



**REGIONAL FORUM ON CIVIL SOCIETY POST-ELECTION FOLLOW-UP ON RECOMMENDATIONS AND ELECTORAL REFORM
ADVOCACY INITIATIVES**

Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire, 29 and 30 June 2021

AGENDA

DAY 1

08:00 - 08:45			
Time	Session	Presenter	Moderator
08:45 - 09:15	Opening session		Ms. Nancy Lowenthal, Country Representative for USAID in Côte d’Ivoire
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Opening Remarks Background of the forum and Overview of programme 		Mr. Goré Justin Doua, Chief of Party, Supporting Transitions and Electoral Processes (STEP) program, EISA
09:15 -10:45	Session 1: The concept of follow-up on electoral recommendations: Rationale and challenges	Mr. Goré Justin Doua, Chief of Party, Supporting Transitions and Electoral Processes (STEP) program, EISA	Ms. Marie Joëlle Kei Dedy, Programme Officer, Elections and Political Processes department, EISA
10:45 -11:00			
Tea/coffee break			

11:00 -12:30	Session 2: International and African standards for follow-up on electoral recommendations		Dr Asante Emmanuel, Director of Advocacy and Policy Engagement, Centre for Democratic Development (CDD-Ghana)
12:30 -13:45	Session 3: The link between pre-election assessments, election observation and follow-up on recommendations: EISA's approach	Ms. Cecile Bassomo, Elections and Political Transitions Specialist, STEP program, EISA	Mr. Reverend James Lahai, National Coordinator, National Election Watch Sierra Leone
13:45 - 14:45	Lunch break		
14:45-16:00	Session 4: EISA's election follow-up approach and methodology: case studies of Tunisia, Mozambique, and Côte d'Ivoire	Mr. Goré Justin Doua, Chief of Party, Supporting Transitions and Electoral Processes (STEP) program, EISA Mr. Valdiodio Ndiaye, Resident Director, EISA Côte d'Ivoire	Mr. Alain Moulod, Senior Programme Officer, EISA Côte d'Ivoire
16:00	Close of day 1		

DAY 2

Time	Session	Presenter	Moderator
08:30-10:00	Session 5: Civil society's approaches to and existing trends in follow-up on electoral recommendations and monitoring the implementation of electoral recommendations: a case study of the DRC and Nigeria	Mr. Bishop Djamba, Executive Director, Réseau Gouvernance Economique et Démocratie, (REGED) Ms. Cynthia Mbamalu, Programme Manager, YIAGA	Mr. Lamine Coulibaly President, Réseau des organisations de la société civile spécialisées dans les réformes électorales (RESORE) Mali Deputy Head of Mission, Pool d'observation citoyenne du Mali (POCIM)

10:00-10:15	Tea/coffee break		
10:15 -12:45	Session 6 (breakout session): Existing trends of civil society groups in bridging the gap between their election observation role and their advocacy role.		Mr. Arsène Konan, Coordinator, Initiative de Dialogue et recherche action pour la paix (INDIGO)
11:45 -13:00	Session 7: A matrix of recommendations from Madagascar, Mali, Mozambique	Mr. Baïdessou Soukolgue, Head of Elections and Political Processes department, EISA	Ms. Rosalie Kobo, General Secretary, Central Africa Women Lawyers' Association (AFJC), member of Réseau Arc-En-Ciel (RAC)
13:00-14:00	Lunch break		
14:00-15-30	Session 8: Methodological approach and techniques for Civil Society electoral reform advocacy	Mr. Baïdessou Soukolgue, Head of Elections and Political Processes department, EISA	Ms. Lenny Taabu, Programme Officer, Elections and Political Processes department, EISA
15:30-16:45	Session 9: How can Election Management Bodies and other key stakeholders benefit from election follow-up and electoral reform advocacy initiatives by civil society groups?	Préfet Hors Grade Gervais Coulibaly, Independent Electoral Expert	Mr. Valdiodio Ndiaye, Resident Director, EISA Côte d'Ivoire
16:45 – 17:00	Wrap up and Vote of thanks		Mr. Goré Justin Doua, Chief of Party, Supporting Transitions and Electoral Processes (STEP) program, EISA
17:00	End of forum and tea/coffee break		