



**PRESS STATEMENT BY IEBC ON 2022 GENERAL ELECTIONS, ON 7TH JANUARY
2022 AT LAKE NAIVASHA RESORT**

Happy New Year!

It is my pleasure to welcome you all to this press briefing as we conclude one of our planning meetings in preparation for the General Elections scheduled for 9th August 2022.

The Commission is on course in planning and is putting in place measures and mechanisms to ensure free, fair, credible, verifiable, accountable and transparent General Election. Towards this end, multiple processes/activities are being rolled out.

1. Enhanced Continuous Voter Registration

a) ECVR I

One of the key mandates of the Commission is to register all eligible Kenyans as voters. The Commission rolled out Phase I of Enhanced Continuous Voter Registration (ECVR) exercise from 4th October 2021 to 5th November 2021, where a total 1,519,294 eligible Kenyans were registered as voters out of the targeted 6 million new voters.

b) ECVR II

Following additional funding by the National Treasury, the Commission will from 17th January to 6th February 2022, conduct the second and final phase of the Enhanced Continuous Voter Registration (ECVR) in preparation for the General Election.

The ECVR Phase II offers another opportunity to eligible Kenyans, who missed ECVR Phase I to register as voters, transfer polling station or change their particulars. The Commission is targeting to register the remaining 4.5 million of the targeted voters.

We therefore appeal to Kenyans eligible to register as voters, especially the youth who have attained the age of 18 years, to take advantage of this opportunity. It is your constitutional right to register and vote in your preferred leaders come 9th August 2022.

2. Diaspora Voter Registration

The Commission is determined to progressively actualize the right of Kenyans living outside the country (diaspora) to participate in General Elections in accordance with Article 82 of the Constitution.

The right of Kenyans to register Kenyan citizens residing outside Kenya or to conduct elections outside Kenya shall be based on the presence of Kenyan embassy, High Commission or Consulate in accordance with Regulation 34(2) of the Elections (Registration of Voters) Regulations 2012.

ECVR II will also augment the right to register as a voter for Kenyans living in diaspora. In addition to Kenyans in Burundi, Tanzania, Rwanda, Uganda and South Africa, which participated in 2017 General Election, the Commission will extend diaspora voter registration exercise to seven more countries; namely, the United Kingdom, Canada, the United States, South Sudan, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Germany.

The voter registration for citizens residing outside Kenya will start on 23rd January 2022 and end on 6th February 2022. Voter registration will be conducted during the official working hours at the Kenyan Embassies, High Comissions and Consulates in respective countries. The Commission will use Biometric Voter Registration (BVR) kits to capture biometric and biographic details of the voters.

The Commission will avail a BVR kit at the IEBC offices-Anniversary Towers in Nairobi, to enable voter registration services to eligible diaspora citizens who will have traveled to Kenya during this registration period.

Kenyan citizens residing outside Kenya who apply for registration as voters must fulfil the following conditions:

- Produce a valid Kenyan passport,
- Be of eighteen years of age and above, and
- Present their identification document to the Registration Officer stationed at a designated registration center.

However, Kenyans residing within the East African Community may use their Identity Card as proof of their citizenship.

During this ECVR II, a voter previously registered in Kenya but wishing to vote in Diaspora should visit their preferred registration center in the Diaspora to change their voting station. Similarly, those who had previously registered in Diaspora but wish to vote in Kenya should visit the IEBC constituency offices in their preferred constituencies.

It is important to note that a registered voter in diaspora will only be voting for the *Presidential* elective position.

3. Audit of the Register of Voters

Section 8A of the Elections Act, 2011 requires the Commission to, at least six (6) months before the date of a General Election, engage a professional reputable firm to conduct an audit of the Register of Voters for the purpose of: verifying the accuracy of the register; recommending mechanisms of enhancing the accuracy of the register; and updating the register. This exercise will be conducted after closure of the ECVR Phase II. The Commission is in the process of procuring a firm to undertake the audit exercise. The engaged firm shall give a report within a period of thirty (30) days and the Commission shall thereafter implement the audit report recommendations within thirty (30) days.

4. Inspection and Verification of Register of Voters

Registration of voters and maintenance of an accurate Register of Voters is the foundation of free, fair, transparent and credible elections. This is the basis upon which the political right to vote and stand for any elective office is realized.

As provided under Section 6 of the Elections Act, 2011, the voters will be afforded an opportunity to inspect and verify their registration details in the Register of Voters at least sixty (60) days before the 2022 General Election. This exercise, scheduled to take place in line with the Elections Operations Plan, will promote transparency and accountability in the electoral process.

5. Political Parties Nomination Rules

The Commission has a constitutional mandate to regulate the process by which political parties nominate candidates for elections. The Elections Act, 2011 requires political parties to nominate candidates as per the party constitution and nomination rules. The Commission has a statutory duty to approve the said nomination rules in order to clear political parties to participate in the General Election.

The Commission has approved the nomination rules of 82 political parties to participate in the 2022 General Election (Refer to attached list). The Alliance for Real Change Party is the only fully registered party that was non responsive.

6. Public Officers Seeking Elective Positions

As per the provisions of the Elections Act, 2011, public officers who are interested to contest in the 2022 General Election should vacate office by 9th February 2022. However, in 2017, the Employment and Labour Relations Court sitting at Kericho declared section 43 (5) of the Elections Act requiring public officers to quit office six months to the General Election to be discriminative, unconstitutional, null and void.

Subsequently, the Court of Appeal in Nyeri stayed the judgement of the Employment and Labour Relations Court pending hearing and determination of the appeal. The appeal is yet to be determined.

Further, on 21st December 2021, the Employment and Labour Relations Court sitting at Nairobi granted *exparte* interim orders restraining IEBC from barring any public officer from vying for any elective seat in the General Election scheduled for the 9th August 2022, unless they resign from office on or before 9th February 2022 or as otherwise directed by the court. The court also granted orders of stay of the operation of the said section pending *interpartes* hearing on 24th January 2022.

The Commission has brought to the attention of the court, the subsisting orders of stay of the Court of Appeal pending determination of the appeal against the judgement of Employment and Labour Relations Court case in Kericho. IEBC will await the directions that the Employment and Labour Relations Court sitting at Nairobi will give on 24th January 2022.

Conclusion

The Commission assures Kenyans that it is on course in preparation for the 9th August 2022 General Election.

I thank our stakeholders and all Kenyans for their continued support. The Commission is alive to the significant role played by stakeholders in the electoral process and assures Kenyans that it shall continue to engage all relevant stakeholders within the confines of the law.

Fellow Kenyans, we must always remember our collective responsibility to ensure a peaceful, free and fair election in August 2022.

God Bless You and God Bless Kenya.



W.W. CHEBUKATI

CHAIRMAN

Approved List of Political Parties Nomination Rules for the 2022 General Election

S. No	Name of the Political Party	Compliance Status
1.	Kenya National Congress	Compliant
2.	Democratic Action Party -Kenya	Compliant
3.	Usawa kwa Wote Party	Compliant
4.	Peoples' Trust Party	Compliant
5.	United Progressive Alliance	Compliant
6.	United Democratic Movements	Compliant
7.	Ubuntu Peoples Forum	Compliant
8.	Empowerment and Liberation Party	Compliant
9.	Democratic Party of Kenya	Compliant
10.	Maendeleo Chap Chap	Compliant
11.	Diligence Development Alliance	Compliant
12.	United Green Movement	Compliant
13.	Chama cha Uzalendo	Compliant
14.	United Democratic Alliance	Compliant
15.	Democratic Congress Party	Compliant
16.	National Democratic Movement	Compliant
17.	Grand Dream Development Party	Compliant
18.	Party of Democratic Unity	Compliant
19.	United Democratic Party	Compliant
20.	The Service Party	Compliant
21.	Muungano Party	Compliant
22.	KANU	Compliant
23.	Ukweli Party	Compliant
24.	Progressive Party of Kenya	Compliant
25.	Tujibebe Wakenya Party	Compliant
26.	The National Vision Party	Compliant
27.	Liberal Democratic Party	Compliant
28.	National Reconstruction Alliance	Compliant
29.	Umoja Summit Party	Compliant
30.	Federal Party of Kenya	Compliant
31.	Kenya Union Party	Compliant
32.	Frontier Alliance Party	Compliant
33.	Green Congress of Kenya	Compliant
34.	National Liberal Party	Compliant

35.	Party for Peace and Democracy	Compliant
36.	Mwangaza Tu Party	Compliant
37.	Narc Kenya	Compliant
38.	Jubilee Party	Compliant
39.	Orange Democratic Movement (ODM)	Compliant
40.	Amani National Congress	Compliant
41.	Movement for Democracy & Growth	Compliant
42.	Peoples Party of Kenya	Compliant
43.	Narc	Compliant
44.	Labour Party of Kenya	Compliant
45.	Justice and Freedom Party of Kenya	Compliant
46.	Roots Party of Kenya	Compliant
47.	Republican Liberty Party	Compliant
48.	Maendeleo Democratic Party	Compliant
49.	Forum for Restoration of Democracy (FORD-K)	Compliant
50.	Economic Freedom Party	Compliant
51.	Devolution Party of Kenya	Compliant
52.	National Agenda Party of Kenya	Compliant
53.	Unified Change Party	Compliant
54.	National Ordinary People Empowerment Union	Compliant
55.	Pamoja African Alliance (PAA)	Compliant
56.	Entrust Pioneer Party	Compliant
57.	Millenium Party of Kenya	Compliant
58.	Green Thinking Action Party (GTAP)	Compliant
59.	Jirani Mzalendo Asili Party	Compliant
60.	Thirdway Alliance Kenya	Compliant
61.	Alternative leadership Party of Kenya	Compliant
62.	Restore & Build Kenya	Compliant
63.	Communist Party of Kenya	Compliant
64.	Peoples' Democratic Party	Compliant
65.	Safina Party	Compliant
66.	Chama cha Mashinani	Compliant
67.	KADU Asili	Compliant
68.	Kenya Social Congress	Compliant
69.	Wiper Democratic Movement	Compliant
70.	Chama cha Kazi	Compliant
71.	National Party of Kenya	Compliant
72.	Mabadiliko Party of Kenya	Compliant
73.	The New Democrats	Compliant
74.	Agano Party	Compliant

75.	Forum for Republican Democracy (FORD-Asili)	Compliant
76.	Party of Independent Candidates Kenya	Compliant
77.	Mazingira Greens Party of Kenya	Compliant
78.	Kenya Patriots Party	Compliant
79.	Party of National Unity	Compliant
80.	Peoples Empowerment Party	Compliant
81.	Shirikisho Party of Kenya	Compliant
82.	Farmers Party	Compliant