



Electoral Assistance Project Update

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Project:	Promoting Elections for the People of Libya (PEPOL)
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Situation in Brief

On 4 October 2021, Libya's High National Election Commission received Parliamentary Election Law (02/2021) from the House of Representatives. On the basis of this legislation, HNEC Chair, Dr. Emad Al Sayeh has announced a simultaneous electoral process, in which the second round of presidential polling should take place on the same day as parliamentary elections; and emphasizing that results of both processes would be announced together, on the conclusion of both processes.

Activities in the Reporting Period

Voter card distribution

In advance of a nationwide distribution exercise (and marking the first time that the HNEC will issue voter identification cards), printing of 2.8 million cards is complete, respective procedures for distribution issued, and staff trained. Voter lists were exhibited in 1,906 locations across the country (25 – 27 October), without challenges submitted to the judiciary.

Distribution is scheduled to begin on 8 November with cards being issued in the same locations as for polling. Procedures have been also developed for distributing voter cards to internally displaced persons, enabling them to collect their cards from their selected constituency of origin, and to vote in the same place on Election Day. The three-week exercise will be closely monitored by the operations centre at the HNEC headquarters, using an SMS-based reporting scheme, enabling swift response to any arising issues.

Accreditation of observers and media

Observer and media representative accreditation for electoral process began on 5 October. As of 30 October, a total of 711 accreditations have been issued (561 male/150 female). Of these 36 were to local media persons (35 male/1 female); and 675 to local observers (526 male/149 female).

Candidate nomination

Endorsement lists were availed by the HNEC on its website on 24 October, enabling candidates of both elections to begin collecting the signatures (5,000 for presidential elections and 100 signatures

for parliamentary) required by law. Procedures and regulations have been revised to reflect the newly received Parliamentary Law and accommodate potential amendments; fact sheets are prepared and software in place. The process is envisaged to begin in the first half of November, and to coincide with the distribution of voter cards.

Stakeholder coordination

On 7 October, the integrated UNEST team held an information sharing meeting with international partners, elaborating the most recent political and electoral developments.

Project management and funding

The EU has committed an additional EUR 5 million to the project for assistance to HNEC with the conduct of the elections.

In an agreement-signing ceremony, hosted by the HNEC on 24 October, Japan contributed ¥ 198,000,000 (US\$ 1.74 million), specifically earmarked for the procurement of polling materials.

The HNEC has since committed to share the costs of electoral material production, contributing almost US\$ 900,000 (approximately LYD 3.9 million) and signing an official agreement at the Project Board Meeting in November.

The Project Board Meeting will discuss the need for additional funding, as well as an extension of the project (until end-December 2022) and approval of the Annual Work Plan.

Upcoming

- PEPOL Project Board Meeting (1 November)
- Meeting of HNEC with Facebook on Misinformation (2 November)
- Commencement of voter card distribution (8 November)
- Commencement of registration and nomination of presidential and parliamentary candidates (8 November)
- Electoral Information-Sharing Meeting (11 November)
- Technical donor meeting on the 2022 Work Plan (16 November, TBC)
- HNEC Webinar on preventing electoral violence against women (17 November, TBC)