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- Proper operational planning which will take in account the due timelines for the procurement process
- Legal Framework
- Specifications of needs
- Level of independency of EMBs
- Coordination between international stakeholders organizations providing technical assistance in conducting the procurement and local actors
- Timely disbursement of appropriate fundings

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- Lessons learned from previous elections and observers' recommendations
- Lessons learned from other countries' experiences
- Consultation with government and/or donors (if external financing is needed)
- Testing of different solutions
- Timely planning within the electoral cycle approach

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- Consultation of relevant stakeholders
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1. How can we ensure the alignment of international recognized principles and procedures with national procedures?

- Analyze local procedures vis a vis and international principles
- In case of discrepancy advocate for changes in the local procurement procedures in accordance to the international ones
- Modify the legal framework
- All the above at the beginning of the electoral cycle

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1. How can we contribute to the drafting of well-defined technical specifications?

- Clear identification of needs of the services and goods to be procured
- Seek technical advise
- Technical specifications do not have to leave too much space to interpretation

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