REINFORCING CREDIBILITY AND ACCEPTANCE OF ELECTORAL PROCESSES

The Role of Electoral Stakeholders and Electoral Administrations

Domestic Electoral observation: Impact and responsibility over the electoral process

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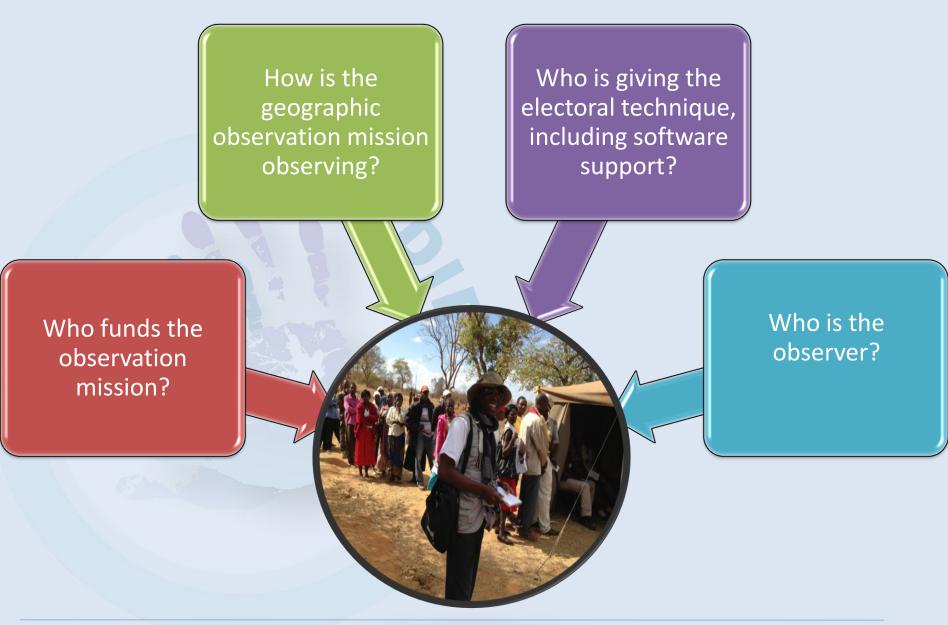
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Impact and Responsibility over the Electoral Process

- This session should look at EMBs and civil society.
- Previously presentations focused on how CSO's can work in collaboration with EMBs
- Now we are going to look at how they can function independently mainly in domestic observation
- Drawing on my experience, I am going to facilitate this discussion on the basis of two questions: (i) what are the decisions we have to make in domestic electoral observation and (ii) what is the impact of these decisions on the audience in domestic electoral observation?
- To conclude, I would like to share about musts for 'effective' observation and what is necessary from the EMB for the CSO to succeed in the observation

The decision we make as OSC measures our responsibilities over the observer electoral process





The real impact over the credibility of the process in the short term came from domestic observation audience



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Who is the Domestic Observation Audience?



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Political Parties and Candidates

EMB and Government

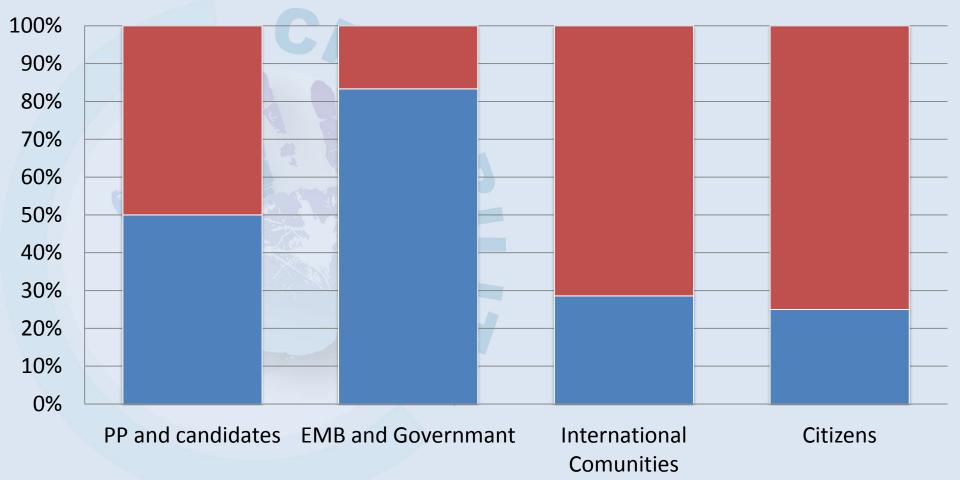
Domestic Observation Audience

Electoral Voters and Citizens International Communities and Donors

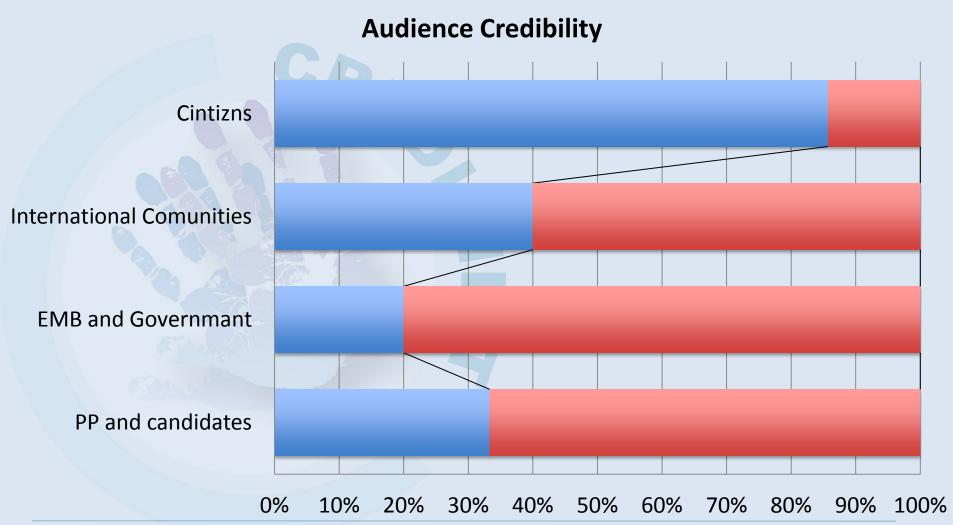
How the decision we make as OSC, over the observer electoral process, impacts our Audience

Who funds the observation mission? Local State or Foreign Donor

Audience Credibility



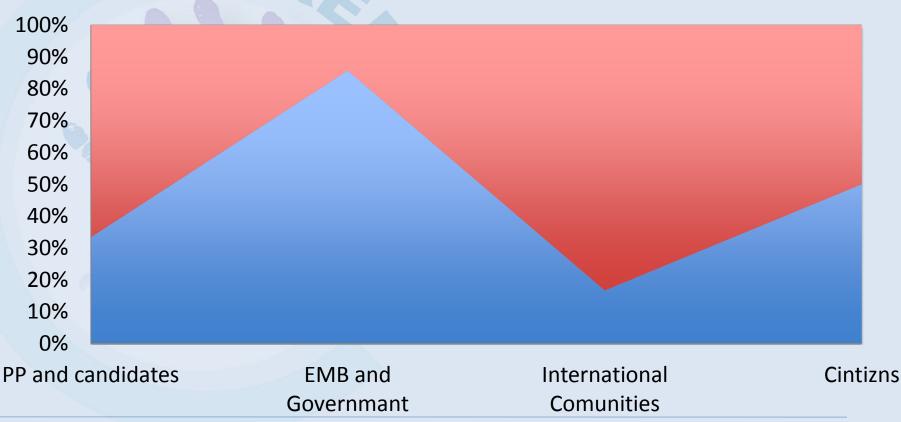
How is the geographic observation mission observing? National or Locally



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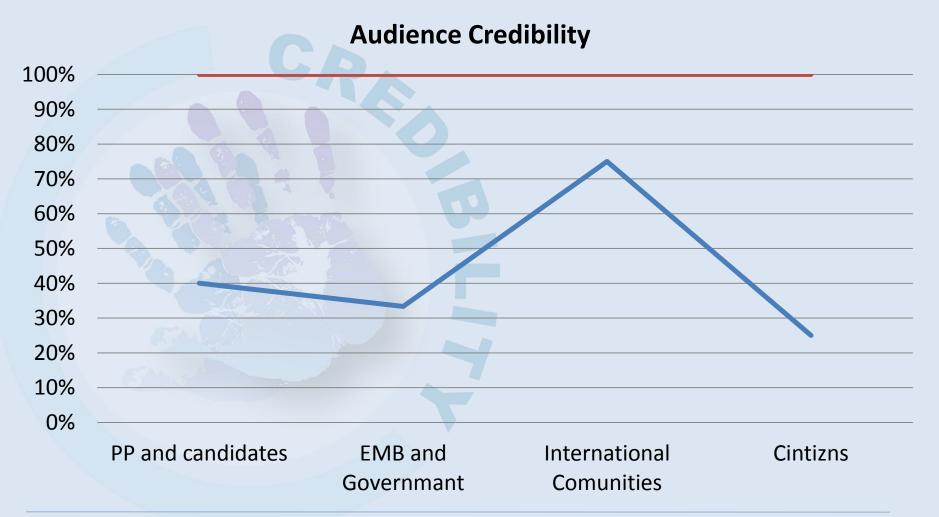
Who is giving the electoral technique, including software support? Business Sector or International NGO

Audience Credibility



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Who is the observer? Payment Service or Voluntary Service



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What are the musts for 'effective' observation?

Conduct electoral assessment and identify <u>primary and secondary</u> audiences of the observation mission

Focus the decision to obtain high credibility from primary and secondary audiences

<u>Involve all your audience</u> <u>as an "observer" i</u>n decision making process <u>Be confident and</u> <u>transparent</u> with all your audience

What is necessary from the EMB for the CSO to succeed in observing

Meeting:

- Roundtable to plan electoral process
- Permanent Domestic
 Observer Desk in EMB to support OSC
- Joint-planning meeting for electoral cycle activities
- Follow up meeting between EMB and CSO on observers recommendation report

Information:

- EMB website with observer login
- Permanent information line desk on election period
- Collection of electoral legislation and EMB procedure
- Personal contact of EMB officials
- Permanent incident report desk on election day

Thank You!

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