

MONDAY, April 12

- 8:00 Depart for Canadian Museum of Civilization
- 8:45 **Opening Ceremony**
Canadian Museum of Civilization

Singing of *O Canada* by The Kanata Children's Chorus
- 9:00 - 10:00 Welcome
 - Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Chief Electoral Officer, Canada
Opening Remarks
 - Bengt Säve-Söderbergh, Secretary-General, International Institute for Democracy and Election Assistance (IDEA)
 - Richard W. Soudriette, President, International Foundation for Election Systems (IFES)
 - Carina Perelli, Director, United Nations-Electoral Assistance Division (UN-EAD)
Keynote Address
 - Minister Don Boudria, Minister of State and Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, Canada
Closing Remarks
 - Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Elections Canada
- 10:15 Official Conference Photograph
- 10:30 Depart for the Delta Hotel
- 11:00 - 11:45 **Global Electoral Organization Network
Conference Background and Objectives**
Plenary Session
Panel Discussion

Chair: Daniel Zovatto, IDEA
 - Jeff Fischer, IFES
 - Ron Gould, Elections Canada
 - Carina Perelli, UN-EAD
 - Bengt Säve-Söderbergh, IDEA
- See Program Note 2*
- 11:45 - 13:15 **Backgrounds of Delegate Associations
Lessons Learned, Challenges, Achievements**
Plenary Session
Presentations from Delegate Associations

Chair: Bengt Säve-Söderbergh, IDEA
- See Program Note 3*

13:15 - 14:30 Conference Luncheon
Champlain Room, Delta Hotel

14:30 - 16:00 **Program Initiatives for Delegate Associations**
Working Group Discussion (3)

Group Facilitators:

- Daniel Zovatto, IDEA
- Ray Kennedy, IFES
- Robin Ludwig, UN-EAD

Each Group Will Consider the Following Questions:

1. *What programs have been most beneficial for association members?*
2. *How have the associations improved the electoral processes in their region or countries?*
3. *What bilateral agreements can be established between regional associations?*
4. *What are the common agenda items for all regional associations to consider?*

See Program Note 4

16:00 - 16:15 Refreshment Break

16:15 - 17:30 **Working Group Reports**
Plenary Session

Chair: Richard W. Soudriette, IFES

See Program Note 5

17:30 Plenary Session Adjournment

18:00 - 19:30 Conference Buffet Dinner
Champlain Room, Delta Hotel

TUESDAY, April 13

9:00 - 10:15 **Collaborations and Cooperative Ventures in Electoral Governance**
Plenary Session
Panel Discussion

Chair: Ron Gould, Elections Canada

Administration and Cost of Elections Project (ACE)

- Lisa Handley, ACE Project

Election Process Information Collection Program (EPIC)

- Ken Sherper, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

Strategic Capacity Building/Training Program

- Horacio Boneo, United Nations Department Economic and Social Affairs (UN-DESA)

See Program Note 6

10:15 - 10:30	Refreshment Break
10:30 - 11:30	Discussion Period on Panel Presentations Plenary Session – Victoria Room Chair: Reg Austin, IDEA
<i>See Program Note 7</i>	
11:30 - 13:00	Techniques for Using the ACE Electronic Publication Working Group Training Sessions (3) Group Facilitators • Therese Laanela, IDEA • Michael Boda, IFES • Helena Alves, UN-DESA
<i>See Program Note 8</i>	
13:00 - 14:30	Conference Luncheon Champlain Room
14:30 - 17:00	Project Opportunities and New Initiatives in Electoral Management and Democratic Governance Plenary Session Roundtable Discussion Chair: Carina Perelli, UN-EAD Partnership for Electoral and Democratic Development (PED) Program Announcement • José Woldenberg, Federal Electoral Institute of Mexico Session Will Consider the Following Opportunities: 1. <i>Collaborations and Cooperative Ventures</i> 2. <i>Regional Initiatives</i> 3. <i>Global Initiatives</i>
17:00 - 17:30	Discussion Summary • Jeff Fischer, IFES • Ron Gould, Elections Canada • Reg Austin, IDEA
<i>See Program Note 9</i>	
17:30	Plenary Session Adjournment
18:30	Depart Delta Hotel for Canadian Museum of Civilization
18:30 - 20:30	Reception and Conference Dinner

WEDNESDAY, April 14

9:00 – 10:30

Presentation of Draft Discussion Paper
“Election Management Bodies as Institutions of Governance”
Plenary Session

Chair: Kenneth Sherper, UNDP

Presentation

- Rafael Lopez Pintor, Autonomous University of Madrid

See Program Note 10

10:30 - 11:30

Actions of the GEO Network Conference
Plenary Session

Chair: Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Elections Canada

Session Will Consider the Following Areas of Action:

1. *Future Activities for GEO Network*
2. *Program Initiatives*
3. *Resolutions of the Conference*

See Program Note 11

11:30 – 12:00

Closing Ceremony

Chair: Jean-Pierre Kingsley, Elections Canada

- Carina Perelli, UN-EAD
- Bengt Säve-Söderbergh, IDEA
- Richard W. Soudriette, IFES

12:00

Conference Adjournment

Open

Press Availability