR EVERYONE

15 projects in Asia, Caucasus, Africa, Europe

Brings tools and knowledge to enhance media monitoring and public relation training programmes

Developed a network of media partners worldwide

Recently trained journalists in election coverage in Afghanistan and Palestine

Cutting-edge knowledge in developing e-learning applications

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# ***Rationale for IDEA's engagement***

- ❑ Specific emphasis on the new NEEDS on the cyclical notion of electoral support
- ❑ An opportunity to move from knowledge generation to practical application.
- ❑ Enhance EU EOM ability to produce meaningful recommendations in the post electoral period and facilitate political dialogue
- ❑ Links with electoral assistance and emphasis on the larger picture of democracy development agenda



# Training events

- LTO Beginners, 16-20 February (16 LTOs)
- DCO Beginners, 30 March – 3 April (14 DCOs)
- Legal/Election Experts, 20-24 April (17 experts)
- LTO Beginners, 18-22 May (18 LTOs)
- Seminaire d'échange meilleurs pratiques, 01-09 juin (13)
- Media Experts, 13-18 July (12 experts)
- Press Officer, 21-24 July (12 experts)
- LTO Advanced, 14-18 September (16)
- Security Experts, 28 September – 2 October (16)
- Legal/Election Experts, November (16)
- LTO Beginners, November (16)
- Training of Trainers, December (12)

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# LTO Beginners May 2009



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# DCO training



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# Legal and Election Experts



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# Cooperation with African Union



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01 Juin Lundi	02 Juin Mardi	03 Juin Mercredi	04 Juin Jeudi	05 Juin Vendredi	06 Juin Samedi	07 Juin Dimanche	08 Juin Lundi	09 Juin Mardi	
 <b>Introduction</b>	<b>8.45-09.45 DG Relex :</b> <b>Politiques de l'UE en matière de droits de l'homme et démocratisation (V Arnault)</b>	<b>L'observation électorale de l'UE</b> <b>méthodologie et structure</b>	<b>Visite au Ministère de l'Intérieur Belge</b> <b>*Conférence de Presse</b> <b>*Briefing système électoral belge</b> <b>*Déjeuner MI</b>	<b>Technologie et Elections</b>	<b>Palette des media Belges et méthodologie d'Observation des media</b>	<b>OBSERVATION</b> <b>*System électronique</b> <b>*System Manuel</b> <b>*Tabulation – Canton</b> <b>*Observation premiers résultats – Ministère</b>	<b>Débriefing sur le Jour des Elections</b>	<b>*Débriefing Commission Electoral – Résultats</b>	
<b>Standards Internationaux et Déclaration de Principes</b>		<b>MOE UE : Que faut-il observer pendant la période pré-électorale, les sept critères de l'observation, exemples pratiques</b>	<b>Présentation Réseaux ACE + Bridge</b>	<b>Commentaires statistiques issues des formulaires d'observation</b>					
<b>Code de Conduite</b>	<b>10.30 -15.30 (pause 12.30-14.30)</b> <b>Programme au Parlement européen y compris introduction aux élections européennes et à la politique de l'UE en matière de l'observation électorale</b>	<b>Techniques pour parler/se présenter à la presse</b>	<b>Environnement politique européen/belge</b>	<b>NEEDS – Observation Domestique en Afrique</b>	<b>Briefing sur la logistique du jour d'Observation</b>		<b>Comment rédiger un rapport préliminaire</b>	<b>*Déjeuner de travail</b> <b>Recommandations</b> <b>*Evaluation et Conclusion</b> <b>*Organisation des départs + réponses aux questions financières relatives aux déplacements</b>	
<b>Les liens entre l'assistance électorale et l'observation électorale AIDCO</b>	<b>Directorat Général du développement gouvernance, et relations avec l'Union Africaine.</b>	<b>Partis Politiques</b>	<b>Partis Politiques</b>	<b>Création des formulaires d'observation</b>			<b>Parlement Observation l'organisation des parties politiques durant la tabulation des votes</b>		
<b>Partis Politiques MR</b>									
 <small>Organized within</small>	<b>Reception- UE</b>	<b>Campagne</b>	<b>Campagne</b>	<b>Diner</b>	<small>In collaboration with:</small>	<b>RTBF</b>	<small>CIDA</small>	<small>IOM</small>	<small>OAS</small>



# *E-learning*

- STO Safety and Security Awareness**
- Survey a large enough number of people who have had STO experience in the last three years for a reliable sample**
- Develop the content and design for a pilot e-learning platform for testing in 8 months**



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