



# Managing Election Results

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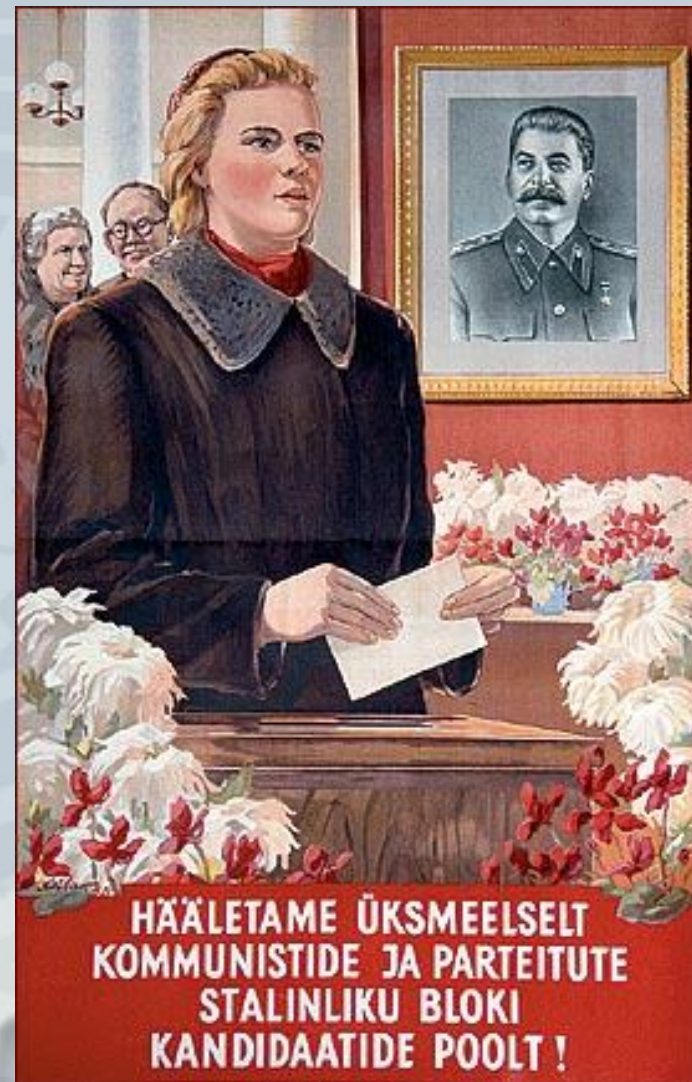


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*“It is enough that the people know there was an election. Those who cast the votes, they decide nothing. Those who count the votes decide everything.”*

*– attributed to Joseph Stalin*





# Principles of Results Management

- Speed
- Accuracy
- Transparency
- Integrity



# “THE DEVIL IS IN THE DETAIL”

So, what is the detail?

## Understand the Scope

Geography/Distance

Polling Stations

Documents

Procedures

Legal Timeframes

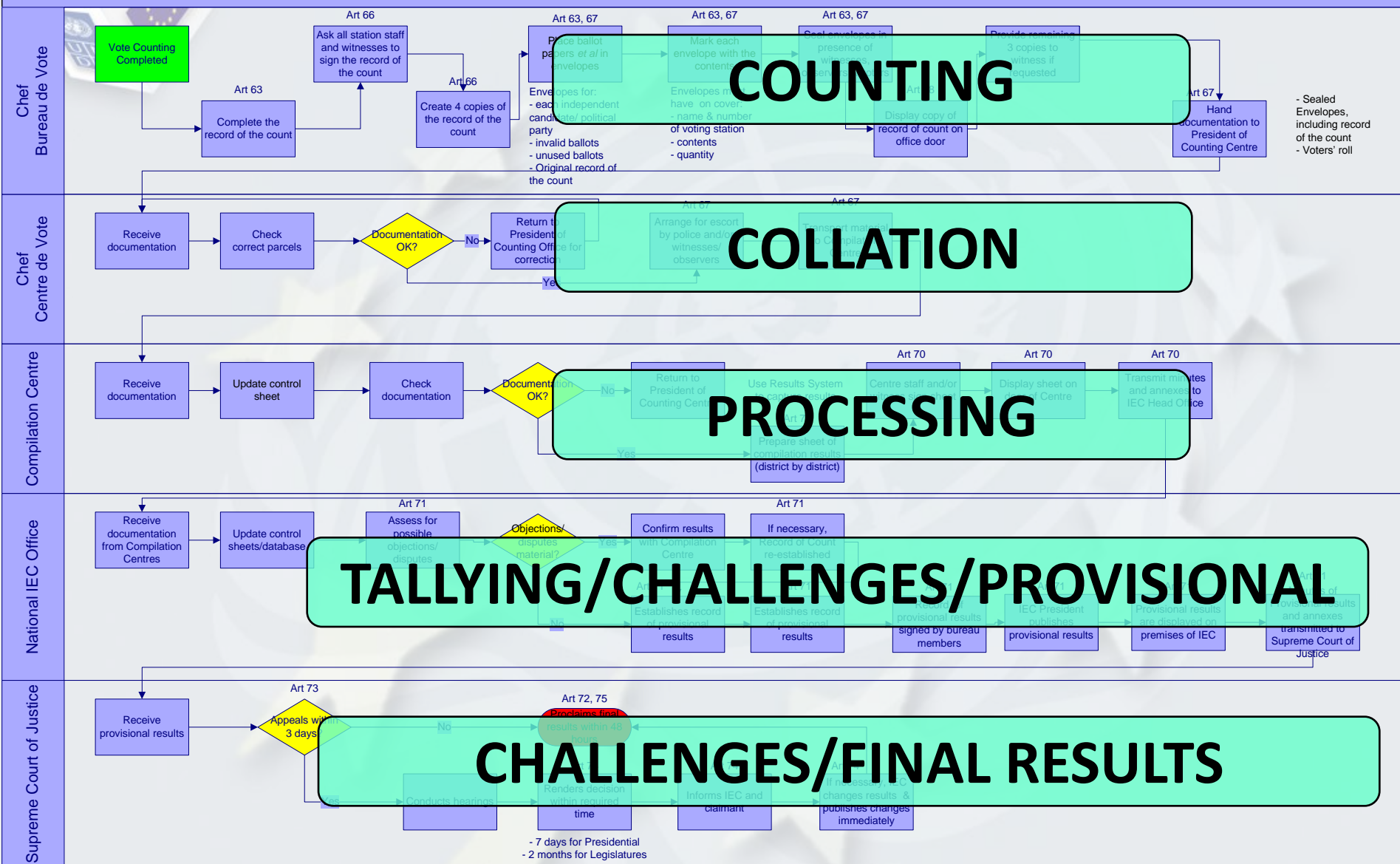


# DRC Results Process

From the Station to Announcement: Presidential Elections 1<sup>st</sup> Round & National Assembly Elections



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# Processes to be Unpacked

**1** Receipt Processes

**2** Capturing Processes

**3** Reporting Processes

**4** Legal Authorities

**5** Exception Processes

**6** Resolution Processes



**7** Objection Processes

**8** Announcement Processes

# The Source Documents are Most Critical!

- Forms for Counting, Results, Report & Ballot Papers
- Simplify, Simplify, Simplify!
- Reduce margin for errors/mistakes in field
- Party agents to “witness” through signature
- Report major decisions/observations
- Allow for simple mechanisms to investigate later



# Using Technology

- Infrastructure availability & stability
- Levels of computer literacy at capturing point
- Levels of organisational skill
- Time to deployment
- Time to training
- Time to test IN THE FIELD
  - scale, system functionality, connectivity
  - competence, complexity





# Integrity Measures

## At the Voting Station

Results “audited” by officials and party agents  
Results in tamper-proof bag  
Security escort to Municipal Office

## At Municipal Office

Results Checked  
Results captured on computerised Results System  
Results Verification



## Provincially Nationally

Results System checks for mistakes/exceptions  
Provincial Office resolution of exceptions



# Tallying/Results/ Media Centres

- What is the purpose?
  - Operational capability
  - Media Centre provisions
  - Political Centre with Dispute Resolution
  - “Plan B” Facility
  - Collection Point for Source Documents
- Can take up to 3 months of planning and 1 month to set up



National Tally Room

Saturday 3 October 1998

ElectIon 98

Association Electoral Commission AEC



Delivering what better could be

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NATIONAL TALLY ROOM





NATIONAL RESULTS			
EMSA	1991	9	0
T.O.P.	1991	9	0
SOPA	1991	9	0
UCDP	1991	9	0
UDM	1991	9	0
U.F.	1991	9	0
VF Plus	1991	9	0
ACDP	1991	9	0
ANC	1991	9	0
AZAPO	1991	9	0
CDP	1991	9	0
DA	1991	9	0
ID	1991	9	0
IFF	1991	9	0
KISS	1991	9	0
MF	1991	9	0
NA	1991	9	0
NLP	1991	9	0
NNP	1991	9	0
PAC	1991	9	0
P.J.C.	1991	9	0



# Telkom

PE	FREE STATE	GAUTENG	KWAZULU-NATAL	LIMPOPO
UCDP	UCDP	SOPA	SOPA	UCDP
UDM	UDM	UCDP	UCDP	UDM
VF Plus	VF Plus	UDM	UDM	VF Plus
ACDP	ACDP	VF Plus	VF Plus	XP
ANC	ANC	ACDP	ACDP	ACDP
AZAPO	AZAPO	ANC	ANC	ANC
DA	DA	AZAPO	AZAPO	ADP
DPSA	DPSA	BPC	CDP	AZAPO
ID	ID	CDP	OA	DA
IFF	IFF	DA	IAM	ID
NA	NA	EFM	ID	NA
NNP	NNP	ID	IFF	NNP
PAC	PAC	IFF	ILP	PAC
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		NNP	NNP	
		PAC	PAC	
		P.I.C.	PDP	
		PRO-D	RLP	

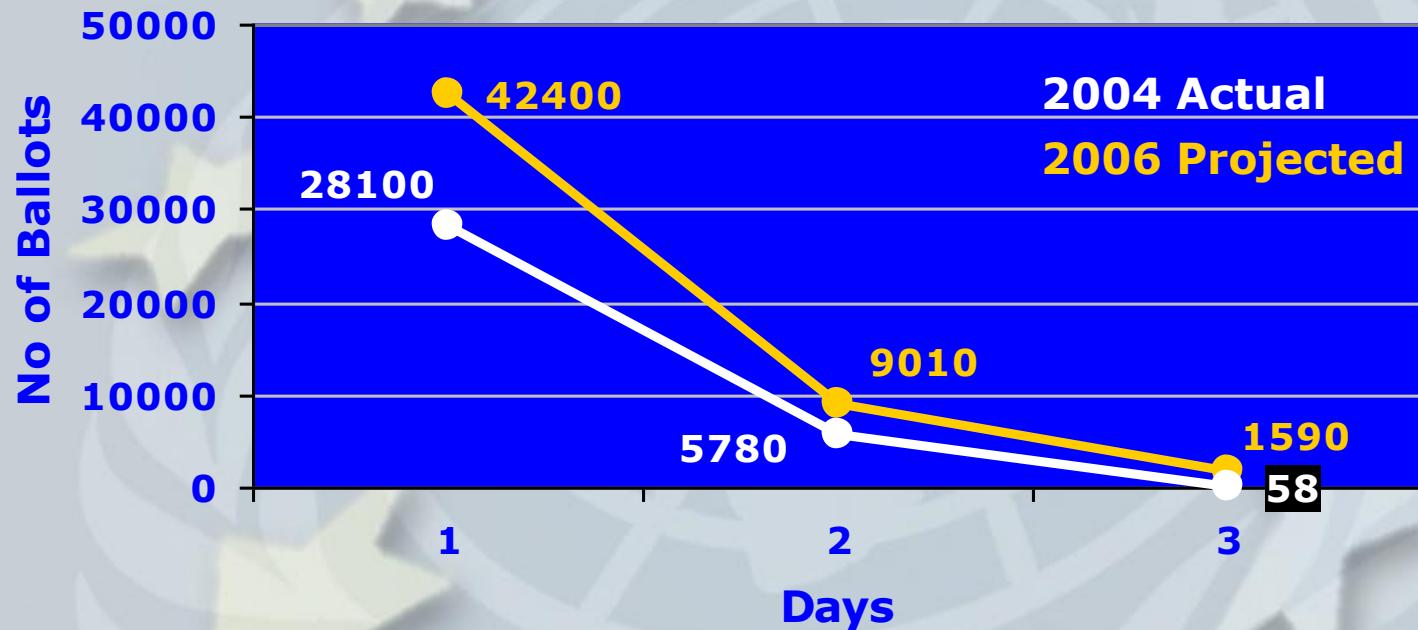
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UDM	3	UDM	3	VF Plus	3	UCDP	3
VF Plus	4	VF Plus	4	ACDP	4	UDM	4
ACDP	5	ACDP	5	ANC	5	U.P.	5
ANC	6	ANC	6	AZAPO	6	VF Plus	6
AZAPO	7	AZAPO	7	DA	7	AMP	7
DA	8	DA	8	ID	8	ACDP	8
ID	9	ID	9	IFP	9	ANC	9
IFP	10	IFP	10	NA	10	AZAPO	10
NNP	11	NNP	11	NNP	11	DA	11
PAC	12	PAC	12	PAC	12	ID	12
SPP	13					IFP	13







# Setting Targets: 2004 vs 2006



Year	Ballots	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3
2004	33,938	82.80%	17.03%	0.17%
2006	53,000	80%	17%	3%



# Most Common Mistakes

- Transparency
- Speed
- Accuracy
- Integrity
- Education of Media/Parties
- Weak communication /coordination



- Complex procedures
- Lack of detail
- No risk/crisis plan
- Not getting the basics right
- Starting too late!
- Credibility