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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• 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
Who funds the observation mission?

How is the geographic observation mission observing?

Who is giving the electoral technique, including software support?

Who is the observer?
The real impact over the credibility of the process in the short term came from domestic observation audience.
Who is the Domestic Observation Audience?
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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

- PP and candidates
- EMB and Government
- International Communities
- Citizens
How is the geographic observation mission observing? **National or Locally**

**Audience Credibility**

- **Citizens**
- **International Communities**
- **EMB and Government**
- **PP and candidates**

0% 10% 20% 30% 40% 50% 60% 70% 80% 90% 100%
Who is giving the electoral technique, including software support?

**Business Sector** or **International NGO**

**Audience Credibility**

- PP and candidates: 0%
- EMB and Government: 10%
- International Communities: 20%
- Citizens: 30%
- Business Sector: 40%
- International NGO: 50%
- Total: 100%
Who is the observer?

Payment Service or Voluntary Service

Audience Credibility

- PP and candidates
- EMB and Government
- International Communities
- Citizens

Percentage:
- 0%
- 10%
- 20%
- 30%
- 40%
- 50%
- 60%
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- 80%
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What are the musts for ‘effective’ observation?
Conduct electoral assessment and identify primary and secondary audiences of the observation mission.

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

Involve all your audience as an “observer” in decision making process.

Be confident and transparent 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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