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## Editorial

In this issue of INFOgob Newsletter, we analyze the electoral behavior of Tacna, based on quantitative data on political organizations' participation in 2006 regional and municipal electoral processes, which showed some differences from 2002 regional and municipal elections.

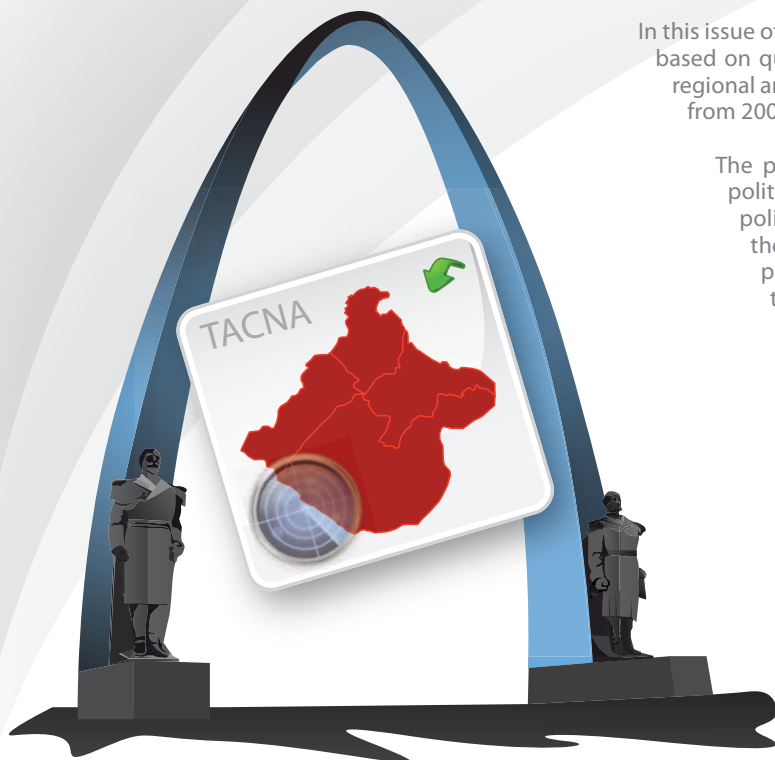
The political participation rights enable citizens to collectively form political organizations (parties, movements, electoral alliances, local political organizations with province or district scope); and, through them, they may be candidates for public positions chosen by popular voting or polls to elect their political options. This implies the citizens' faculty to collaborate with others in order to channel the popular will which is fragmented due to political pluralism and society diversity.

Political fragmentation affects electoral offer and demand. In the first case, it increases the number of organizations and candidates participating in the election; in the second, it raises the needs submitted as demand by electorate sectors, as well as vote dispersion. The greater the fragmentation, the larger the number of options competing for power, the greater the effort to coordinate interests to reach consensus, and the harder to obtain a solid support (input legitimacy) in voting.

At 2006 regional and municipal elections, Tacna saw a reduction of electoral offer (the number of local, district and province political organizations and candidates fell). Although Law No. 28094, Law of Political Parties of year 2003 established new formalities to obtain the registration and authorization to participate in elections, electoral results showed a clear preference for movements (with regional scope) that have a more comprehensive perspective than other sub-regional political organizations.

If this trend persists, movements may consolidate as a fitting model to coordinate sub-regional interests (local and provincial), which in turn would discourage the creation of province and district scope political organizations that increase fragmentation. The competition between lower numbers of forces would reduce vote dispersion and the number of excluded votes that have no value for building political representation in such scopes, facilitating their political coordination.

The situation of Tacna, with Infogob data, invites to study the participation of political organizations in the regional circumscription of each election and, based on the fluctuation of offer and demand recorded in the diverse processes, to reflect if interaction of such organizations may lead to a better selection of preferences and a better political representation at the sub-national scope.



Province Mayors: 4  
 Province Council Members: 26  
 District Mayors: 23  
 District Council Members: 123

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 REGION,**  
 Capital: Tacna  
 Population: 288,781  
 Number of Provinces: 4



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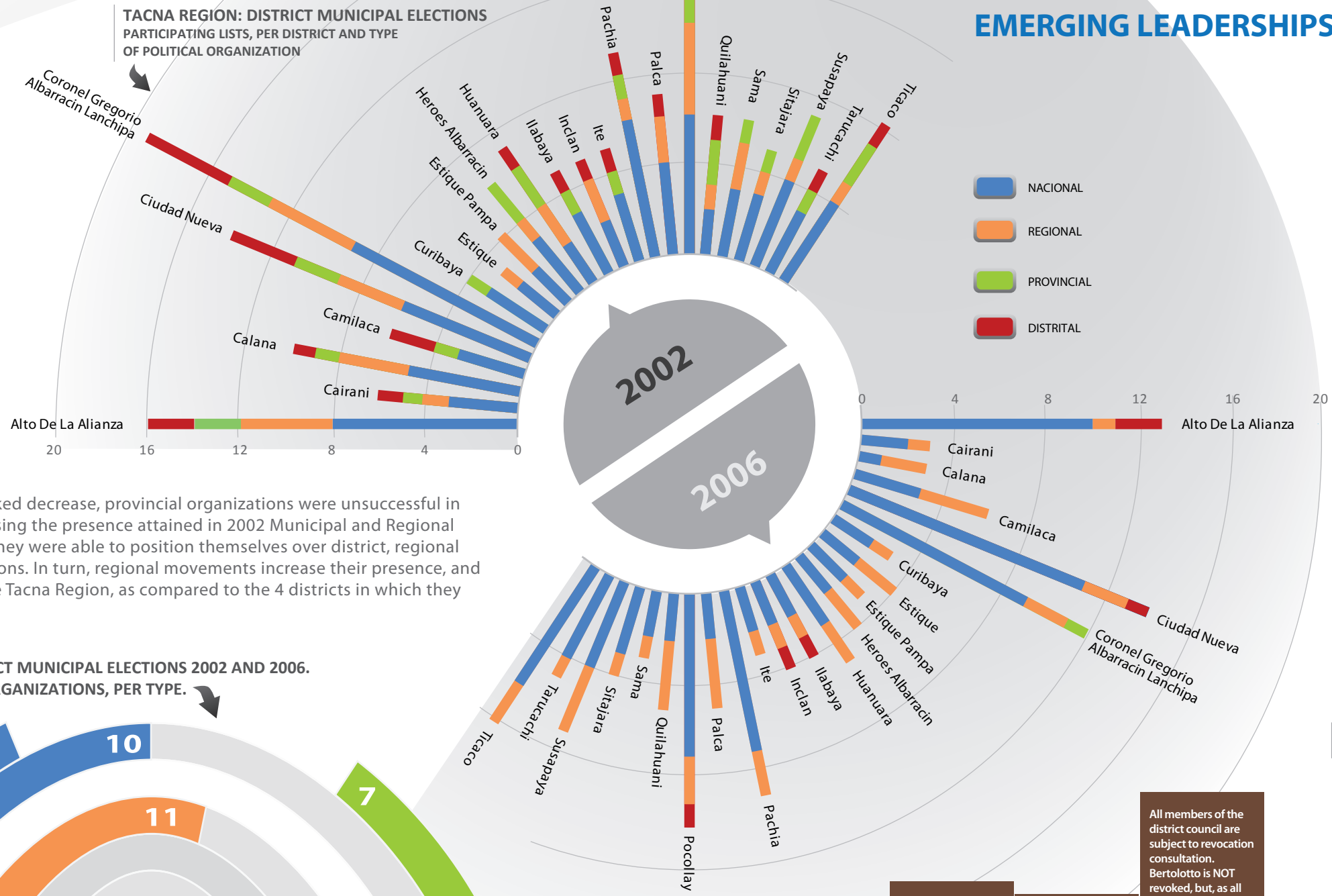
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## TACNA REGION

### POSITIONING OF REGIONAL MOVEMENTS

In the district scope, participation levels of political organization in 2006 Regional and Municipal Elections (ERM 2006) were considerably reduced when compared to the number of organizations that participated in the electoral process of 2002. Particularly reduced were the lists submitted by political organizations of province and district scope, as seen below.

As a consequence of this marked decrease, provincial organizations were unsuccessful in each district of the Region, losing the presence attained in 2002 Municipal and Regional Elections (ERM 2002), where they were able to position themselves over district, regional and national scope organizations. In turn, regional movements increase their presence, and won in 11 of 23 districts of the Tacna Region, as compared to the 4 districts in which they won in ERM 2002.



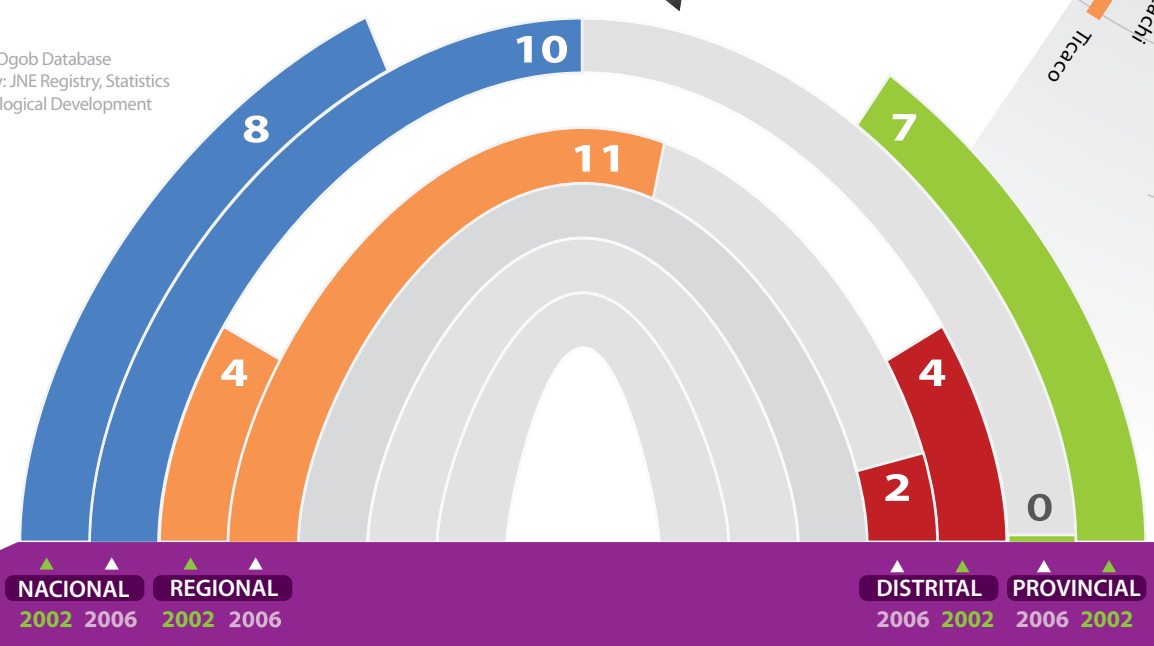
### SAMA: BETWEEN HISTORICAL AND EMERGING LEADERSHIPS

Sama district in the Tacna province is one of the 3 districts of the Tacna Region where the New Municipal Elections 2009 took place, because over one-third of the members of the district council were revoked in the Popular Consultation for Municipal Authorities Mandate Revocation 2008, including the district's mayor, Mr. Wilson Bertolotto Ticona.

Bertolotto was appointed Sama's mayor in the electoral processes of 1995, 1998, 2002 and 2006, and subject to popular consultation for revocation twice. Its closest contender during 2002 and 2006 Regional and Municipal Elections was Eduardo Fuentes, who obtained the position of district mayor during the Complementary Municipal Elections of 2005 and in the New Complementary Elections of 2009.

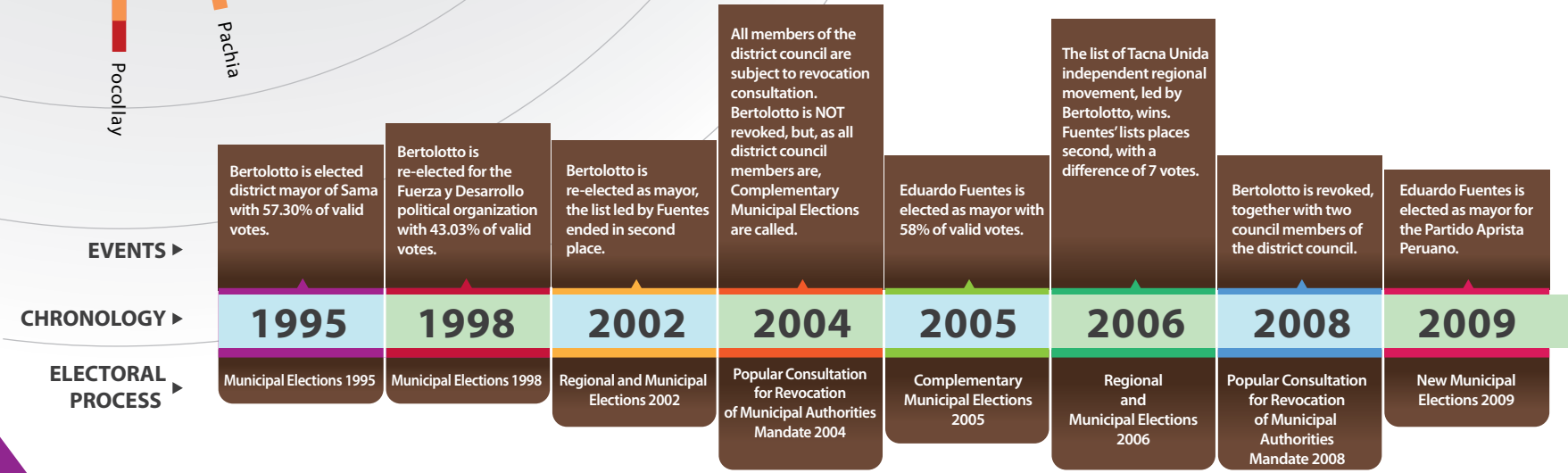
Below, a chronology of the electoral processes of the Sama district since 1995 is shown. It evidences not only a marked support to Bertolotto, but also the beginning of a dispute between him and Eduardo Fuentes, who has been the only elected mayor different from Bertolotto in the past 14 years, and who has been able to significantly increase the percentage of valid votes obtained in electoral processes where he has participated, posing a risk to the former mayor's historical leadership.

TACNA REGION: DISTRICT MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS 2002 AND 2006. WINNING POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS, PER TYPE.



Source: INFOgob Database  
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TACNA REGION: CHRONOLOGY OF ELECTORAL PROCESSES IN THE SAMA DISTRICT SINCE 1995.



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### Out of Place?

The Government Plan of Alianza por Tacna for the Candarave province proposes as one of its policies: "to oversee the defense of Grau's sea". This province, however, belongs to Tacna's highlands and has no access to the sea.



### Towards the council

The current mayor of the District Municipality of Palca, Aureliano Gutiérrez Ayca, states in his résumé that he used to work as driver there.



### Minimum Number

In the Sitajara district, only 62 signatures were required to make the 2008-2009 authorities revocation consultation valid.

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