



REGIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE REVIEW OF EISA’S “BENCHMARKS FOR ENHANCED POLITICAL PARTY PERFORMANCE FOR DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE IN AFRICA”

Johannesburg, South Africa

29-30 March 2022

PROGRAMME

DAY 1

08:00 – 08:45	Arrival and registration		
Time	Session	Presenter	Moderator
08:45 – 09:15	Opening session		Mr. Grant Masterson Head of Department Governance Institutions and Processes (GIP), EISA
	Opening Remarks	Mr. Kevin Sturr Deputy Mission Director for Southern Africa Regional U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)	
	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 – 10:30	Session 1: Public opinion of political parties’ role in the consolidation of democracy and the rule of law in Africa	Ms. Asafika Mpako Communications Coordinator for Southern Africa	Mr. Goré Justin Doua Chief of Party

		Afrobarometer	Supporting Transitions and Electoral Processes (STEP) program, EISA
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee/tea break and group photo		
10:45 – 12:00	Session 2 a: Assessing ruling – opposition parties' relations in Africa: How to overcome democracies without “real” opposition?	Dr. Augustine Magolowondo Chief of Party Southern Africa Political Parties and Dialogue Programme Democracy Works Foundation	Mr. Thembelani Mazibuko Website Researcher, EISA
	Session 2 b: Existing inter-party liaison mechanisms for the promotion of political dialogue and democratic consolidation: the case of Malawi's Centre for Multiparty Democracy (CMD)	Mr. Kizito Tenthani Executive Director Centre for Multiparty Democracy	
12:00 – 13:15	Session 3: Relevance of political parties amid the rise of social movements in Africa	Action South Africa	Ms. Noxolo Gwala Programme Officer Governance Institutions and Processes (GIP), EISA
13:15 – 14:15	Lunch break		
14:15 – 15:15	Session 4: Political finance and the challenge of commercialised politics in Africa	Mr. Henry Muguzi Executive Director Alliance for Finance Monitoring (ACFIM) African Centre for political finance research, training and advocacy	Ms. Cecile Bassomo Elections and Political Transitions Specialist, Supporting Transitions and Electoral Processes (STEP) program, EISA
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee/tea break		
15:30 – 16:30	Session 5: Political communication in the era of social media in Africa	Dr Roukaya Kasenally Director of Programmes and Knowledge Management African Media Initiative (AMI) University of Mauritius	Ms. Crystal Africa Senior Programme Officer, Balloting and Electoral Services (BES), EISA
16:30	Close of day 1		

DAY 2

Time	Session	Presenter	Facilitator
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08:30 –09:00	Session 6: Overview of the benchmarks	Mr. Grant Masterson Head of Department Governance Institutions and Processes (GIP), EISA	Ms. Riana Henley Projects Coordinator, Balloting and Electoral Services (BES), EISA
09:00 –10:00	Session 7: Group discussion on the benchmarks: political system and political party institutionalisation and organisational focus	Groups of participants	Mr. Grant Masterson Head of Department Governance Institutions and Processes (GIP), EISA
10:00 – 10:15	Coffee/tea break		
10:15 – 11:45	Session 8: Group discussion on the benchmarks: political system and political party institutionalisation and organisational focus	Groups of participants	Mr. Grant Masterson Head of Department Governance Institutions and Processes (GIP), EISA
11:45 – 13:00	Session 9: Group discussion on the benchmarks: political system and political party institutionalisation and organisational focus	Groups of participants	Mr. Grant Masterson Head of Department Governance Institutions and Processes (GIP), EISA
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break		
14:00 – 15:15	Session 10: Group report back and plenary discussion	Groups of participants	Mr. Grant Masterson Head of Department Governance Institutions and Processes (GIP), EISA
15:15 – 15:30	Coffee/tea break		
15:30 – 16:30	Session 11: Group report back and plenary discussion	Groups of participants	Mr. Grant Masterson Head of Department Governance Institutions and Processes, EISA
16:30 – 16:45	Wrap-up and vote of thanks	Mr. Goré Justin Doua Chief of Party Supporting Transitions and Electoral Processes (STEP) program, EISA	
16:45	End of workshop		