Global Tools:

ACE & BRIDGE

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a complete and systematic collection of information on all aspects relating to the organization of elections
expanding ACE and its partnership
### 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

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<td>Obtain news, analysis and upcoming elections dates from the world of elections</td>
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<td>Analyse country-by-country data and information on election systems, legislation and management</td>
<td>Browse an electronic library of election materials, such as laws, ballot papers, training manuals, posters and more</td>
<td>Access a forum that generates and shares specialised electoral knowledge, resources and expertise</td>
<td>Research regional and country-by-country information, data and resources collected through a network of Regional Electoral Resource Centres</td>
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News from the ACE Electoral Knowledge Network

- Electoral calendar
- Articles on election related issues
- Electoral results and analysis of recent elections
ACE Electoral Knowledge Network

The ACE Encyclopaedia

Explore comprehensive information on various aspects of election administration

Offering Knowledge on Elections

- 12 topic areas
- An estimated 10,000 pages
- Interactive electoral quiz
- Focus On
Systematic comparative data

Allows to: compare how countries run elections and identify common practice

Provides: electoral country profiles

Covers: 11 election related topics and over 180 countries.
Sharing information and resources on elections

Comprehensive and regularly updated collection of sample materials from around the world
Advice from the ACE Electoral Knowledge Network

• Ask questions
• Read consolidated replies to previous questions
Country and region specific information:

- Upcoming and recent elections and electoral events, electoral material and comparative data for each country
- Regional events and trends analysis
- Managed by Regional Electoral Resource Centres
BRIDGE: Building Resources in Democracy, Governance, and Elections

A Course on Electoral Processes
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BRIDGE Methodology

- is not prescriptive
- is flexible
- is activity-based
- is practically focused
- emphasises teamwork and network building
- is global in scope
- uses content developed by electoral experts
Quality assurance

- Only conducted by accredited facilitators

- 2 phase of accreditation process:
  - 10-day Train-the-Facilitator Program to become semi-accredited
  - Deliver a module supervised by an experienced BRIDGE facilitator to become fully accredited
BRIDGE: should not be seen as a “quick fix” for electoral stakeholders.

- is a long-term, capacity development tool
- is best conducted in the evaluation and planning periods of the Electoral Cycle
How/where to run BRIDGE?

- Conducting modules for the nationals of one country;
- Conducting modules for an international or regional group;
- Participants from one organisation;
- Different stakeholders as participants;
- Running individual modules;
- Customizing a course with components from different modules;
- Running a showcase
Time and Cost Implications for Preparing and Implementing BRIDGE

Factors to consider Factors to consider Factors to consider Factors to consider

Translations and customization needed...but there are time and cost implications of implementation
BRIDGE What’s Next?

- **Regionalisation** of BRIDGE made more accessible by translating it into various languages through country projects…and
- **ACE Resource Centres** becoming regional hubs for BRIDGE as part of fostering EMB networks
- **e-BRIDGE** – development of online learning of all modules
- **Expanding BRIDGE** beyond elections - new pilot project (2009) on governance/civic engagement and participation
More on BRIDGE

- [www.bridge-project.org](http://www.bridge-project.org)
- Brochure
- BRIDGE partners
Thank you!