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- Legal framework not too prescriptive might prevent ownership of EMB and limit the effectiveness of electoral process
- If too generic can entail too much discretion for the EMB and can be open for challenges

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**How can capacity-building and sustainability be ensured if the EMB is not permanent?**

- **Maintain institutional memory with the secretariat or technical staff/**
- **Keep a roster of experts**

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**Is it possible to rely on technology when political will/commitment is uncertain or unfavourable?**

- **NOT POSSIBLE** can be opened to  
**boycott/resistance** to **acceptance** of  
**technologies**
- **Diminish confidence of EMB**
- **Resistance`** for **future** **introduction** of  
**technologies**

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**What type of biometric features are conducive to ensure better sustainability?**

- **Sustainability depends on the context**
- **There are not systems more sustainable than others**
- **More accepted facial/photo**
- **More accurate fingerprint**

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**Are civil/voter registration synergies always advisable?**

- It depends on the level of accuracy of the civil registry
- Not advisable in post conflict scenarios

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