



National Elections Conference 2017

Theme: "Working together towards a Credible and Peaceful General Election, 2017"

PROGRAM

PRE-CONFERENCE ACTIVITIES (EXHIBITIONS AND THEMATIC DISCUSSIONS): June 12, 2017		
Time	Session	Participants
2.00 pm – 6.00 pm	<p>Pre-conference events</p> <p><u>Event Objective:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To sensitize members of the public on developments in electoral technology, security and inclusive participation in elections To facilitate dialogue with members of the public on key electoral issues 	
	<p>Thematic Area 1 – Inclusive participation of youth, women, persons with disabilities and other marginalized groups IEBC Representatives: Jane Gitonga & Ann Nderitu</p> <p><u>Guiding Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Implementation of the 2/3 gender principles, the challenges and opportunities</i> <i>What challenges have people with disabilities and the youth faced and continue to face regarding their participation in the political process</i> <i>What can be done to enhance the participation of marginalized groups in the political process</i> 	<p><u>Session Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Kavin Fueg - Deputy County Director, UN Women <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Susan K. Mwongera - Youth Agenda Anderson Gitonga - United Disabled Persons of Kenya Josephine Mong'are - Chairperson, FIDA Daisy Amdany - Executive Director, Crown Trust Winnie Lichuma - National Gender and Equality Commission
	<p>Thematic Area 2 – Electing leaders of integrity IEBC Representatives: Chrispine Owiye & Moses Kipkoge</p> <p><u>Guiding Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>What are the key attributes for a leader of integrity?</i> <i>What are the imperatives of electing leaders of integrity?</i> <i>What is the role of the electorate in ensuring election of leaders of integrity?</i> 	<p><u>Session Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rose Macharia - Commissioner, EACC <p><u>Session Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sam Kimeu - Transparency International



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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr. Dabar A. Maalim - Commissioner, EACC • David Malombe - Deputy Executive Director, KHRC • David Gathii - Director, National Anti-Corruption Campaign Steering Committee
	<p>Thematic Area 3 – Impact of elections on peace, security and business IEBC Representatives: Obadiah Keitany & Dr. Catherine Kamindo</p> <p><u>Guiding Question:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What role can stakeholders play in promoting peace during the election period?</i> 	<p><u>Session Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kamau Wairuri - Director, Executive Education, Strathmore Institute of Policy and Governance <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Mustafa Ali, Ph.D - Secretary General, Global Network of Religions for Children ▪ Dr. Machira Apollos - MBS Executive Director, Centre for Conflict Resolution, Kenya ▪ Craig Jenness - Director, Electoral Assistance Division, United Nations ▪ Hussein Khalid - Executive Director, Haki Africa ▪ Kiprono Kittony - Chairperson, KNCCI



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	<p>Thematic Area 4 – Electoral operations and technology IEBC Representatives: Immaculate Kassait & Christopher Msando</p> <p><u>Guiding Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What progress has the country made in acquisition and deployment of electoral technologies?</i> • <i>What are the key features of Kenya Integrated Elections Management Information Systems and how does it resolves some of the technology challenges experienced in the previous elections?</i> 	<p><u>Session Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Preston Odera - CEO, ISACA Chapter Kenya <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dickson Omondi - National Democratic Institute ▪ Nixon Murabwa-CEO, Murabwa Foundation ▪ Prof. Abdi Yakub Guliye - Commissioner, IEBC ▪ Wanjiru Gikonyo - TISA ▪ Francis Wangusi - Director-General, CAK
	<p>Thematic Area 5 – Voter education and stakeholder engagement IEBC Representatives: Rasi Masudi, Joyce Ekuam & Andrew Limo</p> <p><u>Guiding Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What is the role of the media in voter education?</i> • <i>How is the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission engaging stakeholders in the electoral process?</i> • <i>What needs to be done to ensure adequate voter and stakeholder preparedness in the electoral process?</i> • <i>How have citizen observer groups organized themselves to conduct a comprehensive observation exercise?</i> 	<p><u>Session Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Grace Maingi - CEO, Uraia Trust <p><u>Panelist:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Mulle Musau - ELOG ▪ Jane Gitau - President, PRSK ▪ Carol Werunga - Program Advisor Electoral Governance KHRC / KYSY secretariat ▪ Joshua K. Changwony - Deputy Executive Secretary/Programs Coordinator CRECO



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DAY 1 – June 13, 2017		
Sub-theme: Towards a conducive environment for credible elections		
Time	Session	Participants
8.00 am – 9.00 am	Arrival and registration	Conference secretariat
9.00 am 11.00 am	Official Opening session <u>Session Objective:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reaffirm the commitment of top leadership of Kenya to credible and peaceful 2017 General Election <u>Guiding Questions:</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What is our specific responsibility and commitment in ensuring peaceful, and credible elections in 2017? Are we as top leadership ready for this task? 	<u>Masters of Ceremonies:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Linus Kaikai - Chairperson, Editors Guild Tabitha Mutemi - IEBC
	Entertainment	
	Prayers	
	Introduction and objectives of the conference by IEBC Vice Chairperson, Connie Nkatha Maina	
	Remarks by Executive Director KHRC & Co-convener, Kura Yangu Sauti Yangu, George Kegoro	
	Remarks by Representative of Diplomatic Community, H.E. Robert F. Godec - USA Ambassador to Kenya & H.E. Stefano A. Dejak - EU Ambassador to Kenya	
	Remarks by Representative of the United Nations, Ambassador Sahle-Work Zewde - Director General, UNON	
	Remarks by EACC Chairperson, His Grace, Arch Bishop (Rtd) Dr. Eliud Wabukala	
	Remarks by the Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court of the Republic of Kenya – Hon. Chief Justice David Maraga, EGH	
	Remarks by IEBC Chairperson, Wafula W. Chebukati	
	Remarks by former Prime Minister Right Hon. Raila Odinga, EGH	
	Remarks by H.E Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta, CGH, the President of the Republic of Kenya & Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces. Invites the Chief Guest	
	Keynote Address & Official Opening by Chief Guest H.E. Moussa Faki Mahamat, Chairperson of the African Union Commission	
	Signing of the Election Pledges	



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11.10 am – 11.30 am	Health Break	
11.30 am 1.00 pm	<p>Understanding the context for 2017 General Elections Brief overview: Dr. Roselyn Akombe – Commissioner, IEBC</p> <p>Session Objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To exchange lessons and experiences from past Kenyan and international elections <p>Guiding Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>What lessons can Kenya draw from past local and international elections?</i> <i>How has Kenya incorporated these lessons into the planning and management of 2017 General Election?</i> 	<p>Session Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Karuti Kanyinga - University of Nairobi <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> H.E Dr. Moody Awori - Former Vice President of Kenya Terry Tselane - Vice-Chairperson Independent Electoral Commission of South Africa Dr. Roselyn Akombe - Commissioner, IEBC
1.00 pm – 2.00 pm	Lunch Break	
2.00 pm – 3.30 pm	<p>Electoral legal framework and operational planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Brief overview: Praxedes Tororey-Director, IEBC <p>Session Objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To assess the extent to which the current legal framework supports credible and peaceful elections in Kenya <p>Guiding Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>How has the legal framework supported the credibility of the electoral process?</i> <i>Has the legal framework been conducive for effective operational and contingency planning of the elections?</i> <i>What are the challenges faced in enforcing the electoral framework, including electoral codes of conduct?</i> 	<p>Session Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Isaac Okero - President, Law Society of Kenya (LSK) <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Githu Muigai - Attorney General Praxedes Tororey - Director, IEBC Bobby Mkangi - Constitutional Lawyer Catherine Mumma - Constitutional Lawyer Prof. Mandla Mchunu - Former Chief Electoral Officer, Independent Electoral Commission of South Africa
3.30 pm – 4.00 pm	Health Break	



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<p>4.00 pm – 5.00 pm</p>	<p>Electoral conflict mitigation Brief Overview: Peter Thuku – Secretary, Peace Building & Disaster Response-Ministry of Interior & Coordination of National Government.</p> <p><u>Session Objectives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To explore early warning signals for mitigating electoral conflict. <p><u>Guiding Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>What mechanisms for early warning and response have been put in place to mitigate conflict during the 2017 General Elections?</i> ▪ <i>What is the role of stakeholders in maintaining peace before, during and after elections?</i> ▪ <i>How will the security of vulnerable members of the society be guaranteed during and after elections?</i> 	<p><u>Session Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dr. Francis Kuria - CEO Inter-Religious Council of Kenya <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Sheikh Adan Wachu - Chairperson, Inter-Religious Council of Kenya and Secretary General Supreme Council of Kenya Muslims ▪ Manu Chandaria - Founding Chairperson, East African Business Council and KEPSA ▪ Obadiah Keitany - Director Risk and Compliance, IEBC ▪ Francis Atwoli - Secretary General, Central Organization of Trade Unions (COTU) ▪ Faith Njahira - Handicapp International
<p>5.00 pm – 6.00 pm</p>	<p>Electoral dispute resolution Brief Overview: Amb. Paul Kurgat – Commissioner, IEBC</p> <p><u>Session Objectives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ To determine the effectiveness of mechanisms for electoral dispute resolutions <p><u>Guiding Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ <i>What are the institutional arrangements for addressing electoral complaints, disputes and violations?</i> 	<p><u>Session Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Kyalo Mbobu - Chairperson, Political Parties Dispute Tribunal (PPDT) <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Amb. Paul Kurgat - Commissioner, IEBC ▪ Chrispine Owiye - Manager Investigations & Prosecution IEBC ▪ Lucy Ndungu, CBS - Registrar of Political Parties ▪ Justice Msagha Mbogoli - Judiciary Committee on Elections
<p>6.30 pm – 9.00 pm</p>	<p>Reception and cocktail</p>	<p><u>Host:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wafula Chebukati - Chairperson, IEBC



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DAY 2 – JUNE 14, 2017		
Sub-theme: Mitigating conflict and building peace during elections		
Time	Session	Participants
8.30 am – 10.00 am	<p>Fostering electoral integrity and mitigating electoral fraud Brief Overview: Halakhe Wago, CBS, MCI Arb - Commission Secretary/ CEO, EACC</p> <p><u>Session Objective:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine measures put in place to ensure electoral integrity. <p><u>Guiding Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>What measures have been put in place to mitigate electoral fraud and ensure sanctity of the ballot?</i> <i>What measures have been put in place to curb hate speech?</i> <i>What challenges have been faced to enforce requirements of Chapter 6 of the Constitution of Kenya?</i> 	<p><u>Session Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Njonjo Mue - Chairperson, Africa Centre for Open Governance (AFRICOG) <p><u>Panelist:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Keriako Tobiko - Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) Hon. Francis Ole Kaparo - Chairperson, National Cohesion and Integrity Commission Halakhe Wago, CBS, MCI Arb - Commission Secretary/ CEO, EACC Margaret Mwachanya - Commissioner IEBC Regina Opondo - Chairperson Elections Observation Group (ELOG) Dr. Luis G. Franceschi - Dean, School of Law, Strathmore University Rt. Rev. Philip Anyolo - Kenya Conference of Catholic Bishops (KCCB)
10.00 am – 11.00 am	<p>Role of technology in elections: Kenya Integrated Elections Management Information Systems Brief Overview: Prof. Abdi Guliye - Commissioner, IEBC</p> <p><u>Session Objectives:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To examine the role of technology in the electoral process <p><u>Guiding Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>What are the sustainable improvements to voter registration, verification and results transmission?</i> <i>What are the provisions for effective implementation and quality assurance of the current technology?</i> <i>What needs to be done to enhance the use of technology in managing elections?</i> 	<p><u>Session Moderator:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wanjiru Gikonyo - The Institute of Social Accountability <p><u>Panelists:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prof. Abdi Guliye - Commissioner, IEBC Preston Odera - Information Systems Audit and Control Association Francis Wangusi - MBS Director General Communications Authority of Kenya



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11.00 am – 11.15 am	Health Break	
11.15 am – 12.15 pm	<p>Electoral Security Brief Overview: Joseph Boinet - Inspector General of Police</p> <p>Session Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To relate mechanisms put in place to ensure electoral security during pre-election, election day and post-election periods <p>Guiding Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>What mechanisms have been put in place to ensure security during campaigns, on the Election Day and during the post-election period?</i> 	<p>Session Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capt. Rtd. Dr. Simiyu Werunga - Executive Director, Centre for security Studies and Diplomacy <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joseph Boinnet - Inspector General, National Police Service Boya Molu - Commissioner, IEBC Peter Kiama - Executive Director, Independent Medico - Legal Unit & Co-convener KYSY Macharia Njeru - Chairperson, Independent Policing Oversight Authority Kagwiria Mbogori - Chairperson, Kenya National Commission on Human Rights
12.15 pm – 1.00 pm	<p>The Role of the media in elections Brief Overview: Connie Nkatha - Vice Chairperson, IEBC</p> <p>Session Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To identify ways of enhancing balanced, gender responsive and conflict sensitive coverage of 2017 General Election. <p>Guiding Questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>What are the key actions to be taken by the media to promote a level playing field among electoral contestants?</i> <i>How can the media enhance conflict sensitive and gender responsive coverage and reporting of elections?</i> <i>What is the role of social media in elections and democracy building?</i> <i>How effective are the media monitoring mechanism for elections?</i> 	<p>Session Moderator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dr. Nancy Achieng Booker - Assistant Prof. Aga Khan University <p>Panelists:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Connie Nkatha - Vice Chairperson, IEBC Charles Kerich - Media Council of Kenya (MCK) Dr. Hannington Gaya, EBS - Chairperson, Media Owners Association (MOA) Pamela Mburia - Chairperson, AMWIK Kennedy Kachwanya - Bloggers Association (BAKE)



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1.00 pm – 2.00 pm	Lunch Break	
2.00 pm – 5.30 pm	Youth position on credible and peaceful elections	Youth Coordinating Committee
	Closing ceremony	
	Conference Resolutions	Ezra Chiloba - CEO, IEBC
	Conclusion and Way Forward	Wafula Chebukati - Chairperson, IEBC
	Closing Remarks	Justin Muturi - Speaker of the National Assembly
	Vote of Thanks	Connie Nkatha - Vice Chairperson IEBC & Chairperson NEC Steering committee

GUESTS LEAVE AT THEIR OWN PLEASURE