Credible Elections

Electoral stakeholders deliver elections that are inclusive and produce trusted

Democratic elections—giving effect to the rights to freely and safely vote, stand for office, and have all voices heard—have never been more important. IFES assists election management bodies (EMBs) and other electoral stakeholders to deliver on their mandates in the face of a constellation of threats and challenges.

✓ Supporting credible, inclusive, and locally-owned electoral systems and processes, including legal frameworks and dispute resolution mechanisms.

✓ Institutionalizing election management capacity and effective, independent leadership at the national and sub-national levels.

✓ Enabling effective crisis planning and communications and increasing preparedness to hold elections in the face of increasing attacks on the autonomy of EMBs, rising violence, and climate-driven displacement and disruption.

✓ Maximizing the benefits of election technologies, open data, and Artificial Intelligence (AI) to build digital resilience, mitigate against threats, and improve election delivery.

EXAMPLES

Tools for Election Management Bodies: Offering instructional support to EMBs, IFES assists election officials at every stage.

Our resources span the initial planning stages of an election to the end of the post-election evaluation process, guiding election practitioners through the entire lifecycle of an election. IFES tools help enhance planning skills, build institutional knowledge and resilience, gather comprehensive data, and increase trust and engagement with stakeholders.

Introduction to Operational Planning: A Guide for Election Management Bodies

Leadership in Training: As elections are subjected to higher levels of scrutiny, proper and thorough training is of paramount importance. Training that is strategic, resourceful, and innovative is needed to respond to the greater complexity facing election professionals. Based on a global comparison of training practices across 35 countries, IFES is building a training course for those responsible for developing the next generation of electoral officials.

Electoral Management Bodies Training and Capacity Building

Election Data: IFES hosts ElectionGuide.org, the most comprehensive source for verified election information available on the internet. This database houses details on upcoming nationwide elections, referendums, data on electoral systems, political parties, candidates, and key issues at stake in elections dating back to 1998. Journalists, researchers, and policymakers around the world rely on ElectionGuide for timely and accurate election data.

ElectionGuide.org

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180,000 election officials trained

300 Million+ voters reached

144 national elections supported

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