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PROMOTING ELECTIONS FOR THE PEOPLE OF LIBYA (PEPOL) PROJECT

Project Activity Report
July - September 2018



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ACRONYMS and ABBREVIATIONS

AWP	Annual Work Plan
CDA	Constitutional Drafting Assembly
CPD	Country Programme Document
CTA	Chief Technical Adviser
DSRSG	Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary General
EAD	Electoral Assistance Division
EOP	Election Operation Plan
ERMS	Election Results Management System
EU	European Union
HNEC	High National Elections Commission
HoR	House of Representatives
HQ	Headquarters
IFES	The International Foundation for Electoral Systems
International IDEA	International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance
IT	Information Technology
MoI	Ministry of Interior
MPs	Members of Parliament
NDI	National Democratic Institute
OCV	Out-of-Country Voting
PEPOL	Promoting Elections for the People of Libya
PM	Project Manager
PRODOC	Project Document
PSO	Procurement Support Office
PWDs	People with Disabilities
RBAS	Regional Bureau for the Arab States
R/EOP	Referendum Election Operation Plan
SID	Security Institutions Division
TC	Technical Committee
UK	United Kingdom
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme

UNEST	United Nations Electoral Support Team
UN	United Nations
UNSMIL	United Nations Support Mission in Libya
VAWIE	Violence Against Women in Elections
VR	Voter Registration
VRS	Voter Registration System

FACTSHEET

Country	Libya
Project Title	Promoting Elections for the People of Libya (PEPOL)
CPD Expected Outcome	Libyans participate actively in the democratic transition of their nation; central and local government authorities are strengthened to provide better services, and Libya successfully manages its transition to a state founded on Rule of Law.
Implementing Partner	United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) through an integrated implementation framework under the United Nations Support Mission to Libya (UNSMIL).
Main Beneficiary	High National Elections Commission (HNEC).
Donors	European Union (EU), France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Switzerland and the United Kingdom (UK).

Project duration	Three years (2018 – 2020) with possibility to extend per agreement of all parties including the United Nations Department of Political Affairs, Electoral Assistance Division (EAD).	
Estimated Required Resources (US\$) (2018 – 2020)		\$23,848,627
Allocated resources: Donors	EU	\$6,210,500
	France	\$236,368
	Germany	\$1,181,840
	Italy	\$325,006
	The Netherlands	\$1,666,666
	Switzerland	\$180,000
	UK	\$398,508

	In-Kind:	UNSMIL advisers
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PEPOL PROJECT 3rd QUARTER ACTIVITY REPORT

JULY - SEPTEMBER 2018

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report provides information on the status of the Promoting Elections for the People of Libya (PEPOL) project and associated workstreams for the period of July to September 2018.

Progress since the last report dated June 2018 is summarized as follows:

- Status overview - Kick start of the project in July with the arrival of the Chief Technical Adviser/Project Manager at the end of June; gradual recruitment of experts and first deliverables by end of August 2018.
- Work completed - Procurement and delivery of IT material (hardware and software), and fleet of vehicles for the HNEC and two armored vehicles for the project.
- Work in progress - Recruitment of independent contractors to develop the HNEC's Voter Registration System (VRS) and Election Results Management System (ERMS) software applications.
- Planned key milestones, activities and/or events - Finalization of the security upgrade and the rehabilitation of the HNEC new Head Office; installation of the IT network and other applications at the HNEC Head Office; support to improve the legal framework for elections; staff development and training of HNEC staff in IT, voting operations, civic & voter education, outreach & communication, electoral security, and inclusion and gender mainstreaming.

This report also summarises the key status indicators of the project as a whole, associated with the workstreams of the 2018 annual work plan (AWP). The next quarterly activity report will be circulated in January 2019.

For questions or related queries on the execution of the project, please contact the Project Manager and Chief Technical Adviser at joram.rukambe@undp.org.

I. PROJECT STATUS UPDATE

Overall context

In the third quarter of 2018, i.e. July - September 2018, the implementation of the electoral process and subsequent election-related preparations continued at a slower pace. The electoral timeline envisaged under the Paris Declaration of 29 May 2018, i.e. finalization of the constitutional and legal framework by 16 September to pave the way for the holding of a general election on 10 December 2018, was not realised. Although the House of Representatives (HoR) announced the adoption of the Referendum law in the last week of September 2018, the law has not been transferred to the High National Elections Commission (HNEC) to start the implementation phase. After the tragic terrorist attack of 2 May 2018, HNEC has been working to reestablish its institutional capacity. To compound the situation even further, HNEC has so far been waiting for the Treasury to release the Commission's budget of Libyan Dinar (LYD) 66.2 million adopted by the Government. The inter-armed group clashes around Tripoli, which started end of August and continued during the month of September, made their efforts even more challenging. The clashes also clearly underscored the difficulty for Libya to conduct credible and peaceful elections in a secure environment. Such clashes also

impacted on the capacity of electoral assistance to the HNEC, as the United Nations Support Mission to Libya (UNSMIL) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), temporarily withdrew majority of their electoral support staff from Libya in September 2018.

In July, the electoral context in Libya was marked by discussions on the legislative and constitutional framework to be adopted, as well as on sequencing of the upcoming ballots. Amidst these discussions, different views among Libyan stakeholders, such as Members of Parliament (MPs) of the HoR, or former members of the Constitutional Drafting Assembly (CDA), were voiced. Some expressed the need to call for a referendum on the constitutional proposal before the parliamentary and presidential elections or alternatively, hold parliamentary elections before the presidential election in December 2018, or in the first half of 2019. Despite the polarisation which marked the parliamentary deliberations on the draft referendum bill, the HoR announced to have passed the law and to have made requisite amendments to the 2011 Constitutional Declaration during the second half of September 2018. However, the law was reportedly adopted by collecting signatures from the MPs rather than by usual voting in a parliamentary session. The procedure may be challenged in the court. Also, some HoR members, especially those from the East, have indicated that they will use both parliamentary and legal means to fight the decision to promulgate the Referendum law without following procedures. It still remains to be seen what action they will take to oppose this law.

In August, the electoral process was marked by reduced activity given the context of the celebrations of *Eid-Al-Adha* and the subsequent holiday season, and by the deterioration of the security situation in Tripoli, due to armed clashes in the city's southern outskirts.

In September, the electoral assistance framework witnessed fewer counterpart meetings between the UN Electoral Support Team (UNEST/UNDP) in Libya and HNEC. Movement restrictions for UN staff in the capital and prevailing insecurity, reduced movement to and from the HNEC, as well as the working pace of the Commission due to the impact of the clashes in certain areas (neighborhoods) of Tripoli.

Throughout the reporting period, the PEPOL project continued to provide support and assistance to the HNEC in the fields of IT & Data Management, Logistics & Procurement, Out-of-Country Voting (OCV), and for the rehabilitation and refurbishment works of the HNEC's new headquarters (HQ).

Financial delivery

The total resource requirement for the project is **US\$ 23,848,627** million. With a commitment of **US\$ 10,598,380** million, the project has a funding gap of **US\$ 13,250,247** million. The project is implementing an annual work plan (AWP) for 2018 with a total budget of **US\$ 8,389,511** million.

From the overall proposed budget of the current financial year (FY 18 AWP) of US\$ 8,389,511 million, the project has disbursed the total amount of US\$ 5,420,787 million as of 30 September 2018, including commitments, i.e. 64.7% delivery,

Constraints and opportunities

The unfortunate attacks of 2 May 2018 at the HNEC premises, which claimed 14 lives and caused substantial damage to property, led to a serious slow-down of the HNEC, and by extension, PEPOL activities during the period under review. Furthermore, the delays to have a substantive project management team in place, slowed the finalisation of the project's AWP and key procurements, especially as required by the HNEC. Project activities were adversely affected by the inter-armed group clashes around Tripoli during September, which led to UNSMIL and UNDP to reduce the presence of international staff in Tripoli, and to request national staff to work from home. Despite the earlier announcement by the Executive to release LYD 66 million to the HNEC, the disbursement of these funds has not been transferred and this meant the HNEC was unable to carry out most of its activities as planned during Quarter 3 of the year.

So far, the project has commenced the recruitment process of a company to update and maintain the voter registration system (VRS) of the HNEC, in the event the referendum is called and the HNEC is required to update the register. Moreover, the project has similarly commenced to recruit another company to upgrade and update HNEC's Election Results Management System (ERMS) and related applications. Also, the recruitment of a project management specialist, procurement specialist and national project officer and several individual contractors (both national and international) during Q4, is expected to henceforth improve project management capacity, and also accelerate activity implementation, including technical support to the HNEC.

Subsequent Quarter's Work Plan

The activities planned for the next quarter include the finalisation of the security upgrade and renovation of the HNEC new Head Office, and the installation of the IT network at the same site, continued rollout of various IT applications' development and IT staff training, support to develop strategies and policies in areas such as electoral operations, voter education, electoral security, public outreach, gender and inclusion and mainstreaming.

II. PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION NARRATIVE

In line with the Project Document (PRODOC) and the project’s annual work plan (AWP) for 2018, PEPOL continued to provide support mainly to the HNEC, to contribute to the Commission’s enhanced capacity and credibility to organise and conduct elections that enjoy public confidence and acceptance.

Output 1¹: Support HNEC in the planning, preparation and conduct of national elections, including Out-of-Country Voting (OCV)

Project Output 1 Support HNEC in the planning, preparation and conduct of national elections, including Out-of-Country Voting (OCV)			
CPD output targets	Project output targets	Summary achievement in the third quarter	Status
High National Elections Commission’s (HNEC) capacity to conduct inclusive, credible and transparent elections enhanced.	Support to the establishment of a permanent voter register through technical advisory assistance: including upgrade and installation of a back-up system.	An independent contractor (Cactus) is being recruited to upgrade, maintain the HNEC voter registration system and provide continuous training to the HNEC IT staff; plans are underway to support the installation of the IT network at the HNEC new HQ and also develop an election results management system (ERMS) and related applications.	Ongoing
	Provide technical assistance in election operations planning and implementation.	Several meetings took place between the HNEC and UN Electoral support Team (UNEST) to discuss and finalise these plans and the work is ongoing; a draft OCV strategy was submitted to the HNEC for adoption.	Ongoing
	Facilitate the procurement of sensitive and non-sensitive election material.	Procurement planning for sensitive election materials commenced during the period; the tendering process for the security upgrade and renovation of the new HNEC HQ was concluded and the contracts were signed, and work has commenced; 20 vehicles were procured and some already delivered to the HNEC.	Ongoing

¹ Although not foreseen at the initial stage of the PEPOL project design, the HNEC, UNDP and the EU, earlier this year, agreed to allocate resources under Output 1 to support the security upgrade and rehabilitation of the new HNEC site at Sidi Al Masri; this activity was captured in the AWP as “Facilitate the procurement of sensitive and non-sensitive election material for the HNEC”.

Deploying field presence in select HNEC field offices.	Following a temporary suspension of staff recruitment occasioned by the security situation in Tripoli and the uncertainty in the election calendar, there was a delay to make these appointments; the moratorium was lifted at the end of September following the de-escalation of clashes and the HoR finalisation of the referendum law.	Not Achieved
Trainings and workshops on thematic functions.	UNEST/PEPOL organised a one-day workshop on voting simulation for the HNEC.	Ongoing
Overall status		Ongoing

IT support

During the period under review, PEPOL continued to support the contracting of Cactus to continue hosting, upgrading and maintaining the HNEC Voter Registration System (VRS). This system was hosted by IFES (The International Foundation for Electoral Systems) for the 12 months, but upon the request of the HNEC, PEPOL is taking over this contract from October 2018 until September 2019. The project has initiated the process of single-sourcing Cactus, in line with the said request by the HNEC. The contract entails the upgrade, maintenance of the VRS and provision of training to the HNEC IT staff to manage the application. The project agreed with the HNEC and IFES, for the latter to continue with some of the IT related trainings to the HNEC staff and to provide a cloud-based back-up solution for the HNEC VRS.

In close cooperation with the HNEC IT staff, the project started the development of the requirements and specifications for the installation of the computer network and PBX phone system for the new sites of the HNEC HQ. In addition, PEPOL provided advisory support for the design of the HNEC server rooms' equipment and capabilities, including fire prevention measures, automatic cooling system and means to securing access of the rooms with the use of access control equipment. Also, the project has finalised the HNEC IT training needs assessment and a training plan, and these have been submitted to the HNEC management for adoption.

Out-of-Country Voting (OCV)

During the period under review, the PEPOL and UNEST technical team held several meetings with the HNEC management and relevant department to discuss the planning and implementation of the Out-Of-Country Voting (OCV) for Libya. Since then, the project has produced and submitted to the HNEC the OCV plan, including recommendations of possible countries and timeliness for OCV in respect of either a referendum or an election soon. The plan, which must first be adopted by the HNEC Board, includes aspects such as institutions which the HNEC should partner and collaborate with, to implement OCV and the HNEC staffing requirement, including training.

Procurement

Working in partnership with the UNDP Procurement Support Office in Copenhagen (PSO), the project supported HNEC to acquire enhanced capacity to use technology in election management. Besides supporting the development of specifications, PEPOL procured IT equipment for the HNEC to the value of US\$ 1.2 million which includes desk tops, laptops, printers, servers and software application required for the running of the HNEC offices (i.e. both at the HQ and field), the data center and the tallying center, especially during elections. This equipment was delivered to the UNSMIL compound at OEA for storage prior to the relocation of the HNEC to its new site by early October. The HNEC provided about 15 sea containers which were used for the temporary storage of the IT equipment at OEA Village.

The PEPOL project contracted a civil engineer for the rehabilitation works of the HNEC's new HQ site in July. The engineer was deployed in Tripoli on 24 July and commenced work with the HNEC's Technical Committee (TC), mainly on defining the procurement timelines for the security upgrades and other technical issues and advising UNDP on the scope of work, bills of quantities and specifications for various tenders to be issued by UNDP for the HNEC new HQ rehabilitation. On 21 September, UNDP awarded the tender for the security upgrade at the new HNEC HQ to *Salabat al Hijara* Construction Company and since, the work has commenced and is expected to be completed in a period of at least four months. The second tender for the rehabilitation of Buildings 2 & 3 at the new HNEC site, was awarded to *Bab Ajaaj* for General Constructions on 28 September 2018, and the work is expected to commence in early October after an inception meeting involving UNDP, the HNEC and the contractor. During the period, UNDP and the HNEC agreed to revise the bills of quantities for especially the Buildings 2 & 3 rehabilitation, in order to accommodate some quantities which had been underestimated and also some new changes proposed by the HNEC.



Construction works, HNEC new HQ site, Sidi Al Masri, October 2018. Photo credits, Abdelhamid Kalai, © UNDP.

During August, the project procured a fleet of 20 vehicles on behalf of the HNEC and the vehicles (mainly small sedans and minibuses) are currently stored at both Palm City and OEA Village before their handing over to the HNEC at a time to be agreed upon. The value of the 20 vehicles is US\$ 480,000 thousand.

Logistics

The project continued to support the HNEC in finalising plans for the specifications and quantities of electoral materials required for future election, including the imminent constitutional referendum. Different election scenarios were projected, along with cost estimates and delivery timelines, according to the type of election, whether one or multiple elections at the same time, diverse polling station material parameters, voter allocation per polling station, shipping options and introduction of new polling materials. In mid-August, PEPOL/UNEST expert conducted a field warehouse assessment in coordination with the HNEC's Field Follow-up section. Initial visits were made to HNEC's field offices in Misrata, Al Khoms and Zliten, with more field visits scheduled for September, provided the security situation allows it. The aim of the visits was to determine the space requirements for the HNEC election materials and to verify the quality and quantity of available materials before new procurement ahead of the next election; the assessment also looked at the HNEC staff equipment and security in the field.

Training & procedures

UNEST supported the HNEC to conduct a one-day voting simulation workshop. The workshop was held at OEA Village and sought to test the additional anti-fraud HNEC measure aiming at promoting the transparency, integrity and efficacy of the voting process ahead of the next polls. During the simulation, timing of voting per voter was calculated for allocation of number of voters per polling station. The event was attended by 52 HNEC officials, including two members of the HNEC Board of Commissioners and 11 field training officials and a team of senior officials from the Ministry of Interior (MoI) in charge of Electoral Security. In attendance were Mrs. Stephanie Williams, Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General (DSRSG Political Affairs), and a representative from the UNSMIL Security Institutions Division (SID). The Deputy Chairman of the Commission thanked the UN for its technical assistance to the electoral process in Libya and further indicated that the HNEC would like to conduct a similar simulation exercise in Benghazi to allow more field staff to familiarise themselves with the new voting procedures and give their input to improve the voting process in Libya.

Output 2: Develop HNEC institutional and staff capacities and raise awareness on the requirements of electoral processes that are transparent, credible and promote inclusive participation

Project Output 2 Develop HNEC institutional and staff capacities and raise awareness on the requirements of electoral processes that are transparent, credible and promote inclusive participation			
CPD output targets	Project output targets	Summary achievement in the third quarter	Status
High National Elections Commission's (HNEC) capacity to conduct inclusive, credible and transparent elections enhanced.	Increase level of HNEC external communications by supporting its communications and external relations initiatives.	This work has commenced and is ongoing. So far, the HNEC set up a committee of three (Commissioner Belkhair, the PEPOL CTA, and the UNEST External Relations Specialist) to review the HNEC public outreach and voter education strategy.	Ongoing
	Integrate ICT in the administrative and operational functions of the institution, including in candidate nomination, results management and Out-of-Country voting.	The project has contracted ONA Incl. to lead on the development of the HNEC election results management system (ERMS), and related software application and support IT staff training on a continuous basis.	Achieved
	Learning, exposure and experience sharing through regional and south-south electoral experiences.	The project finalised the HNEC international networking and learning plan and shared this with the Commission. Also, the project commenced with the arrangement for the participation of the HNEC in the EU-UNDP <i>Global Conference on Sustaining Peace through Elections</i> , Brussels, 8 - 10 October 2018.	Ongoing
	Promote sustainability through effective coordination of electoral assistance.	In line with the earlier decision to conduct monthly electoral assistance meetings, UNEST/PEPOL held two meetings during the months of August and September.	Achieved
Overall status			Ongoing

Inventory taking for HNEC ballot materials

During the period under review, UNEST/PEPOL conducted field visits to support the inventory taking on HNEC ballot materials/assets, ahead of new procurements under the current electoral cycle.

Election Results Management System (ERMS)

During July, the project supported the finalisation of the terms of reference and specifications for the development of the HNEC ERMS and related software applications. After this, PEPOL continued to facilitate the contracting process of ONA Incl. firm to undertake this work which entails the upgrade and maintenance of the HNEC current ERMS and the provision of training to key staff to manage the software. Various meetings took place between HNEC, PEPOL and the contractor to agree on the deliverables and timelines. The first design workshop is scheduled for early November. This software application is required for the processing of results for all HNEC's key electoral activities, including the constitutional referendum. The project has agreed with ONA Incl. to convene a workshop in Tunis during mid-November to discuss and validate the inception phase of the ERMS. The workshop will be attended by ONA Incl. experts, relevant staff from HNEC and UNEST, including members of management who officiate on the first day of the workshop.

Output 3: Promote public participation in electoral processes through interventions that target and enable vulnerable groups to exercise their right to vote

Project Output 3 Promote public participation in electoral processes through interventions that target and enable vulnerable groups to exercise their right to vote			
CPD output targets	Project output targets	Summary achievement in the third quarter	Status
Number of initiatives adopted by the HNEC to increase the political participation of vulnerable groups, women and youth.	Support the implementation of HNEC's voter and civic education strategy through increased engagement with key stakeholders, including representatives of vulnerable groups.	Two planning meetings were held between PEPOL/UNEST and the HNEC Gender Focal Point and Gender Unit.	Ongoing
Overall status			Ongoing

Promoting public participation in electoral processes

In line with the project objective of fostering increased participation of women, youth and People with Disabilities (PWDs) in the electoral process, PEPOL/UNEST held two consultative meetings with the HNEC Gender Focal Point, Commissioner Rabab Halab, and the Gender Unit. The meetings reviewed the progress made by the HNEC in terms of addressing issues of inclusive participation in the electoral process and to plan more activities soon. One of the activities which emanated from these consultations was the one-day workshop on post-May attacks psycho-social support to the HNEC personnel. The event was held on 9 August 2018 at OEA Village and was supported by PEPOL. About 20 HNEC staff, mainly women, attended the workshop and more follow-up sessions are scheduled to take place soon.

Output 4: Raising the electoral awareness of local partners and institutions, enabling them to perform their roles effectively in the process

Project output 4 Raising the electoral awareness of local partners and institutions, enabling them to perform their roles effectively in the process			
CPD output targets	Project output targets	Summary achievement in the third quarter	Status
N/A	Raising awareness among security agencies on electoral conflict, and their role in mitigating and managing conflict.	Several meetings were held to establish mechanisms to promote election security and prevent election-related violence, including violence against women in elections (VAWIE).	Ongoing
	Facilitate liaison with Legislative Authorities.	A dialogue forum was held with the Legislature to support improvement of the legal framework on elections.	Ongoing
Overall status			Ongoing

Collaboration with partners in drafting legislation and facilitation of liaison with Legislative Authorities

UNEST collaborated with other partners including the National Democratic Institute (NDI) and International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) to support dialogue. A workshop on the legal framework for

elections was held from 13 - 14 July, in Tunis. This initiative brought some representatives of the HoR and other stakeholders to discuss ways to improve the legal framework ahead of the next elections. Although the HNEC did not attend this event, there are efforts to encourage more stakeholder dialogue on the legal framework and involve the HNEC given their mandate to implement electoral laws.

In August, UNEST provided the HoR with comparative analysis on the required majority for approving electoral and referenda laws. The analysis summarised overall trends and shared country-specific examples to inform the Parliament's ongoing discussion on the required majority for approving the referendum law in Libya.

III. PROJECT MANAGEMENT

PEPOL PROJECT STAFFING

During the period under review, UNDP appointed the PEPOL Project Manager (PM) and Chief Technical Adviser (CTA), the Senior Adviser for Electoral Systems, the Legal Adviser and two project assistants. UNDP also appointed a civil engineer (international consultant) to be fully dedicated to the HNEC construction project; there is also a plan to appoint a local consultant, on a third-party contract, to work alongside the international consultant who may face restrictions in his movements, including visiting the construction sites on a regular basis, because of security concerns around Tripoli.

The project has also appointed a national IT expert to support the HNEC IT department, mainly in the area of information management; the recruitment of an international information management specialist is scheduled to commence in early October.

Two of the four international consultants who were recruited earlier this year under a third-party contractor (Transtec) have opted to have their current contracts converted into home-based contracts when these expire in October this year. The two consultants are the OCV and Data Management Experts.

New recruitments, which are underway and could be finalised in October include: an international electoral security expert, two international field operations experts and two national field officers (to be based in Benghazi and Sabha respectively); one national legal adviser and one operations adviser (to be based in Benghazi), and one additional national translator.

The project has also arranged two support staff who will come on detailed assignments: a procurement expert coming from UNDP Afghanistan and a project management specialist from the UNDP Regional Bureau for the Arab States (RBAS) in Istanbul. Another person on detailed assignment from UNDP Tunis, an international legal adviser, has already commenced duty in early September.

GOVERNANCE, MANAGEMENT and IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

During the period under review, the PEPOL TC held about regular meetings - almost on a weekly basis - to provide strategic guidance to the project support team. Among the key achievements of the TC was the revision of the committee's terms of reference and the development and adoption of the 2018 AWP and budget. The members of the TC are the PEPOL PM and CTA, HNEC Commissioner Abdelhakim A. Belkhair and the Chief of Operations/Senior Electoral Adviser of the Electoral Assistance Division (EAD) of UNSMIL.

A joint UNEST/PEPOL team undertook a mission to Tunis between 5 - 12 September, to meet donors to discuss project update on activities and budget, including the current US\$ 1.3 million shortfall which required additional financial support. The meeting also provided an opportunity for UNEST to update the donors on political developments and the security situation around Tripoli and how these impacted on project activity implementation and on HNEC's preparedness for future elections.

The PEPOL Board Meeting earlier on scheduled for 28 September 2018, was deferred to an unspecified date, hopefully during the last quarter of 2018. This meeting will discuss and approve project progress reports and also annual work plans and the budget.

ELECTORAL ASSISTANCE COORDINATION

UNEST/PEPOL team convened monthly meetings on the coordination of electoral assistance in line with the UN mandate for Libya. The team met other electoral technical assistance providers such as IFES, NDI, International IDEA and Chemonics to discuss coordination and information sharing on activities aimed at supporting the HNEC. HNEC requested to convene a meeting with all technical assistance providers to discuss coordination issues and such meeting is expected to take place in Q4 of the year. Earlier on, the project team had held several other consultative meetings with Chemonics and IFES in Tripoli, to discuss joint activity implementation, mainly on the new HNEC Head Office rehabilitation and synergy amongst them in areas such as, the legal framework, election technology, voter education, electoral security, and gender and inclusion.



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CONCLUSION

Despite the challenges of the period under review, i.e. deterioration of the security environment, modification of the threat assessment levels and subsequent changes in risk management assessment and analysis, temporary freezing of activities and other, PEPOL carried on providing substantive support and technical advisory to the HNEC in a number of critical areas, such as electoral procurement, logistics, facilitation and advisory services, as well as for the rehabilitation and security upgrades of the HNEC's new Head Office.

Challenges with an overall impact on the electoral process and the project's implementation pace are the delays in the adoption of the legal framework, ongoing volatility of the security situation and related risks on electoral security, definition of the sequencing of ballots, adoption of the electoral calendar and operational timelines, provided adoption of the legal framework and electoral law. Planning and implementation follow the pace of these developments and PEPOL seeks to respond to the contingencies in the field in the most efficient manner.

The project is continuing with the recruitment of experts (national, international and on detailed assignments) expected to enhance the project's implementation capacity and working pace associated with the expected outputs.

There is expectation that during the last quarter of the year, the project will continue to implement key AWP activities without delays given the expected improvement in the security situation around Tripoli. The improved project staffing capacity will contribute to enhanced project performance to help the project achieve positive results by end of the year.

ANNEX I

UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT
PROGRAMME (UNDP)

As of of: 30
September 2018

Country: Libya

Project Descriptions: Promoting Elections for the
People of Libya (PEPOL)

Project Number: 101893

Output Description: Promoting Election for the People
of Libya (PEPOL)

Output Number: 104140

Output Status: Ongoing

Fund: Cost sharing agreement (In United States Dollar)

Descriptions	Signed Agreement	Cash Released	Expected to be received	Remarks
I. Receipt/Revenue				
European Union	6.210.500	3.726.300	2.484.200	EUR 5,000,000
France	1.006.510	236.967	769.543	EUR 850,000; 2nd Tranche not yet received.
Germany	1.181.840	1.181.840	0	EUR 1,000,000
Italy	325.006	325.006	0	EUR 275,000
Netherlands	1.666.666	1.111.111	555.555	2nd Tranche will be released upon request.
Switzerland *	180.000	180.000	0	
United Kingdom	392.670	392.670	0	GBP 300,000
Total	10.963.192	7.153.894	3.809.298	
II. Disbursements	Actual Expenses	Commitments	Total	
Staff and other Personnel costs	262.421		262.421	
Supplies, Commodities and Materials				
Equipment, Vehicles and Furniture including Depreciation	681.043	2.836.621	3.517.664	
Contractual Services	363.951	701.937	1.065.887	
Travel	12.851	131.503	144.354	
Learning/Workshops	90.552	17.046	107.598	

Professional Service	78.448		78.448	
General Operating and Other Direct Costs	107.990	8.510	116.500	
Sub total	1.597.256	3.695.616	5.292.873	
Programme Support Costs ^c	127.915		127.915	
Total Disbursement	1.725.171	3.695.616	5.420.787	
Available Cash Balance (I-II) from Cash received -(B-7)			1.733.107	

** Swiss funds earmarked to the Conflict Sensitivity component of the project.*

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Country: Libya

Project Descriptions: Promoting Elections
for the People of Libya (PEPOL)

Project Number: 101893

Output Description: Promoting
Elections for the People of Libya
(PEPOL)

Output Number: 104140

Output Status: Ongoing

Fund: Cost sharing agreement (In United States
Dollar)

Descriptions	European Union	France	Germany	Italy	Netherlands	Switzerland	United Kingdom	Total
I. Cash Receipts								
A. Agreement signed amount	6.210.500	1.006.510	1.181.840	325.006	1.666.666	180.000	392.670	10.963.192
B. Cash Received	3.726.300	236.967	1.181.840	325.006	1.111.111	180.000	392.670	7.153.894
C= Remaining cash to be released (A-B)	2.484.200	769.543	0	0	555.555	0	0	3.809.298
II. Disbursements								
D. Actual Expenses	116.319	196.737	619.629	308.121	483996	35	335	1.725.171
E. Commitments	3.081.871	13.048	111.977	10325,93	474944,45		3450	3.695.616
F. Total Disbursements	3.198.190	209.785	731.605	318.447	958.940	35	3.785	5.420.787
G. Available Cash Balance (I-II) from Cash received - (B-F)	528.110	27.182	450.235	6.559	152.171	179.965	388.885	1.733.107

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