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## ***Joint Training on Effective Electoral Assistance***

### ***VOTER REGISTRATION METHODOLOGIES***

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# ***Presentation***

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# *Introduction*

- ❑ **Three conceptual systems:**
  - ❑ **Standalone “ad hoc”/periodic voter registration**
  - ❑ **Standalone continuous/permanent voter registration**
  - ❑ **Voter register based on the civil register**
  
- ❑ **Three levels of technological approaches:**
  - ❑ **Low tech: Manual, paper based**
  - ❑ **Mid tech: OCR/OMR/ICR based**
  - ❑ **High tech: Digital registration kits/specialised devices**



# ***Low tech approaches***

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- ☐ **How to perform duplicate search which is mandated by several electoral laws?**
- ☐ **Enabling conditions including civil identification of citizens**







# ***Mid tech approaches***

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- ☐ **Replacement solution for Polaroid?**
- ☐ **Photographic equipment problem versus review of the total solution.**



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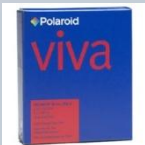


Pencil



Official

Registration Forms



Polaroid film

Polaroid Instant camera



Photograph



Photo die cutter



Fingerprint pad

Fingerprint

Laminating Pouches



Voter's card

Photo-fix

Completed OMR Forms

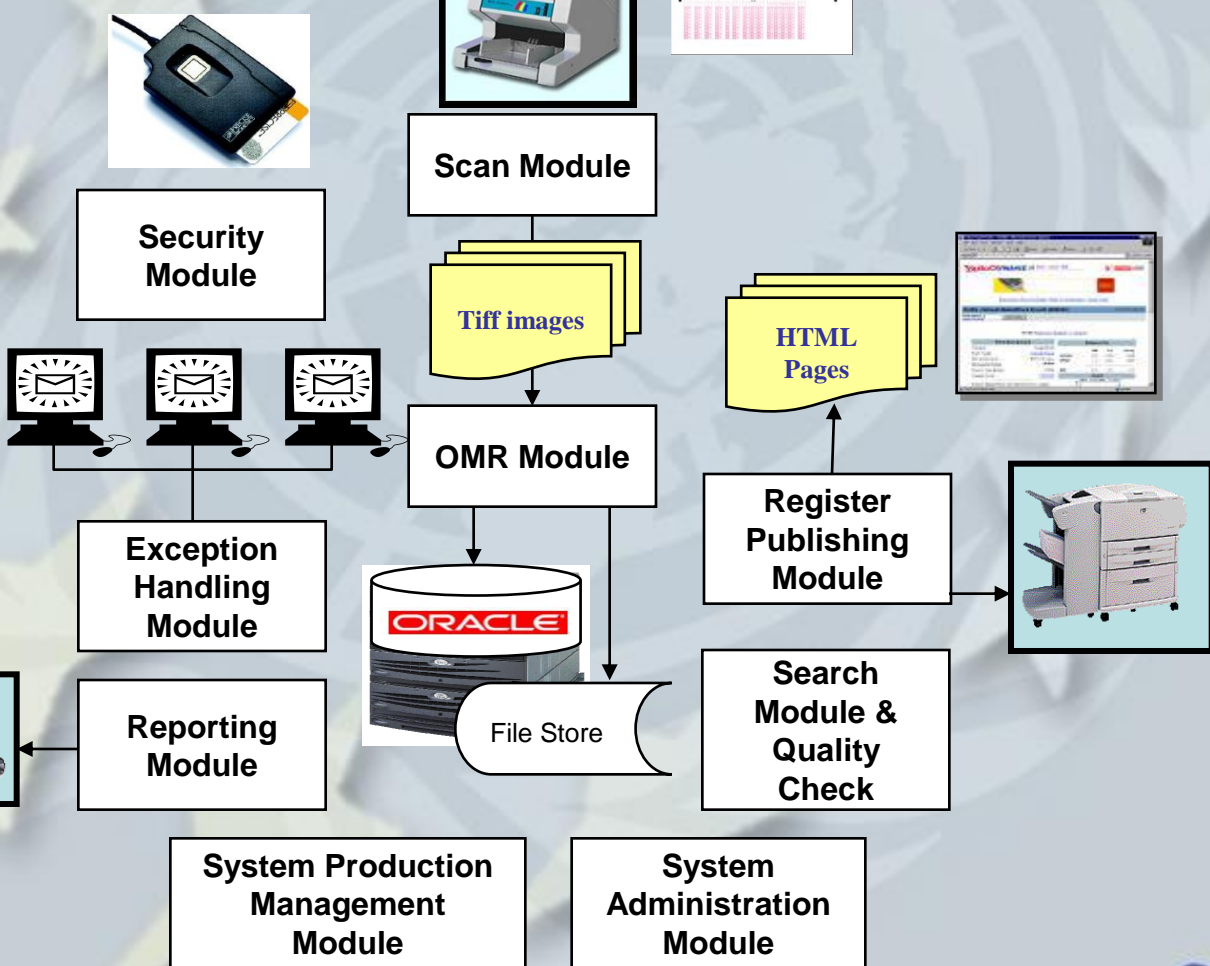
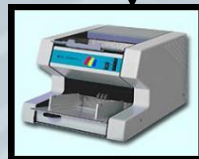
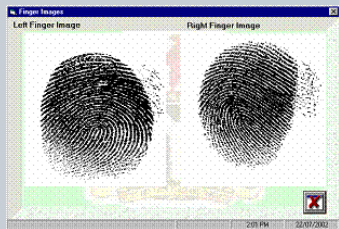
Batch Header Form (one per day)

Transport to data centre



Envelopes





The Major System for  
PNVR Preparation that  
comprised by Different  
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# *High tech approaches*

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- ☐ Digital photographs
- ☐ Fingerprint scanning
- ☐ Facial recognition
- ☐ Fingerprint matching

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## Local Capture of Information

The application contained can capture data manually inserted in the Vanguard. This data can be, voters information, as well as Voting results.

## Digital Camera

The digital camera is embedded onto the unit's Official Panel and may be used to capture a voter's digital photograph during registration.

## Transmission of Data

The kit is capable of transmitting all data and results from distributed locations to a central site.

## Color Touch-screen

A touch-sensitive, full-color LCD screen displays easy-to-use controls for PenCom officials to use to incorporate or edit data

## Signature Pad

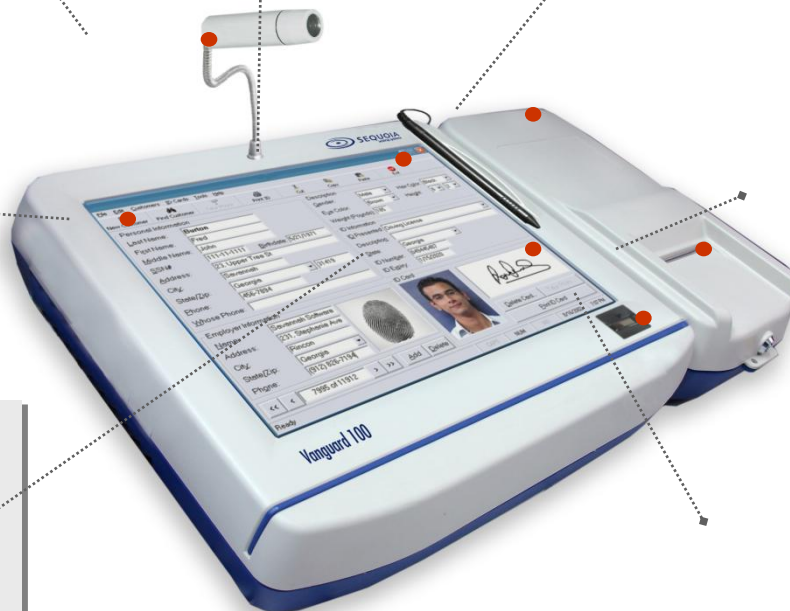
The signature capture device may be used to capture a user's signature in electronic format during registration or authentication

## Printer

The attached printer can be used to print a voter registration card

## Fingerprint Reader

The main fingerprint capture device may be used to capture a fingerprint in digital form during registration or authentication.





# *Points to ponder*

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- ☐ **Technological upgrades**
- ☐ **Biometrics: Facial recognition versus fingerprint matching for duplicate search**
- ☐ **What is the added value of duplicate search?**
- ☐ **Standardisation**
- ☐ **Sharing experiences**
- ☐ **Sustainability and relation to voter education**
- ☐ **Domestic observation**



# ***Moving forward***

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## ☐ **ICT Study**

- ☐ **Integration with civil registration**

- ☐ **Tutorials for decision makers**

- ☐ **Cost estimator for practitioners**

- ☐ **Auditing tools for stakeholders of the electoral process**