



News From the *ACE Electoral Knowledge Network*

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Feature Articles



International Support for Elections: Effective Strategies and Accountability Systems Craig Jenness, Director of the UN Electoral Assistance Division, presents his reflections on the international support for elections. ... [read more »](#)



UNDP's Global Programme for Electoral Cycle Support One year after the launch of the UNDP's three-year global initiative, GPECS is helping countries improve their

electoral laws, processes and institutions and enhancing the participation of women in electoral processes. ... [read more »](#)



Working for Increased Transparency in the Role of Money in Politics

People do not trust political parties. World Value Survey asked people in 54 countries if they have confidence in political parties (2004-2007), the percentage that answered “not very much” or “not at all” was 73%. There are few indications that this is decreasing. ... [read more »](#)



A Conflict Cycle Perspective on Electoral Violence Election-related violence is a unique form of conflict and requires specifically designed responses for effective prevention. It is clear that the development community must move beyond ad hoc, compartmentalized approaches and take a more comprehensive, multi-stakeholder approach to election conflict. ... [read more »](#)



Togo Observing Free and Fair Elections - The Case of Tchamba in the Central Region

This article on the Togo 2010 presidential elections is a contribution by the Regional Centre of West Africa hosted by Gorée Institute as a part of the ACE Regional Centres' ambition to highlight and report on the latest developments within the field of elections around the world. ... [read more »](#)

What's New with ACE

The ACE website has been updated! The ACE website is continuously evolving and are now featuring new, improved pages for the sections of the [ACE Encyclopaedia](#), [Comparative Data](#), [Electoral Materials](#) and [Regions and Countries](#). Keep an eye open for further changes in the near future!

ACE Quizzes: What do you know about Elections? Try out the brand new ACE quizzes, featuring questions designed to provide you with a basic understanding of the main issues related to electoral processes. Current quizzes available covers [Electoral Systems](#), [Electoral Management](#) and [Legal Framework](#).

ACE on Facebook and Twitter Become a fan of ACE and receive selected election-related news, announcements, events as well as information on the most recent development related to the ACE network. Join the ACE network on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#)!

The Practitioners' Network is expanding. The online expert network - with selected election professionals from all over the world - is growing and the number of members have almost doubled since last year. Want to become a member? [Read more about the Practitioners' Network](#).

Electoral news from ACE. Stay up to date with electoral developments around the world by subscribing to the ACE RSS news feed, giving you access to more than 200 relevant news articles per month. The RSS feed is available in English and Spanish. [Access the ACE RSS news feed](#).

New Questions Answered

Criteria for selection of Electoral Commissioners: "Zimbabwe is advertising for Electoral Commissioners and the government has requested the ZESN (Zimbabwe Election Support Network) to come up with criteria for selection. What kind of selection criteria for Electoral Commissioners is used in your respective countries?" ... [read more »](#)

Serial Numbers on Ballots: "Are there other examples of the usage of serial numbers on ballots? What are the justifications and the security measures in cases where serial numbers are used? Can such serial numbers be a meaningful way to prevent misuse of ballots, e.g. by using spare ballots from one polling station for ballot stuffing in another?" ... [read more »](#)

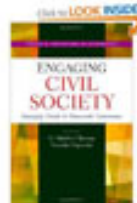
"Acceptable" number/proportion of invalid ballots: "Is there a general standard or benchmark for the number/% of invalid votes cast that is considered 'normal' or 'acceptable'? Obviously the kind of voting system in use plays a big role, but are there any comparative figures or analyses out there to consult on the issue?" ... [read more »](#)

Information Resources



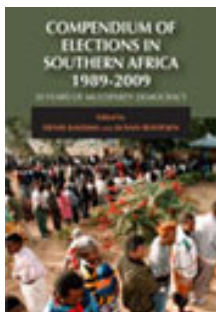
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Election Calendar

Burundi Legislative, July 28

Sao Tome and Principe Parliamentary, August 1

Solomon Islands Parliamentary, August 4

Kenya Referendum, August 4

Rwanda Presidential, August 9

Events Calendar

July 21, 2010 | Bregenz, Austria

EVOTE2010: 4th International Conference on Electronic Voting and Participation

www.e-voting.cc/topics/conference2010.

September 2 - 5, 2010 | Washington, DC

"The Politics of Hard Times: Citizens, Nations, and the International System under Economic Stress" 2010 American Political Science Association Annual Meeting

www.apsanet.org/

September 9 - 11, 2010 | Stockholm, Sweden

SGIR 7th Pan-European International Relations Conference

www.sgir.eu/7th-pan-european-ir-conference/

September 9 - 11, 2010 | Tbilisi, Georgia

"Developing accurate voters' list" - 19th Annual Conference and General Assembly meeting of the ACEEEEO

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