

BRIDGE Project Version 2

Building Resources in Democracy,
Governance & Elections

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So what is the BRIDGE Project?

- A course in electoral processes because...
 - to achieve effective, sustainable electoral administrations, the development of the capacity of the staff needs to be prioritised
 - without the appropriate skills in place, election processes can be undermined
 - An electoral culture is easier to sustain when all stakeholders have a clear understanding of electoral processes





The History of BRIDGE

- First Expert Advisory Group (EAG) meeting in 1999
- Project first implemented in 2001 in East Timor
- Till that point there had been few formal opportunities available for comprehensive professional development in electoral administration.





Original Aims of BRIDGE

- to strengthen election administrators' capacity to conduct their work in an effective and efficient manner
- to enhance electoral administrators' professionalism
- to build teams and networks both within electoral administrations and with the broader community

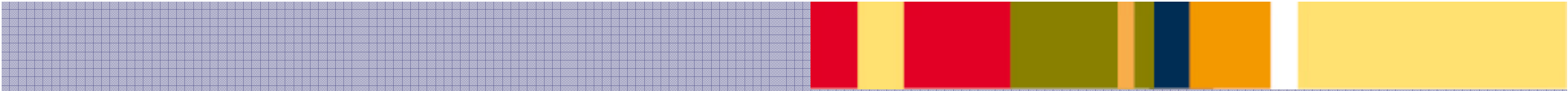




Potential New BRIDGE Audiences

- Electoral Commissioners
- EMB Staff
- Members of the Media
- Political Parties
- Parliamentarians
- Security Forces
- Civil Society Groups
- Academics and University Students





BRIDGE Methodology

- uses content developed by electoral experts from around the world
- is not prescriptive, it encourages participants to develop creative and appropriate solutions to challenges
- is activity-based and focuses on practical issues
- is flexible and adaptable





How BRIDGE Has Been Conducted

- modules for the nationals of **one country**;
 - Eg Australian Electoral Commission
- modules for an **international or regional group**;
 - Eg Melanesian Countries in Vanuatu Feb 2007
- modules with or through a **partner organisation**
 - Eg Georgia with UNDP, IFES and IDEA





When to Conduct BRIDGE

- BRIDGE should not be seen as a “quick fix” for electoral management bodies and their stakeholders
- It is a long-term, capacity development tool
- BRIDGE is best conducted in the evaluation and planning periods of the Election Cycle





New Expanded Content

- From 10 Modules to 23 Modules – covering all aspects of electoral processes
- Many more examples and case studies from around the world
- New material for each module



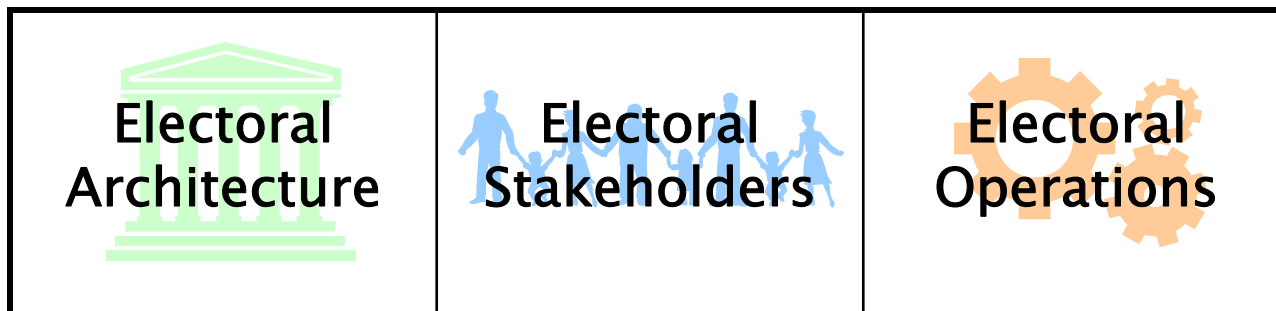
More International Writers and Editors



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Thematic Groups

- Over-arching Foundation Modules
- Three thematic groups:



- All modules are allocated to a particular thematic group



Version 2 Curriculum Framework

FOUNDATION

- Introduction to Electoral Administration
- Strategic & Financial Planning

ARCHITECTURE

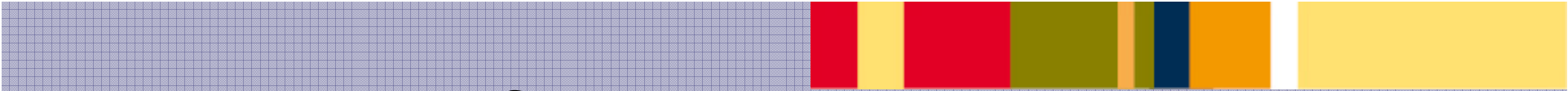
- Legal Framework
- Boundary
Delimitation
- Electoral Systems
- Electoral
Management
Design
- Electoral
Technology

STAKEHOLDERS

- Access to Electoral
Processes
- Voter Information
- Civic Education
- Electoral Contestants
- Electoral Observation
- Media & Elections
- Electoral Assistance
- Gender & Elections
- Electoral Dispute
Resolution

OPERATIONS

- Voter Registration
- Pre-election
Activities
- Training of Electoral
Officials
- Polling, Counting &
Results
- Post-election
Activities
- External Voting
- Security



Addition of Implementation Manual and Workshop

- Greater implementation guidance and support for organisations wanting to use and adapt BRIDGE material and courses
- Implementation Workshop (3-day) course to assist implementers, project managers and facilitators to implement BRIDGE in the most effective way

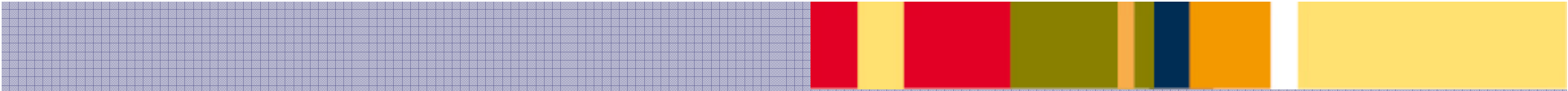




BRIDGE Project statistics

- To date BRIDGE has been conducted:
 - In 26 countries
 - For over 2000 people from more than 90 countries
- There are now:
 - Over 120 Fully Accredited BRIDGE Facilitators





Translations of Version 1 to date

- Full (100%) = Indonesian
- Partial = Russian (75%), Tetum (50%), Arabic (30%), French (30%), Portuguese (40%), Georgian (75%), Dari & Pashto (75%), Armenian (80%), Spanish (10%)





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