



GLOBAL ELECTORAL TOOLS: ACE & BRIDGE

How to Use and Benefit from **BRIDGE** in the Field

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The **Comprehensive Election Administration Training Curriculum**

Using Adult Learning Teaching Methodology

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A photograph of a large crowd of people, many of whom are holding up white cards or papers. The image is slightly blurred, suggesting a candid shot from a distance. A semi-transparent rectangular box is overlaid in the center of the image, containing text. The text is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. The background shows a diverse group of people, some looking towards the camera and others looking away. The overall atmosphere appears to be one of a public gathering or protest.

**Grew in response to
capacity development needs
for the East Timor referendum
in 1999**



Original Aims of BRIDGE

- to strengthen **election administrators'** **capacity** to conduct their work in an effective and efficient manner
- to enhance **electoral administrators'** **professionalism**
- to build teams and **networks** both within electoral administrations and with the broader community



So what is BRIDGE?

- + An important tool for building the capacity and professionalism of those responsible for managing aspects of the electoral processes.
- + A curriculum in electoral processes because:
 - to achieve effective, sustainable electoral cultures, the development of the capacity of the EMB staff and other stakeholders needs to be prioritised
 - without the appropriate skills, knowledge and dispositions in place, election processes can be undermined



Transformed from Version 1 to Version 2

- **1200 pages to 5000+ pages**
 - **12 weeks to 50 weeks**
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OBJECTIVE

**“to give insights into
the principles,
skills and
challenges involved
in the conduct of
properly run elections.”**



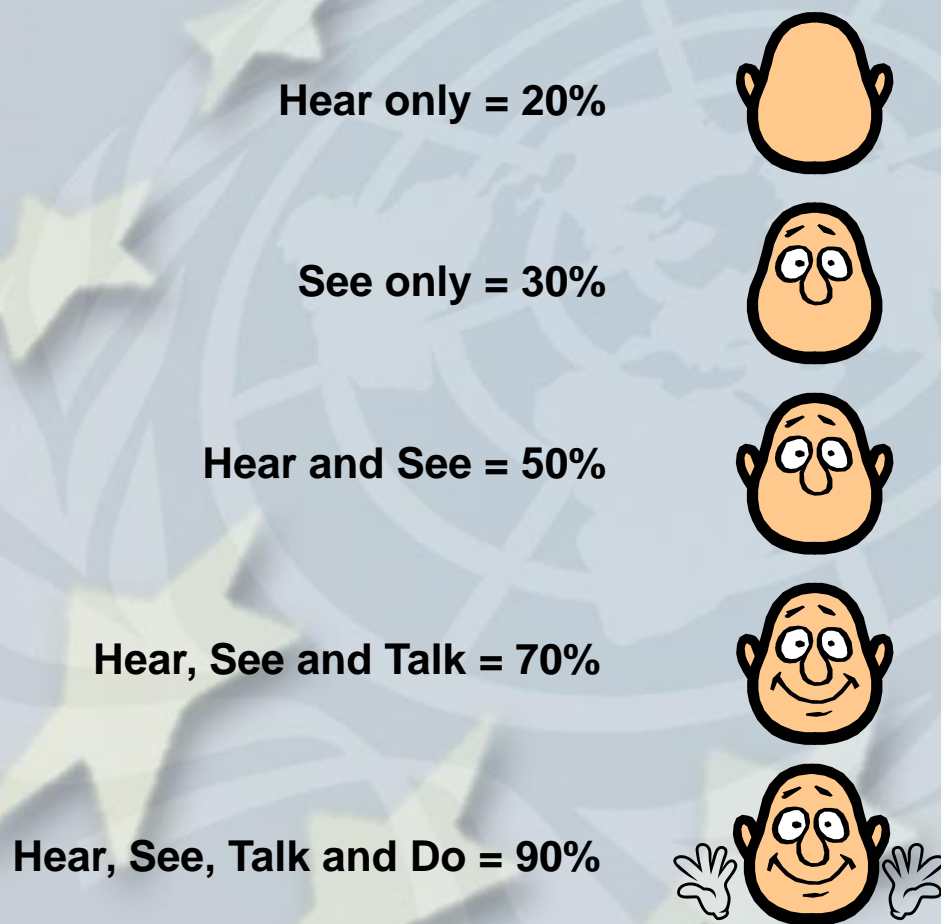
BRIDGE Methodology

- uses content developed by electoral experts from **around the world**
- is not prescriptive, it encourages participants to develop **creative and appropriate solutions** to challenges
- is **activity-based** and focuses on practical issues
- is **flexible and adaptable**



How People Learn

TtF 4.3



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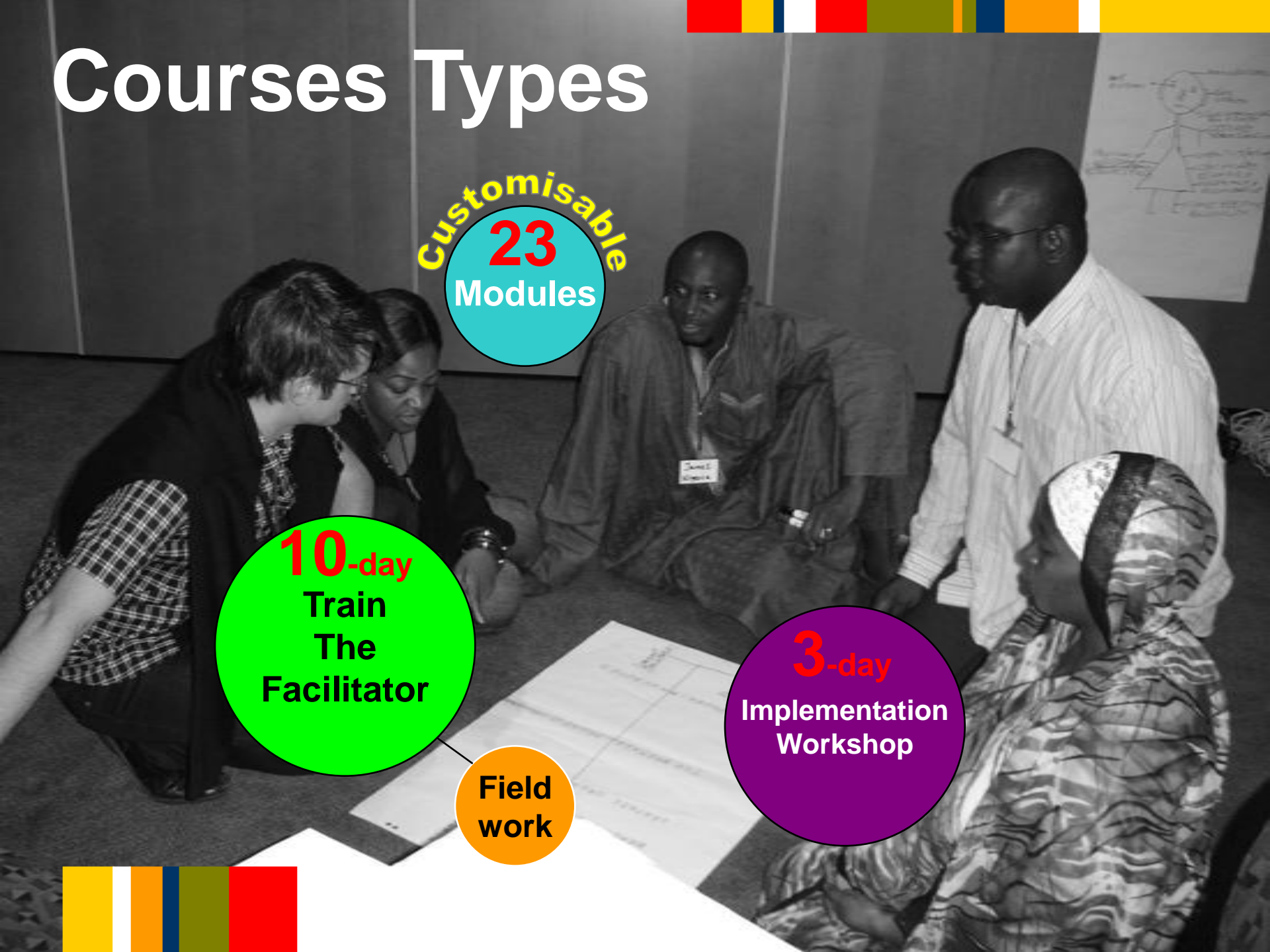
Courses Types

Customisable
23
Modules

10-day
Train
The
Facilitator

Field
work

3-day
Implementation
Workshop





Thematic Groups

- Over-arching **Foundation Modules**
- Three **thematic groups**:



- All modules are **allocated** to a particular thematic group



Version 2

FOUNDATION

- **Introduction** to Electoral Administration
- Strategic & Financial **Planning**

ARCHITECTURE

- **Legal** Framework
- Boundary **Delimitation**
- Electoral **Systems**
- Electoral **Management** Design
- Electoral **Technology**

STAKEHOLDERS

- **Access** to Electoral Processes
- Voter **Information**
- Civic **Education**
- Electoral **Contestants**
- Election **Observation**
- **Media** & Elections
- Electoral **Assistance**
- **Gender** & Elections
- Electoral **Dispute** Resolution

OPERATIONS

- Voter **Registration**
- **Pre-election** Activities
- Electoral **Training**
- **Polling**, Counting & Results
- **Post-election** Activities
- **External** Voting
- **Security**



Potential BRIDGE Audiences

- Electoral Commissioners
- EMB Staff
- Members of the Media
- Political Parties
- Parliamentarians
- Security Forces
- Civil Society Groups
- Academics and University Students



When to conduct BRIDGE?

pre-election period

election period

post-election period

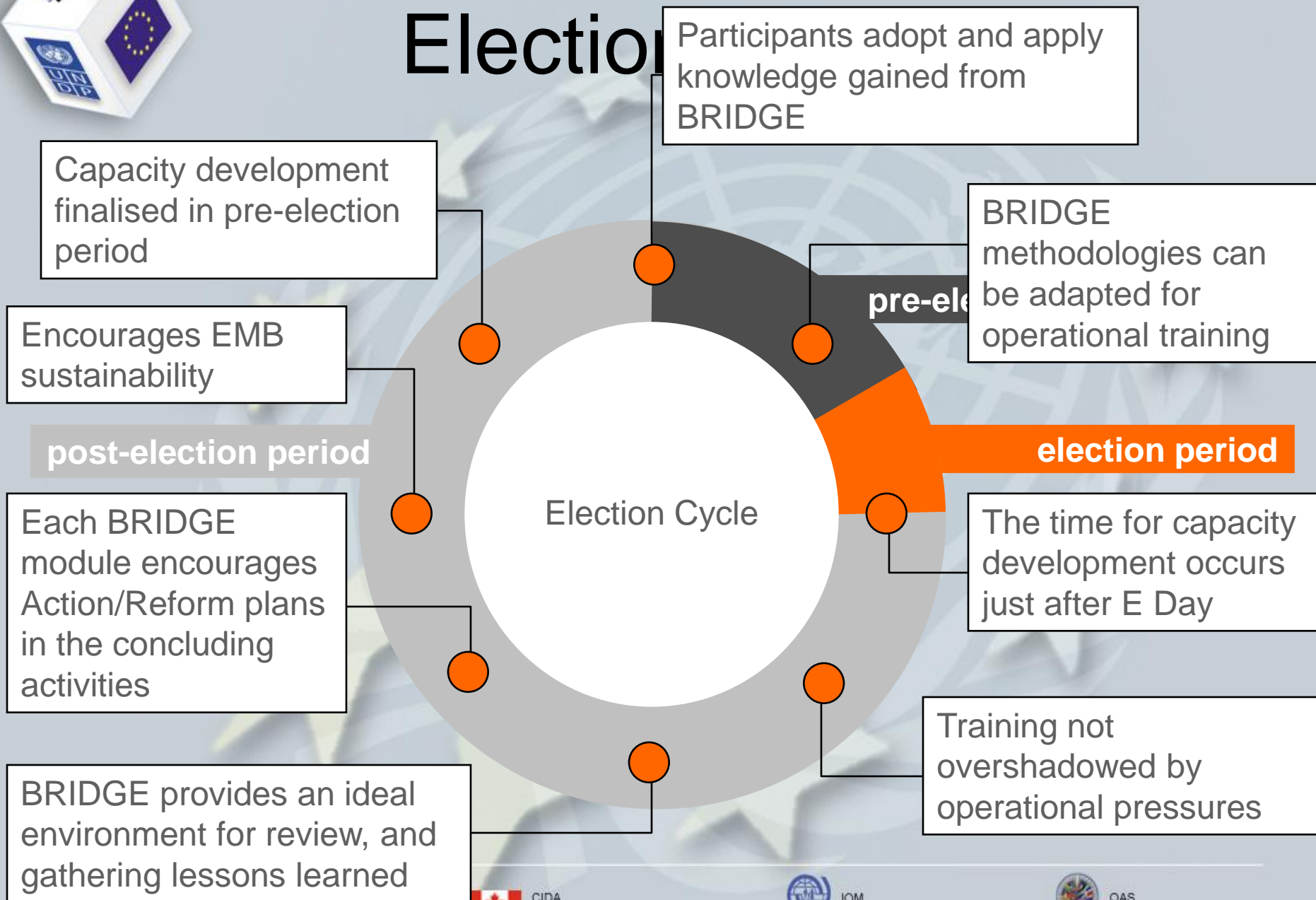


When to conduct BRIDGE

- BRIDGE should not be seen as a “quick fix” for electoral management bodies and their stakeholders
- It is a long-term, capacity development tool
- BRIDGE is best conducted in the evaluation and planning periods of the Election Cycle



Election Cycle





BRIDGE Content is Authoritative and Comprehensive

Based on:

- ☐ Case Studies from the field
- ☐ ACE Knowledge Network
- ☐ International IDEA Handbooks
- ☐ Resources developed by other partner
- ☐ Regular updates



International Writers & Editors

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BRIDGE is making an impact world-wide

BRIDGE exists in 11 full or partial translations

BRIDGE depends heavily on Accredited Facilitators (203)

More than 200 BRIDGE courses have been run (incl 36 TtFs)



Bridge Around the World



... for 4000+
participants from 93
countries...

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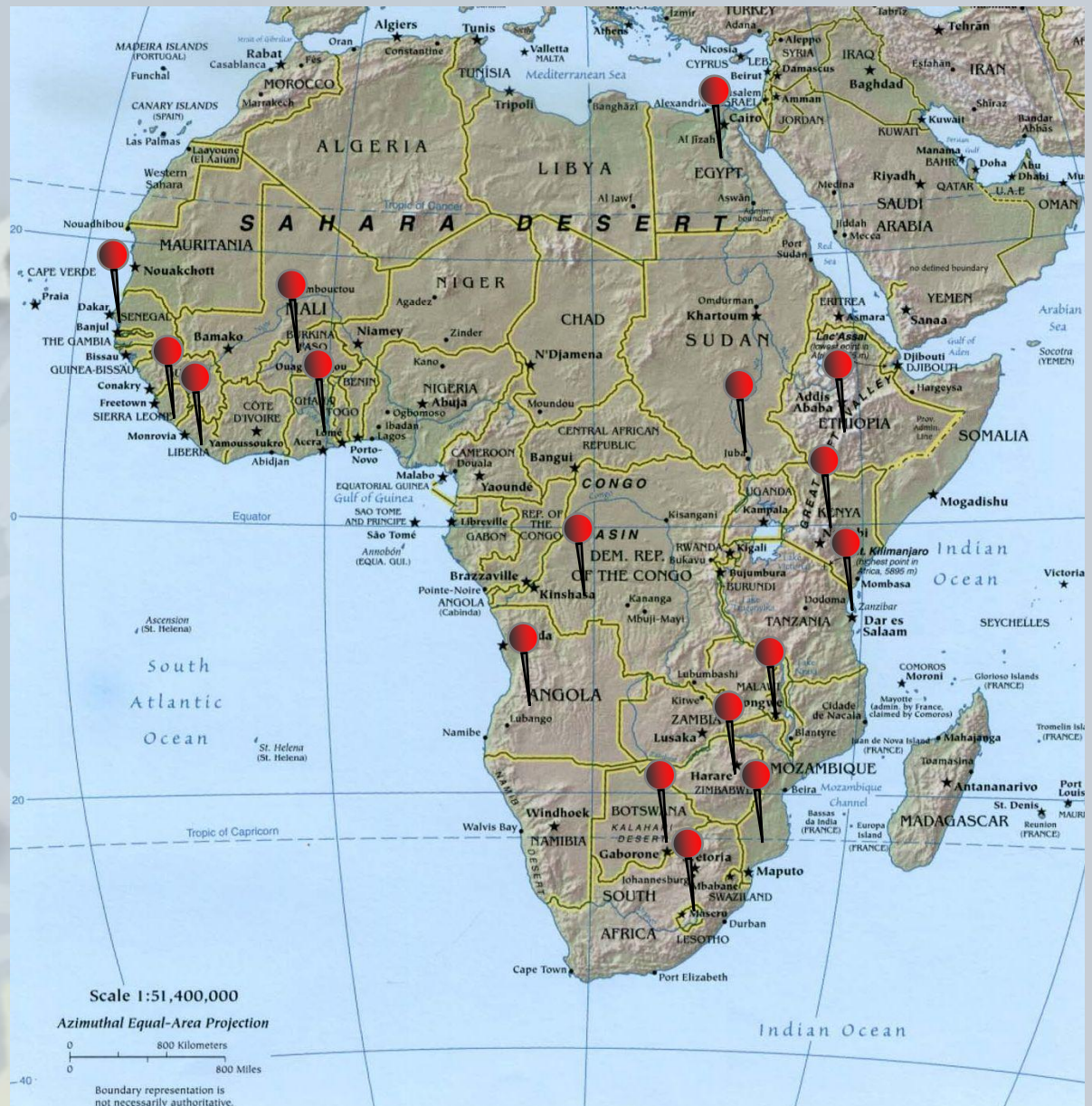


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• **650+** African election practitioners attended a BRIDGE course

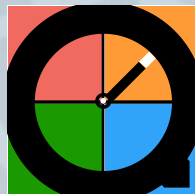
BRIDGE Host Countries

- Mozambique
- South Africa
- Botswana
- Angola
- Ghana
- Senegal
- Sierra Leone
- Liberia
- Egypt
- Burkina Faso
- Ethiopia
- Sudan
- DRC
- Malawi
- Zimbabwe
- Kenya
- Tanzania (Zanzibar)





Pictures from the **BRIDGE** World



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