International IDEA, Electoral Assistance and the Joint Task Force

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To support sustainable democratic change through:

- Comparative Knowledge Resources
- Assisting in Reform
- Influencing Policies and Politics
IDEA’s approach

• Non-prescriptive and context sensitive
• Focus on processes, rather than events
• Providing a platform for debate and facilitate international dialogue
• Sharing of south-to-south experience and best practices
• Encouraging locally-driven and informed change processes
• Identifying better ways to effectively support sustainable democratic change worldwide
Expertise area programmes:

- Electoral processes
- Political parties
- Constitution building

Cross-Cutting programmes:

- Democracy and gender
- Democracy and diversity
- Democracy and development
- Democracy, conflict and security
Effective Electoral Assistance and IDEAs collaboration with the EC-UNDP Joint Task Force

IDEA has worked with the Effective Electoral Assistance programme for more than five years.

In the last four years IDEA has established a solid and effective collaboration with the EC and UNDP through the Joint Task Force on Effective Electoral Assistance.
The Electoral Cycle Approach has been endorsed at the policy level by major electoral assistance providers.

Contributed significantly to a policy shift in the way electoral assistance is designed.

Helped change the focus from the election day to the entire process that precedes and follows an election.
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- Broader dissemination of the general principles underpinning effective electoral assistance to regional organisations
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- Face-to-face training courses for EC-UNDP desk officers, bilateral cooperation agencies and individual EMBs
Effective Electoral Assistance and IDEAs collaboration with the EC-UNDP Joint Task Force

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- Development of an eLearning course on Effective Electoral Assistance
Five day face-to-face training

For development partners, international organizations dealing with electoral assistance, EMBs, national authorities and CSOs

Organised in the context of the "Global Platform on Effective Electoral Assistance" within the Train4Dev initiative

Implemented by IDEA, UNDP and EC
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Formation E-learning danse classique en 3 semaines!
The rationale is to produce an interactive distance learning tool to complement both the face-to-face training events and the Training Manual resulting from the training event.
It builds on a wealth of knowledge, expertise and documented materials acquired and produced by the three organisations over the last few years.
The development of the eLearning Course is work in progress.

The pilot is expected to be finished April 2009.

First module will be showcased in the upcoming face-to-face training in Brussels in December.
Joint Training on Effective Electoral Assistance

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eLearning Course on Effective Electoral Assistance

Joint Training on Effective Electoral Assistance

About the Course

- Background
- Objectives
- Content and Specific Learning Outcomes of the Course
- How to Use This Course and the Dedicated Website
- Sources of the Course

About the Course
Welcome to the eLearning Course on Effective Electoral Assistance.

This eLearning Course is the result of sustained cooperation efforts undertaken over the last years by the European Commission, the United Nations Development Programme and International Institute for Democracy Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) in the field of electoral assistance. The Course has been created on the basis of the content and the structure of the Training Manual of the "Joint Training on Effective Electoral Assistance", a global training initiative developed and launched by the three institutions.

As already for the Training Manual, the eLearning Course on Effective Electoral Assistance primarily draws on the content of the following four core sources:

- the EC Methodological Guide on Electoral Assistance;
- the UNDP Electoral Assistance Implementation Guide;
- International IDEA's Handbook on Electoral Management Design; and
- the ACE Focus on Effective Electoral Assistance.
Additional contributions were also drawn from International IDEA’s *Handbook on Electoral System Design*, the ACE Electoral Knowledge Network, UNDP-IFES CORE Cost of Registration and Elections, the website of the EC-UNDP Partnership on Electoral Assistance and several other publications, resource materials and official documents of EC, UNDP and International IDEA.

The collaboration between the EC and UNDP started in 1995, and it was in 2004 that it was strongly intensified through the support to the electoral processes in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the establishment of a Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA) that strengthened and formalised the relational focus between the two institutions with the signature of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

The primary objective of the Strategic Partnership between the EC and UNDP has been to facilitate policy dialogue and specific collaboration at global, regional and country level, creating harmonization, complementarity and financial cooperation between the two institutions.

Fabio Bargiacchi, Senior Electoral Assistance Advisor of UNDP/Belgium, explains the background of the EC-UNDP partnership in electoral assistance.
Introduction

Context of Electoral Assistance

Historical Background of Electoral Assistance: Three Main Actors

International Public Law Obligations for Democratic Elections

The Electoral Cycle Approach
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### Module 1

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EC and UNDP Framework, Lessons Learned and New Approach
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Activities in Support of Electoral Cycles
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Module 3

- Embracing Appropriate Technology
- Voter Registration Methodologies
- Electronic Voting Systems

Technological Innovation in the Electoral Process
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**EC-UNDP Procedures for Programming, Identification, Formulation, Implementation and Evaluation**
eLearning Course on Effective Electoral Assistance

Module 5
- Cost of Elections
- Project Budgeting and the Resource Framework
- Procurement of Electoral Materials
- Global Tools: ACE Electoral Knowledge Network
- Global Tools: BRIDGE

Procurement of Electoral Material, Global Tools and Networks
Collaboration with other partners

The production of the eLearning modules foresees a collaboration with:

- European Space Agency (ESA)
- Independent Electoral Commission of the Democratic Republic of Congo (IER-DRC)
- Governments of Belgium, Italy and Luxemburg

Distribution and delivery of information to remote areas
Pilot Project dedicated to the production and distribution via satellite of eLearning modules on Effective Electoral Assistance.

Creation of specific eLearning module on Electoral Administration for the specific case of the DRC to be used by the Independent Electoral Commission for training of staff.
The eLearning modules will be integrated within the SatElections Training Platform and delivered to remote terminals via the satellite communication system.

Utilised for training of staff before the holding of the next Congolese local elections.
SatElections

Expected Main Benefits:

To provide an effective and sustainable solution in support of African Electoral Cycles.

To identify cost effective and sustainable means of communication. Both for capacity development and data transmission.

To identify appropriate communication to support e-Government services.
About ACE

The ACE Electoral Knowledge Network encourages professionals to generate, share and apply knowledge, solve problems, help build common methods, and improve the professionalism of those engaged in activities related to credible, sustainable, peaceful and cost-effective elections.

ACE Electoral Knowledge Network

Elections Today

Obtain news, analysis and upcoming elections dates from the world of elections

The ACE Encyclopaedia

Explore comprehensive information on various aspects of election administration

Comparative Data

Analyse country-by-country data and information on election systems, legislation and management

Electoral Materials

Browse an electronic library of election materials, such as laws, ballot papers, training manuals, posters and more

Electoral Advice

Access a forum that generates and shares specialised electoral knowledge, resources and expertise

Regions & Countries

Research regional and country-by-country information, data and resources collected through a network of Regional Electoral Resource Centres
The first ever global knowledge network in the field of elections

THE PRACTITIONERS' NETWORK

GENERATE
SHARE
APPLY

SPECIALISED ELECTORAL KNOWLEDGE

thematic dimension
regional dimension
ACE Regional Centres
Practitioners’ Network

200 members
Areas of expertise
Different languages
THE PRACTITIONERS’ NETWORK

HIGHLY COMPUTERISED VOTER REGISTRATION???
Practitioners’ Network

Working Groups

Space for internal dialogue and collaboration among ACE Partners and selected members of the Network
The EC, UNDP and IDEA are undertaking a study on the use of Information Communication Technology (ICT) in Electoral Processes focusing on Civil/Voter Registration and Data Transmission (the ICT study) (IOM, OAS)

The WG will provide insight and input to a Concept Paper that has been put together by the partners

**Primary objective of study**

Identify sound principles for choosing specific technologies for voter registration and set clear guidelines and guiding principles for the provision of assistance to these processes.
Working Group on Civil and Voter Registration

2nd task: International IDEA’s Voter Registration Handbook Project

The WG will provide insight and input to the terms of reference and contents of the Handbook, as well as on the global mapping that will be carried out beginning of 2009

Potential "expert group” offered remunerated assignments.

Electoral Procurement Working Group
(Community of Practice)

Pilot Working Group on Civil and Voter Registration hosted by the ACE Network

Specially invited experts with specific expertise in this area

A series of tasks related to Voter Registration
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THANK YOU!