



How Can I Contribute to the *ACE Electoral Knowledge Network*?

The seven ACE partners are pleased to unveil the new *ACE Electoral Knowledge Network*—the premier online resource for electoral management professionals, journalists, political parties, nongovernmental organizations and others interested in the administration of elections. The network provides a ready environment for professionals to generate, share and apply knowledge about managing elections. Funding for both the Administration and Cost of Elections project (the original ACE Web site) and the new *ACE Electoral Knowledge Network* was provided by the seven partners. While we are pleased to offer this new and innovative tool, we have much to do before we can fulfill the ambitious vision of the *ACE Electoral Knowledge Network*. However, only with additional support can we continue to meet the needs of today's electoral administrators and move the profession of election administration forward.

The Future of the ACE Electoral Knowledge Network

With the launch of the *ACE Electoral Knowledge Network*, we make available new tools and resources for practitioners around the world. But this is just the beginning. The partners have provided a vision for the network, taking it to a new level that includes capacity development and building a community of election practitioners. This exciting and innovative project needs additional support in order to continue to provide up-to-date resources and develop the new technology that will make this vision a reality. The areas that currently need additional support include:

- **Multi language materials and resources**

The ACE partners plan to make all resources on the *ACE Electoral Knowledge Network* Web site available in multiple languages. The initial goal is to translate all materials—which are currently available in English—into Spanish and French. Once that is accomplished, the partners aim to provide translations in Arabic and Russian as well. *If you are interested in making a contribution to support the translation of any section of the Web site, please contact info@aceproject.org.*



- **Building a community of election practitioners**

The *ACE Electoral Knowledge Network* aims to bring together, from around the world, election practitioners—including electoral management bodies, political parties, journalists and others—to share information, advice and resources. This community will be built through the creation of Regional Resource Centres, an Experts' Database and an "Ask-a-Question" Function.

The ACE partners are currently working to set up Regional Resource Centres across the globe. These centres will collect comparative data and resource materials, field questions that are relevant to the region, produce case studies and other useful resources, and work to build the capacity development of regional election practitioners. A panel of experts that is approved by the partners will field election-related questions via the Web site. *If you are interested in making a contribution to help build this community of practitioners, please contact info@aceproject.org.*



- **Capacity development: building the profession of electoral management**

The *ACE Electoral Knowledge Network* offers operational tools to improve the professionalism of election practitioners. Project partners plan to provide regional training programmes for electoral institutions seeking to strengthen the professional capacity of their staff, develop formal electoral programmes that allow students to



focus on election management, and provide assistance to election management bodies on policy and legislative frameworks. However, in order to move these projects forward, the ACE partners need additional support. *If you are interested in making a contribution to help build the capacity development skills of the election administration profession, please contact info@aceproject.org.*

The *ACE Electoral Knowledge Network* will grow and flourish through the vitality of its members and the quality of its knowledge and advice. However, financial resources are also critical to help sustain and deepen the initiative. Accordingly, the partners have established a trust fund under the auspices of the United Nations to receive financial contributions from interested donors to the project. More information about the trust fund can be found at www.undp.org/governance/ttf.htm.

The *ACE Electoral Knowledge Network* is just the beginning of a project that can move the profession of electoral management forward and build a global community of election practitioners. New technology will make this effort accessible to all, building the capacity of election practitioners worldwide. Provide your support today and help us continue this exciting and innovative project for generations to come.