

THE AFRICA REGIONAL SUMMIT 25 - 26 July, 2022 9:00am (GMT+1)

International Summit for Electoral Democracy The role of EMBs and Stakeholders in Electoral Democracy

July 25, 2022

TIME (GMT+1)	SESSIONS
9:00-9:15	<p>Welcome and topical introduction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● African Union ● Henry Atem, Executive Director, United States International Centre for Electoral Support. ● Wafula Chebukati, President of the African Association of EMBs, Chairperson, Independent Electoral and Boundary Commission of Kenya
9:15-9:35	<p>Keynote:</p> <p>The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) The Southern African Development Community (SADC) The East African Community (EAC) The Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS)</p>
9:35-11:00	<p>Panel Discussion:</p> <p>The role of Civil Society in promoting of democratic values and electoral rights of citizens.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Barrister Felix Agbor Ngongho, Executive Director, Centre for Human Rights and Democracy in Africa, Vice President Africa Bar Association. ● Samson Itodo, Executive Director, YIAGA Africa ● Tiku Tambe Christopher, Human Rights Commission of Cameroon and Electoral Board Member of Elections Cameroon
11:00-11:05	<p>Comfort Break</p>
11:05-12:30	<p>Speaker:</p> <p>Challenges and Opportunities for Electoral Democracy in Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Dickson Omondi Regional director for Southern and East Africa, NDI ● Prof. Nic Cheeseman, Professor of Democracy, University of Birmingham.
13.30 - 12.35	<p>Comfort Break</p>
12:33-14:00	<p>Panel Discussion:</p> <p>EMB and the Declaration on the Principles Governing Democratic Elections in Africa. The role of EMBs and Prospects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Motlapele Eunice Raleru, Chief Electoral Officer, Independent Electoral Commission, Botswana ● Marjan Hussein Marjan, Chief Electoral Officer, Independent Electoral Boundary Commission, Kenya ● Omar Boussetta, Executive Director, Independent High Authority for Elections in Tunisia ● Mukarurangwa Immaculee, Duputy Executive Secretary, National Electoral Commission of Rwanda

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9:00-10:30	<p>Panel Discussion: The role of regional electoral observation networks in strengthening democracy and electoral integrity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Southern African Development Community Election Support Network (SADC ESN)● West Africa Election Observers Network (WAEON)● East and Horn of Africa Election Observers Network
10:30-12:00	<p>Speaker: Causes and opportunities for preventing Democracy Backsliding in Africa</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Dr. Christopher Fomunyoh, Senior Associate and Africa Regional Director, NDI● Charlotte Osei, Board Member, Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa (EISA)
12.00 - 12.05	<p>Comfort Break</p>
12:05-13:30	<p>Panel Discussion: Election Administration in the Age of COVID and Disasters.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Robert Gerenge, African Union● Zemelak A. Ayele, Addis Ababa University● Ghadafi Saibu, University of Bayreuth, Germany
13:30-15:00	<p>Panel Discussion: Electoral training, inclusion, and the correlation to electoral integrity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Nigeria: Dr Sa'ad Umar Idris, Director General, The Electoral Institute (TEI)● Malawi: Lydia Bridget Luwanika, Director Civic and Voter Education, Malawi Electoral Commission● Uganda: Namazzi Mayanja Immaculate, Head of Voter Education and Training, Electoral Commission of Uganda● Cameroon: Susan Epiepang, Sub-Director, Electoral Training, Elections Cameroon
15:00-15:30	<p>Closing Remarks: African Union EISA USICES</p>