

# The State of Elections Preparedness

## “The IEBC perspective”

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# Introduction

- The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission has the constitutional mandate to ensure the delivery of free, fair and credible elections where eligible voters can express their will freely, without violence, threats, intimidation or coercion.
- Based on the history of elections in Kenya, successful preparations and management of elections requires that the Commission and other stakeholders put in place strategies that will ensure key components of elections preparedness, are addressed.

## Introduction continued...

In the run-up to the GE, the following activities will be key

1. Voter registration
2. Audit of the register
3. Nomination of candidates by parties
4. Elections technology deployment
5. Results management

# 1. Voter Registration

- Target is to enroll 6 million additional voters by 2017 General Election to be achieved through mass voter registration campaigns ending February 14, 2017.
- Verification will be done by confirming biometric data of voters at the polling stations for 30 days starting May 10, 2017 to June 10, 2017
- Diaspora registration – the commission shall conduct registration of diaspora voters in Uganda, Tanzania, Burundi, Rwanda and South Africa. Other countries shall be included as the commission progressively embrace diaspora registration and voting.
- Prisons - the commission shall gazette prisons as registration/polling stations. Prisoners shall only participate in Presidential election.

# Voter Registration Timelines

Activity	# of days	Start Date	End date
1. Conduct Phase II of MVR	30	16-Jan-2017	14-Feb-2017
2. Field offices collate data, load and transmit to central database	5	16-Feb-2017	21-Feb-2017
3. Prepare provisional register by matching, de-duplication and printing	21	22-Feb-2017	15-Mar-2017
4. Preparing kits and loading of registration data	30	15-Mar-2017	14-Apr-2017
5. Distribution of kits to polling stations	9	1-Apr-2017	9-Apr- 2017
6. Open the Provisional Register for verification using biometric voter data (90 days before the GE and close 60 days before GE)	30	10-May-2017	10-June-2017
7. Amend the Provisional Register	30	10-May-2017	09-Jun-2017
8. Certification and publication of final Register	7	10-Jun-2017	17-Jun-2017

## 2. Audit of the Voters Register

- The audit of the voters register has not been done within the timelines due to a conflict between Section 8A(3) of the Election laws (Amendment) Act 2016 and the Public procurement and Disposal Act 2015.
- The commission had identified a firm to undertake the audit following an expression of interest which was floated. The contract has not been signed owing to a court order stopping the process.
- The commission is hopeful that the matter can be resolved expeditiously to enable the commencement of the audit process.

### 3. Process of Candidate Selection and Nomination

- The new law states that a political party may request the Commission to conduct its party primaries. The commission is working on the rules to guide this process.
- The Commission is mandated under the Constitution to regulate the manner in which parties nominate their candidates.

## Timelines for Party nomination of Candidates

Activity	# of Days	Start Date	End date
(a) Submission of party nomination rules to the Commission	14	Monday, February 20, 2017	Thursday, March 02, 2017
(b) Submission of party membership list	10	Thursday, March 09, 2017	Sunday, March 19, 2017
(c) Submission of names of candidates for party primaries to the Commission	10	Sunday, March 26, 2017	Wednesday, April 05, 2017
(d) Gazettement candidates and date of primaries	7	Thursday, March 30, 2017	Wednesday, April 12, 2017
(e) Parties conduct party primaries	14	Thursday, April 13, 2017	Wednesday, April 26, 2017
(f) Dispute resolution by PPDT	30	Thursday, April 20, 2017	Friday, May 19, 2017



# Timelines for Nomination of Candidates

Activity	# of Days	Start Date	End date
Submission of Independent Candidates symbols, Letter of intent to vie and clearance from Registrar of Political Parties to IEBC	1	Thursday, May 04, 2017	Thursday, May 04, 2017
Submission of political party symbols, names and specimen signatures of political party authorized persons to certify nomination of the political party candidates	2	Friday, May 05, 2017	Sunday, May 07, 2017
Approval by the Commission of Political Party Symbols and Independent Candidates Symbols	2	Monday, May 08, 2017	Tuesday, May 09, 2017
Commission Transmits Copies of Party Signatories' specimen signatures & Candidate symbols to Returning Officers	2	Wednesday, May 10, 2017	Thursday, May 11, 2017

## Timelines for Nomination of Candidates...continued

Activity	# of Days	Start Date	End date
Pre-Nomination Meeting with Aspirants	1	Tuesday, May 23, 2017	Tuesday, May 23, 2017
Nominations for Presidential elections	2	Sunday, May 28, 2017	Monday, May 29, 2017
Nominations for Senate elections	2	Sunday, May 28, 2017	Monday, May 29, 2017
Nominations for County Assembly Ward Representative Elections	4	Sunday, May 28, 2017	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Nominations for County Woman Representative Elections	2	Tuesday, May 30, 2017	Wednesday, May 31, 2017
Nominations for National Assembly Elections	2	Thursday, June 01, 2017	Friday, June 02, 2017
Governor Nominations	2	Thursday, June 01, 2017	Friday, June 02, 2017
Dispute Settlement from Nominations			

## 4. Implementation of Technology

- The Commission will deploy an integrated electronic electoral system which we have named the Kenya Integrated Electoral Management System (KIEMS) as provided for in Section 44(1) of the Elections Act, 2011.
- The commission established an Election Technology Advisory Committee (ETAC) comprising of various stakeholders as required under Section 44 (8) of the Elections Act, 2011.
- The commission has developed regulations on the use of technology in elections and has shared the same with the Committee on Delegated legislation together with the amendments to the other regulations.

## 5. Results Management

- The commission has developed a Election Results Management Framework which will ensure proper management of the election results.
- The results of the presidential elections shall be electronically transmitted from a polling station to the constituency tallying center and to the national tallying center.
- The Commission shall tally and verify the results received at the national tallying center and publish the polling result forms on an online public portal.
- The declaration of presidential results is based on the data submitted by the constituency returning officers to the national tallying Centre.

# Thank You

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