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Gaborone, Botswana

7-9 March 2011



SUNDAY, 6TH MARCH 2011

PRE-CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

12.00 – 20.00	Registration of Participants
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DAY 1 (MONDAY, 7TH MARCH 2011)

CONFERENCE OPENING; ELECTORAL REFORM

Open at 7.30	Registration of participants
8.15 – 09.00	OPENING CEREMONY: Director of Ceremonies: Mr. Alexander Thabo Yalala , Commissioner, EMB Botswana Chair of Opening Ceremony: Honourable Justice M. S. Gaongalelwe , Chairperson, EMB Botswana Welcome Speech by Mr. Vidar Helgesen , Secretary-General, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) Opening Speech: His Excellency S.K.I. Khama , President of Botswana
9.00 – 9.45	KEYNOTE ADDRESS Chair: Mr. Vidar Helgesen , Secretary-General, International IDEA Keynote Speech: H.E. Mr. Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de Leon , Former President of Mexico and Vice-Chairman of the Global Commission on Elections, Democracy and Security Vote of Thanks: Dr. Brigalia Bam , ECF-SADC President/Chairperson IEC South Africa
10.00 – 10.30	Press Conference/Coffee Break
10.30 – 12.15	PLENARY SESSION 1: ELECTORAL REFORM ACROSS THE GLOBE Chair: Mr. William Sweeney , President and CEO, International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) Speakers: Dr. Kwadwo Afari-Gyan , Chairman, African Association of Election Authorities Ms. Irena Hadziabdic , President, EMB Bosnia & Herzegovina Mr. Rene Sarmiento , Commissioner, EMB The Philippines Dr. Leonardo Valdés Zurita , President Councilor, EMB Mexico
12.15 – 12.30	Official Photograph of Participants

12.30 – 13.45	Opening of Vendor Exhibition/Knowledge Fair
13.45 – 15.15	<p>BREAKAWAY SESSION 1.1: EFFECTIVE ELECTORAL ASSISTANCE (OECD DAC DRAFT PRINCIPLES)</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Tadjoudine Ali-Diabacte, Deputy Director, United Nations Electoral Assistance Division (UNEAD)</p> <p>Speakers: Mr. Fabio Bargiacchi, Senior Electoral Advisor, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)</p> <p>Discussant: Mrs. Thoko Mpumlwana, Deputy Chairperson, EMB South Africa Ms. Sri Nuryanti, Commissioner, EMB Indonesia Dr. Joseph Thompson, Executive Director, Inter-American Institute of Human Rights-Center for Electoral Promotion and Assistance (IIDH-CAPEL)</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr. Domenico Tuccinardi, NEEDS Project Director, International IDEA</p> <p>BREAKAWAY SESSION 1.2: THE ROLE OF EMBs IN BETWEEN ELECTIONS AND LINKS WITH OTHER STAKEHOLDERS</p> <p>Chair: Ms. Carmina Sanchis-Ruescas, GPECS Programme Manager, UNDP</p> <p>Speakers: Mr. Kizito Tenthani, Executive Director, Centre for Multiparty Democracy, Malawi Dr. Francisco Javier Guerrero, Councilor, EMB Mexico Ms. Koki Muli, Director, Electoral Leadership Institute, Kenya</p> <p>Rapporteur: Ms. Teresa Polara, Electoral Assistance Specialist, European Commission</p> <p>BREAKAWAY SESSION 1.3: CHALLENGES FACING EMBs IN THE CONTEXT OF POLITICAL PRESSURE</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Massimo Tommasoli, Permanent Observer to the UN, International IDEA</p> <p>Speakers: Mr. Samuel Kivuitu, former Chairman, EMB Kenya Dr. Roberto Rosario, President, EMB Dominican Republic Mr. Prapun Naigowit, Commissioner, EMB Thailand</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr. Carlos Navarro, Director of International Election Studies and Political Affairs, International Affairs Division, EMB Mexico</p>
15.15 – 15.30	Afternoon Break
15.30 – 16.30	<p>PLENARY SESSION 2: RECAP OF BREAKAWAY SESSIONS</p> <p>Chair: Mr. Andrew Bradley, Director of Global Programmes, International IDEA</p> <p>Rapporteurs: Mr. Domenico Tuccinardi, NEEDS Project Director, International IDEA</p>

Ms. Teresa Polara, Electoral Assistance Specialist, European Commission
Mr. Carlos Navarro, Director of International Election Studies and Political Affairs, International Affairs Division, EMB Mexico

18.00 – 20.00

Welcome Reception hosted by IEC Botswana

DAY 2 (TUESDAY, 8TH MARCH 2011)

ELECTIONS AND CONFLICT; ENGAGING ELECTORAL STAKEHOLDERS THEME (INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY)

9.00 – 10.30	PLENARY SESSION 3: ELECTIONS AND CONFLICT Chair: Mr. Tadjoudine Ali-Diabacte , Deputy Director, UNEAD Speakers: Women in Elections-related Conflict: Dr. Annie Chikwanha , Board of Advisors Member, International IDEA Latin American Experience: Mr. Manuel Carrillo , Coordinator, International Affairs Division, EMB Mexico African Experience: Dr. Christiana Thorpe , UNEAD Asian Experience: Mr. Neel Uprety , Chief Election Commissioner, EMB Nepal
10.30 – 10.45	Coffee Break
10.45 – 11.45	BREAKAWAY SESSION 3.1: PREVENTION AND MITIGATION OF ELECTION-RELATED CONFLICT AND VIOLENCE Chair: Dr. Daniel Zovatto , Regional Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, International IDEA Speakers: Ms. Samia Mahgoub , IFES Country Director, Burundi Dr. Tania Arias Manzano , President, EMB Ecuador Rapporteur: Mr. Gianpiero Catozzi , Regional Electoral Advisor, UNDP BREAKAWAY SESSION 3.2: ELECTORAL JUSTICE Chair: Mr. Andrew Ellis , Regional Director for Asia-Pacific, International IDEA Speakers: Mr. Michael Svetlik , Vice President, Programs, IFES Prof. Jesus Orozco , Lead author, Electoral Justice: The International IDEA Handbook Judge Johann Kriegler , Former Chairperson of the Independent Electoral Commission of South Africa Rapporteur: Ms. Hilda Modisane , Executive Secretary, ECF-SADC

BREAKAWAY SESSION 3.3: ELECTIONS AND WOMEN	
Chair: Ms. Marie Pascaline Menono , Regional Gender Advisor, GPECS, UNDP	
Speakers: Dr. Suzana António da Conceição Nicolau Inglês , Chairwoman, EMB Angola Ms. Julie Ballington , Gender Advisor, GPECS, UNDP Ms. Monia El Abed , Human Rights Lawyer, Tunisia	
Rapporteur: Ms. Anna Sólyom , Project Manager, ACEEEO	
11.45 – 12.30	PLENARY SESSION 4: RECAP OF BREAKAWAY SESSIONS Chair: Mr. Felisberto Naife , Director of Elections, EMB Mozambique Rapporteurs: Mr. Gianpiero Catozzi , Regional Electoral Advisor, UNDP Ms. Hilda Modisane , Executive Secretary, ECF-SADC Ms. Anna Solyom , Project Manager, ACEEEO
12.30 – 13.30	Lunch
13.30 – 15.00	PLENARY SESSION 5: ENGAGING ELECTORAL STAKEHOLDERS Chair: Mr. Staffan Darnolf , IFES Country Director, Zimbabwe Speakers: Parliaments: Ms. Jessica Longwe , Director of Partner Relations, AWEPA Political Parties: Mr. Patrick Merloe , Senior Associate and Director of Electoral Programs, National Democratic Institute (NDI) Election Observers: Ms. Malgorzata Wasilewska , Head of Unit for Democracy and Election Observation, European External Action Service Civil Society: Mr. Paul Graham , Executive Director, Institute for Democracy in Africa (IDASA)
15.00 – 15.15	Afternoon Break (Launch of EISA's Voter Registration in Africa: A Comparative Analysis)

15.15 – 16.15	<p>BREAKAWAY SESSION 5.1: ELECTIONS AND INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES</p> <p>Chair: Mrs. Joyce Laetitia Kazembe, Deputy Chairperson, EMB Zimbabwe</p> <p>Speakers: Voter Registration Technologies in Practice: Mr. Felisberto Naife, Director of Elections, EMB Mozambique E-voting Challenges: Mr. Peter Wolf, Technical Manager, International IDEA Guiding Principles for Successful Implementation of New Technologies: Mr. Ben Goldsmith, IFES Country Director, Pakistan</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr. Dieudonné N. Tshiyoyo, Manager, Elections and Political Processes, EISA</p> <p>BREAKAWAY SESSION 5.2: YOUTH & ELECTIONS</p> <p>Chair: Ms Ilona Tip, Executive Director, EISA</p> <p>Speakers: Mr. Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Electoral Officer, EMB Canada Ms. Anna Solyom, Project Manager, ACEEEO</p> <p>Rapporteur: Mr. Rushdi Nackerdien, Senior Programme Officer, Electoral Processes Global Programme, International IDEA</p> <p>BREAKAWAY SESSION 5.3: MEDIA AND ELECTIONS</p> <p>Chair: Mr. James Deane, BBC World Services Trust</p> <p>Speakers: Dr. Steve Surujbally, Chairman, EMB Guyana Mr. Manoah Esipisu, Deputy Spokesperson and Deputy Director, Communications and Public Affairs Division, Commonwealth Secretariat Linda Maguire, Senior Electoral Advisor, UNDP</p> <p>Rapporteur: Ms. Aleida Ferreyra, Policy Specialist, UNDP</p>
16.15 – 17.15	<p>PLENARY SESSION 6: RECAP OF BREAKAWAY SESSIONS</p> <p>Chair: Mr. O. Motumise, Commissioner, IEC Botswana</p> <p>Rapporteurs : Mr. Dieudonné N. Tshiyoyo, Manager, Elections and Political Processes, EISA Mr. Rushdi Nackerdien, Senior Programme Officer, Electoral Processes Global Programme, International IDEA Ms. Aleida Ferreyra, Policy Specialist, UNDP</p>
17.15 – 18.30	<p>Reception Launch of International IDEA's Electoral Justice Handbook</p>

DAY 3 (WEDNESDAY, 9TH MARCH 2011)

GABORONE DECLARATION; CLOSING CEREMONY

9.30 – 10.45	PLENARY SESSION 7: PROTECTING AND PROMOTING THE INTEGRITY OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS Chair: Mr. Andrew Bradley , Director of Global Programmes, International IDEA Speaker: Prof. Stephen Stedman , Research Director, PPIEP Project
10.45 – 11.15	Coffee Break / Closure of the Vendor Exhibition
11.15 – 12.30	PLENARY SESSION: CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF DRAFT GABORONE DECLARATION Chair: Ambassador Mustaq Moorad , Regional Director for Africa, International IDEA
12.30 – 13.15	CLOSING CEREMONY OF CONFERENCE Chair: Mr. Andrew Bradley , Director of Global Programmes, International IDEA Closing remarks: H.E. Mr. Mokgweetsi Masisi , Minister for Presidential Affairs and Public Administration, Botswana
13.15 – 14.30	Lunch / FINAL PRESS CONFERENCE
14.30 – 18.00	Free Time
18.00 – 19.30	Cultural Event and Farewell Toast

Conference Languages: English, French, Portuguese, Spanish

Opening and Closing Ceremony Speakers

Brigalia Bam is a trained Social Worker and Educationist. She has a Masters Degree in Communications from the University of Chicago and also holds four honorary doctorates from universities in South Africa and Canada. Dr. Bam began her term of office as Chairperson of the Independent Electoral Commission of South Africa in 1999. Dr. Bam has also been General Secretary of the South African Council of Churches and Programme Director in the World Council of Churches. Dr. Bam is a Council member of the University of Transkei, Deputy Chair of Council of the University of South Africa, Chancellor of the University of Port Elizabeth, Board member of Institute for Global Dialogue, and Founder president of the Women's Development Foundation. She was also appointed in 2007 as a member of the AU's Panel of the Wise.

Vidar Helgesen, born 1968, was appointed as the Secretary-General of the Stockholm-based intergovernmental organization International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) in 2006. Mr. Helgesen, a Norwegian national, was Norway's Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs 2001-2005. Mr. Helgesen chaired the Afghanistan Support Group in 2002 and led the 2002-2003 peace negotiations between the Government of Sri Lanka and the Tamil Tigers. Mr. Helgesen is a lawyer. He was for many years involved in Norway's Conservative Party. Mr. Helgesen acted as Special Adviser to the President of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in Geneva 1998-2001. Mr. Helgesen was appointed by the UN Secretary-General as member of the UN Peacebuilding Fund Advisory Group 2007-2009.

His Excellency **S.K.I Khama** is the President of Botswana. His Excellency the President, Lieutenant General Seretse Khama Ian Khama, son of Botswana's founding President, Sir Seretse Khama. He studied in Swaziland, England, Switzerland, and pursued a military career completing his studies in the prestigious Royal Military Academy at Sandhurst, England. In 1998, he retired from the Botswana Defence Force and joined the ruling Botswana Democratic Party, becoming Minister for Presidential Affairs and Public Administration. His Excellency Khama is patron of various organizations and foundations, and founding Chairman of the Sponsor a Child Trust, which assist disadvantaged and orphaned children. Khama has received a number of honours and awards including the Presidential Order of Honour, Founder Officer Medal, Duty Code Order and the Distinguished Service Medal.

H.E. Mr. **Mokgweetsi Masisi** is Minister for Presidential Affairs and Public Administration in Botswana. He is currently coordinating the Poverty Eradication and Economic Diversification Initiatives, under the supervision of the Vice President. Minister Masisi has also worked with the UN, managing the UNICEF Education Programmed. He holds a graduate degree in Education obtained in the United States, and studied Economics and Social Policy in the United Kingdom. Recently, he undertook research in HIV prevention and Social Development.

Ambassador **Mustaq Moorad** is currently Regional Director of the Africa and the Middle East Programme in International IDEA. Ambassador Moorad has been Deputy Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation in his home country, Botswana, and Deputy Secretary for Defence, Justice and Security in Office of the President of Botswana. Before joining International IDEA, he has also been the Permanent Representative of Botswana to the African Union. Ambassador Moorad holds a bachelor degree from the University of Botswana and Swaziland and a MA in Public Policy Administration from the University of Wisconsin.

Ernesto Zedillo is the Frederick Iseman '74 Director of the Yale Center for the Study of Globalization, Professor of International Economics and Politics, and Adjunct Professor of Forestry and Environmental Studies at Yale University, and former President of Mexico from 1994 to 2000. He is chairman of the Global Development Network and the oversight board of the Natural Resource Charter. He is a member of the foundation board of the World Economic Forum, the G30, the Global Development Advisory Panel of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, among others. Zedillo has also served on numerous international commissions, such as chair of the High Level Commission on Modernization of World Bank Group Governance and chair of the Commission on the Role of the IAEA to 2020 and Beyond. He currently serves as Chair of the Oversight Committee of the Natural Resource Charter.

Speakers

Monia Abed is a prominent women's rights and gender equality advocate from Tunisia, serving as the advocate at the Court of Cassation of Tunis. Ms. Abed is one of the leading members of the Centre for Arab Women Research and Training, working to promote legal and policy reforms in women's human rights and gender equality in Tunisia and across the Arab region.

Kwadwo Afari-Gyan is currently the Chairman of the Electoral Commission, Ghana. He is also the current Executive Secretary of the African Association of Election Authorities. He did his Ph.D. at the University of California, Santa Barbara. He has taught at universities in America, Ghana and Nigeria and has authored several publications on political, constitutional and electoral issues. In 1991 he served on the committee that drafted several countries on behalf various organizations, including the Commonwealth, the UN, IFES, the NDI, the AU, ECOWAS and the Friedrich Ebert Foundation. He has also conducted several elections in Ghana and aided EMBs in other countries.

Julie Ballington is Gender Advisor, Global Programme for Electoral Cycle Support (GPECS) in the Democratic Governance Group at UNDP. She formerly served as specialist in the Gender Partnership Programme at the Inter-Parliamentary Union. From 2001-2005 she was responsible for the Women in Politics Programme at International IDEA in Stockholm. She previously worked at the Electoral Institute of Southern Africa (EISA) and she was also seconded to the Independent Electoral Commission of South Africa. She has participated in several electoral observation missions in Africa and the Middle East. Julie holds a Masters degree in political science from the University of Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Fabio Bargiacchi is serving as Senior Electoral Assistance Advisor at the UN/UNDP Brussels Office since January 2007. From 2004 till 2006 he worked as the Election Specialist at the Directorate for Operations Quality Support of the European Commission. Fabio has been the project coordinator and co-author of the EC Methodological Guide on Electoral Assistance, the co-drafter of the "EC-UNDP Operational Guidelines for the Implementation of Electoral Assistance Projects" and of the ACE Focus on Effective Electoral Assistance and he contributed to the UNDP Implementation Guide on Electoral Assistance. Fabio has also a previous extensive experience in election observation and electoral assistance with the EU, the UN and the OSCE.

Manuel Carrillo holds a Master's degree in Political Science. He has worked in the training program for public officials at the National Institute of Public Administration (INAP), as well as several agencies of the Mexican government, such as the Ministry of the Interior and the Office of the President of the Republic. He has written several articles on electoral issues, and collaborated in the second edition of the Electoral Dictionary published by the Centre for Electoral Promotion and Assistance of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights (IIDH/CAPEL). He has been Chief of Staff of the International Affairs Unit at the Federal Electoral Institute of Mexico since 1993.

Annie Chikwanha is an independent consultant working on democracy, governance, human security and peace and conflict. She previously worked as a Senior Research Fellow in the Institute for Security Studies and headed the African Human Security Initiative (AHSI) project in the institute's Addis Ababa offices. Her work in raising awareness of the potential human security threats in Africa focused on electoral violence and the impact of such incidences on the attempts to consolidate democracy. She is a Board Member of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA).

Manoah Esipisu, a journalist and diplomat from Kenya, is Spokesperson and Deputy Director for Communications & Public Affairs at the Commonwealth Secretariat. An expert on elections and electoral processes, Mr. Esipisu is author of "Eyes of Democracy: Media in Elections", a handbook for journalists. Mr. Esipisu studied political science, literature and journalism at graduate and post graduate levels at the University of Nairobi. He is an alumnus of the governance programme at the Les Aspin Centre, Washington DC.

Ben Goldsmith is a senior electoral advisor with 10+ years of experience advising and managing election administration projects in post conflict and developing democracies. Goldsmith serves as IFES' Chief of Party in Pakistan. He has helped conduct elections in Bosnia, Kosovo, Afghanistan, Iraq and the United Kingdom. He served as Deputy Chief Election Officer for the 2005 National Assembly and Provincial Council Elections and

provided technical assistance in Georgia, Egypt, Lebanon, Nepal and Pakistan. He has worked in Europe, South Asia and the Middle East, and has managed projects in over 20 countries.

Paul Graham is the Executive Director of IDASA – an African democracy institute. He is a member of the steering committee of the World Movement for Democracy and chair of the International Steering Committee of the NGO Process of the Community of Democracies.

Francisco Javier Guerrero Aguirre holds a PhD in International Affairs from Kent University. He was appointed Electoral Councilor of the Federal Electoral Institute of Mexico (IFE) in 2008. Among other positions, he has been Director of the Social Studies and Public Opinion Center of the Lower Chamber, Chief of Advisors to the Presidency of the Upper Chamber Board of Directors, Head of the International Affairs Unit and Chief of Advisors at the Secretary of Labor and Social Services, Advisor to Mexico City's Attorney General and Coordinator of the Master's and PhD programs at the Anahuac University. He has several publications and has written newspaper articles.

Irena Hadžiabdić holds a Masters Degree in Law, Economics and EU Policy and has over 15 years of experience in the elections and democratization processes. From 1997 to 2001 she worked for the OSCE Mission to BiH. In 2001 she was appointed Executive Director of the IFES. She actively participated in creating the Association of Election Officials of Bosnia and Herzegovina and professionally trains the election officials. She was appointed member of the BiH Central Election Commission in 2007, and currently she is the President of the Commission. Since 2002 she participated in work of the OSCE /ODIHR expert team.

Suzana Nicolau Inglês, was a Judge of Law at Country Court for six years, a Lawyer for more than twenty years, a Lecturer of Family Law at both Agostinho Neto University and Catholic University of Angola. She was also a National Commissioner at CNE-Angola (National Electoral Commission) from 2005 to 2010. Currently, she is the Chairperson of the National Electoral Commission since October 2010.

Jean-Pierre Kingsley was Chief Electoral Officer of Canada from 1990 until 2007 during which time he oversaw the creation of the National Register of Electors, placing the organization on the WEB including the real time transmission of results, and the establishment of an internationally recognized system of financing politics and elections. Subsequently he became President and CEO of the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (Washington DC) until July 2009. He is now an international consultant.

Samuel Mutua Kivuitu is a lawyer with legal practice of over 47 years in Kenya and has been elected as Member of Parliament for 10 years in Kenya. He has been member, Deputy Chairman and Chairman in the Electoral Commission of Kenya. He has managed several national elections and a national referendum in 2005. He has also been president of the Association of Africa elections (AAEA) and observed general and presidential elections in South Africa, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Nigeria and Uganda. He is a member of International IDEA ACE Network and on the list of African election experts under AU. He was also initiating the African Charter on Democracy Elections and Governance.

Judge Johann Kriegler is former Chairperson of the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) of South Africa. A South African human-rights lawyer, Judge Kriegler headed his country's elections of liberation in 1994 and the subsequent establishment of its permanent electoral agency. He has also served as a founding justice of the new Constitutional Court. Over the last dozen years he has engaged in electoral and other missions under inter alia UN, AU, IFES, ICJ and IBA auspices in East Timor, Pakistan, Iraq, Palestine, Sudan, Liberia, Sierra Leone and sub-Saharan Africa. In 2008 he led the international review of Kenya's 2007 elections and has just completed as an Electoral Complaints Commissioner in Afghanistan.

Jessica Longwe, is Director of Partner Relations of the Association of European Parliamentarians with Africa (AWEPA). She has 15 years' experience of working with Parliaments and parliamentary institutions on the African Continent and Europe. She has a Masters degree in Public Administration and is a mother of two children.

Linda Maguire is the Electoral Advisor in UNDP's Democratic Governance Group. In her current position, she provides policy and project advice on elections to UNDP country offices and their national partners, undertakes a research agenda, and maintains partnerships between UNDP and organizations within and beyond the UN. Before joining UNDP, she was Senior Program Officer for West Africa with the National Democratic Institute for

International Affairs (NDI), where she managed the electoral assistance programs in Côte d'Ivoire and Mali and provided support to legislatures, political parties and civil-society initiatives in the region.

Samia Mahgoub has broad experience in the field of elections spans across a wide variety of countries in Asia, Europe, the Middle East, and Africa, including the most recent posts in Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). In Burundi, as Head of Operational Sector, she provided technical assistance oversight in all functions from planning to reporting. As Election Coordinator in the DRC, she provided technical and logistical assistance to the Electoral Commission and assisted NGOs in civic education, gender and elections programs. Mahgoub has been an election observer in many elections, including those in Montenegro, Lebanon, Palestine and Mozambique.

Tania Arias Manzano is currently President of Electoral Tribunal of Ecuador. Dr. Manzano holds a PhD on jurisprudence and b.s. degree in judicial sciences from Ecuador catholic university. She also holds various degrees from other universities such as Superior Degree of Specialization in Public Contracts and Modernization of the State from Simón Bolívar Andine University and Superior Degree in Local Development and Participation from National Politechnical University and Politechnical University of Valence. In the last twenty years, she has worked in different Law Firms.

Patrick Merloe, NDI's Senior Associate and Director of Electoral Programs, has conducted over 170 missions to more than 65 countries, concerning electoral integrity, political rights and democratic development, and has produced a dozen publications on comparative law, human rights and elections. He was the principal drafter of the Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation and was a facilitator for the Global Network of Domestic Election Monitors (GNDEM) for the Declaration of Global Principles for Nonpartisan Election Observation and Monitoring by Citizen Organizations. Among other degrees, he received his Juris Doctor (doctor of law) from the University of Pennsylvania.

Thoko Mpumlwana has MA in the fields of Curriculum Development and Teacher Education from Michigan State University in the United States, and she has had a distinguished and illustrious career in the education sector especially in public sector institutions. Ms. Mpumlwana is one of the original commissioners of the Electoral Commission established in 1997 is currently acting as Deputy Chairperson. Ms. Mpumlwana has chaired the South African Council of Churches Women's Working Group and has been active in publishing as both author and editor. She serves, amongst others, in the boards of the Foundation for Human Rights (FHR), the Women's Development Foundation (WDF) and the South African Women in Dialogue (SAWD). She is the Chairperson of the Film and Publication Board and serves in many boards of South African organisations.

Koki Muli is an Accrediting BRIDGE Facilitator and she has worked in the area of training, human rights, democracy, constitution making, electoral justice and governance for over 15 years. She is an advocate of the High Court of Kenya and East Africa and has worked in Africa, Europe and North America. She is the Executive Director of the Electoral Leadership Institute (ELI) since 2008. During the last year she has been working for the United Nations Secretary General's Panel on the Referenda in the Sudan and is now engaged by UN Mission in Sudan as a Judicial Officer for the Rule of Law Section.

Prapun Naigowit, is an Election Commissioner with the Election Commission of Thailand since 2006. He is in charge of controlling and supervising elections both national and local, and referendums. He has over 30 years of experience of acting as Public Prosecutor. From 1982- 1995, Mr Naigowit held various management positions with the Office of the Attorney General. Since 1995 he has been the Director-General of many departments, the Department of Public Prosecution Service Commission and Secretary of the Public Prosecution Service Commission, Department of Intellectual Property and International Trade Litigation, and so on. He has also served as the Deputy Attorney General between 2001-2006.

Sri Nuryanti is currently a member of the Indonesian General Election Committee (KPU). She has worked at the Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI) as a political scientist and researcher. Her main areas of academic interest are democracy, good governance, political parties, elections and minority issues. Mrs. Nuryanti was awarded the Asian Public Intellectual Fellowship in 2001 and the Japanese Society for Promotion of Sciences Fellowship in 2005.

Jesús Orozco-Henríquez is Professor and Researcher at the Legal Research Institute of the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) as well as Commissioner at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights

(Organization of American States, 2010–2013). He served as a judge for sixteen years at the Highest Electoral Court in Mexico. He has published widely on Electoral Law, Constitutional Law, and Human Rights, including Electoral Justice: The International IDEA Handbook, as the lead author. He holds a Doctorate in Law, with honors, from UNAM and a Master Degree in Comparative Law from the University of California at Los Angeles, USA.

Roberto Rosario Márquez is Chairman of the Central Electoral Board of Dominican Republic since 2010. Mr. Rosario is Doctor of Laws and holds a Master of Advanced Studies for National Defence and Security. He is Chairman of the Training School Elections and Civil Registry of the Dominican Republic and author of several books. Mr. Rosario has been an observer of electoral processes in Latin America. He has extensive experience in electoral administration. He served as Member of the Central Electoral Board and in the Arbitration Chamber (2003-2006) and as Chairman of the Administrative Chamber (2006-2010).

Felisberto Naife is currently Director of Elections in National Electoral Commission of Mozambique. He has also acted as Director General of Technical Secretariat for Electoral Administration (STAE) in Mozambique and he has been Director of Training and Civic Education from 2003 to 2007. He has experience as senior facilitator of BRIDGE in Mozambique, Angola and South Africa.

Rene Sarmiento started in the government service as a member of the Constitutional Commission of 1986 that drafted the 1987 Philippine Constitution and the Presidential Human Rights Committee in 1993. He served as a peace negotiator from 1996 until 2006, as a member, then Vice Chairman of the Government Panel for Talks with the CPP/NPA/NDF, Deputy Presidential Adviser on the Peace Process (Undersecretary) and later, as Officer in Charge of the Office of Presidential Adviser of the Peace Process, a cabinet post. He is presently one of the Commissioners of the Commission of the Elections. He was the Chairman of the Committee on Detainee Voting that makes thousands of detainees to vote for the first time in Philippine history. Currently he is working to establish special voting precincts for Persons with Disabilities. He is also in the academe teaching Political Law, Constitutional Law, Evidence and Legal Philosophy.

Anna Sólyom was born in Budapest. She has MA in philosophy, graduated in 2007. Since 2007 she participates in the PhD program of the International Academy of Philosophy. From 2005 – 2007 she worked for IBM as CRM specialist. Anna joined the ACEEEO Secretariat as project manager and correspondent of international relations in October 2008. She is responsible for organizational and professional processes of the meetings of the ACEEEO, and beside these she is involved in managing capacity buildings, youth projects, observing elections, and many other projects. She is the focal point of ACE Project, and she also writes project proposals. Anna is semi-accredited BRIDGE facilitator since November 2009.

Stephen Stedman is the Freeman Spogli Senior Fellow at the Center for International Security and Cooperation and Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies at Stanford University. His research expertise includes civil wars, and mediation and implementation of peace agreements. In 2003-2004 Professor Stedman was Research Director of the United Nations High-level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change and was a principal drafter of the Panel's report. In 2005 he served as Assistant Secretary-General and Special Advisor to the Secretary-General of the United Nations, with responsibility for working with governments to adopt the Panel's recommendations on strengthening collective security. He is now Research Director for the PPIEP Project.

Robert Stephen Mahadeo Surujbally has studied at the University of Leipzig, Germany, in addition to being a Fulbright Scholar and a Hubert Humphrey Fellow. He has been the Chairman of the Guyana Elections Commission since 2001 and, and he has acquired a comprehensive knowledge and experience in elections management, international election observation and monitoring, working and researching in all continents. In the Caribbean, he is the President/Member of several State and Private Sector Boards of Directors, as well as many scientific and philanthropic Societies, while collaborating with national and international media. Dr. R. Surujbally is the recipient of Golden Arrow of Achievement, (National Honour Award).

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