



EISA's 4th ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM

PREVENTING AND MANAGING VIOLENT ELECTION-RELATED CONFLICTS IN AFRICA: EXPLORING GOOD PRACTICES

**Crowne Plaza Hotel, Johannesburg, South Africa
17-18 November 2009**

TUESDAY 17 November 2009

07:30-08:00 REGISTRATION

SESSION 1: WELCOME, OFFICIAL OPENING AND KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Chairperson: Mr. Denis Kadima, Executive Director, EISA

08:00: 08:30 WELCOME REMARKS

Mr Leshele Thoahlane-EISA Board Chairperson.

08:30-09:00 KEYNOTE ADDRESS AND OFFICIAL OPENING

His Excellency President Cassam Uteem, Former President of the
Republic of Mauritius (TBC)

09:00-09:30 GROUP PHOTO FOLLOWED BY TEA BREAK

SESSION 2: THEORY, CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES OF ELECTION-RELATED CONFLICTS

Chairperson: Dr. Gloria Somolekae, Independent Consultant

09:30-09:50 Democracy and Conflict: Theory, Practice and Global Trends
Prof. Gilbert Khadiagala, University of Witwatersrand

09:50-10:10 Causes and Consequences of Election-Related Conflicts in Africa
Prof. David Leornard, University of Sussex

10:10-11:10 Discussion

SESSION 3: KEY INSTITUTIONAL AND SYSTEMIC ISSUES

Chairperson: Dr. Muzong Kodi, Associate Fellow, Africa Programme, Chatham House, The Royal Institute of International Affairs, United Kingdom

11:10-11:30 Gender Dimensions of Election-Related Conflicts
Ms. Colleen Lowe-Morna, Executive Director, Gender Links

11:30-11:50 Electoral Systems & Conflicts
Prof. Mpho Molomo, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Botswana

11:50-12:10 Assessing and Mapping Risks For Election-Related Violence: Early Warning Mechanisms
Dr. Abdul Lamin, UNESCO, Accra, Ghana

12:10-13:00 Discussion

13:00-14:00 LUNCH

SESSION 4: PREVENTION, MANAGEMENT AND RESOLUTION OF ELECTION-RELATED CONFLICTS

Chairperson: Ms Titi Pitso, Manager, EISA

14:00-14:20 The Role of the Judiciary and Security Sector in Managing Election-Related Conflicts

Dr. Monica Juma, Executive Director, Africa Institute of South Africa

14:20-14:40 The Role of Multi-party Liaison Committees in Preventing & Managing Conflict in South Africa

Mr. Mosotho Moepya, Deputy Chief Electoral Officer, Independent Electoral Commission of South Africa

14:40-15:00 Elections and Violence in Nigeria

Prof. Samuel Egwu, Governance Team Leader, UNDP, Abuja

15:00-15:15 TEA BREAK

15:15-16:15 Discussion

SESSION 5: PREVENTION, MANAGEMENT AND RESOLUTION OF ELECTION-RELATED CONFLICTS (Continued)

Chairperson: Mr. Abie Dithake, SADC Council of Non-Governmental Organisations

16:15-16:35 The Role of CSOs and Media in the Prevention, Management and Resolution of Election-Related Conflicts.

Ms. Njeri Kabeberi, Executive Director, Centre for Multi-Party Democracy-Kenya

16:35-16:55 The Application of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Mechanisms in Handling Election-Related Conflicts.

Dr. Gavin Bradshaw, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Port Elizabeth

16:55-17:15 Election-Related Aspects of the Handling of the Post-Election Conflict in Kenya: Reflections on the Independent Review Commission

Prof. Jørgen Elklit, University of Aarhus, Denmark

17:15-18:00 Discussion

18:00-19:00 JOURNAL OF AFRICAN ELECTIONS EDITORIAL BOARD MEETING

19:00-21:00 COCKTAIL/RECEPTION

BOOK LAUNCH

- Kadima, D. and S. Booyesen (eds) 2009 Compendium of Elections in Southern Africa 1989-2009: 20 Years of Multiparty Democracy. Johannesburg: EISA
- UNDP 2009 UNDP Elections and Conflict Prevention: A Guide to Analysis, Planning and Programming

REPORT INTRODUCTION

- Economic Commission for Africa: African Governance Report II 2009

END OF DAY ONE

**DAY TWO
18 November 2009**

SESSION 6: ELECTORAL INTEGRITY

Chairperson: Ms. Njeri Karuru, Senior Programme Officer, Peace, Conflict and Development, IDRC

09:00-09:20 What is the Problem with Elections and their Outcomes? Lessons from the APRM Process
Dr. Afekheina Jerome, APRM Secretariat

09:20-09:40 Elections and Conflict in Zanzibar
Dr. Bernadetta Killian and Mr. Richard Mbunda, Lecturers, University of Dar-Es- Salam

09:40-10:00 Comparative Insights and Lessons of Experience from Election Observation in Kenya and Zimbabwe
Dr. Lucien Toulou, Chief of Party, EISA Country Office, Chad

10:00-11:00 Discussion

11:00-11:15 TEA BREAK

SESSION 7: INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

Chairperson: Prof. Said Adejumbi, Chief Public Administration Section & Coordinator, African Governance Report (AGR), UNECA

11:15-11:35 Role of the AU in the Prevention, Management and Resolution of Election-Related Conflicts
Mr. Musisiky Mwanasali, senior Programme Officer, UN

11:35-11:55 The Role of SADC in Mediating Post-Election Conflicts in Lesotho and Zimbabwe: A Comparative Analysis
Dr. Khabele Matlosa, Programmes Director, EISA

11:55-12:15 The Role of ECOWAS in Managing Election-Related Conflicts and Reversing Unconstitutional Changes of Government in West Africa
Prof Ade Adefuye, Governance Advisor, ECOWAS

12:15-13:00 Discussion

13:00-14:00 LUNCH

SESSION 8: CONSTITUTIONALISM AND POWER-SHARING IN AFRICA

Chairperson: Ms Christiana Thorpe, Chief Electoral Commissioner & Chairperson, National Electoral Commission, Sierra Leone

14:00-14:20 The New Era of Military Coups and Unconstitutional Change of Governments as Threats to Democracy in Africa
Professor Mwesiga Baregu, Professor of Political Science, University of Dar-Es-Salaam, Tanzania

14:20-14:40 Post-Election Conflicts and Power-Sharing Deals in Africa: Comparative Insights and Lessons of experience from Kenya and Zimbabwe
Mr. Victor Shale, Senior Programme Officer, EISA

14:40-15:40 Discussion

15:40-15:55 TEA BREAK

SESSION 9: OFFICIAL CLOSURE

Chairperson: Ms. Ilona Tip, Operations Director, EISA

15:55-16:25 Summary of proceedings and way forward

Dr. Khabele Matlosa, Director of Programmes, EISA

16:25-16:40 Vote of Thanks and Official Closing

Justice Yusuf Aboobaker, Chairperson of the Mauritius Electoral Supervisory Commission

Rappateur: Ms. Dimpho Motsamai

Organising Committee

Dr Khabele Matlosa, Director of Programmes

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ABOUT EISA

Since its inception in July 1996 EISA has established itself as a leading institution and influential player dealing with elections and democracy related issues in the African continent. The organisation's Strategic Objectives are

- To enhance electoral processes to ensure their inclusiveness and legitimacy
- To promote effective citizen participation in democratic processes to strengthen institutional accountability and responsiveness
- To strengthen governance institutions to ensure effective, accessible and sustainable democratic processes
- To promote principles, values and practices that lead to a culture of democracy and human rights
- To create a culture of excellence that leads to consistently high quality products and services
- To position EISA as a leader that consistently influences policy and practice in the Democracy and Governance Sector.

The vision of EISA is “an African continent where democratic governance, human rights and citizen participation are upheld in a peaceful environment”. This vision is executed through the organisational mission of “striving for excellence in the promotion of credible elections, participatory democracy, a human rights culture, and the strengthening of governance institutions for the consolidation of democracy in Africa”.

For the past three years, EISA has held an annual symposium, each of which focused upon a selected democracy and governance issue. The First Annual Symposium, in November 2006, examined the challenges of conflict, democracy and development in Africa. The Second, in October 2007, focused policy discussion around the prospects for sustainable democratic governance in Africa in an environment of dire socio economic conditions and entrenched poverty. The third, in October 2008, dealt with the challenges facing civil society engagement with the African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM).

The Fourth Symposium will be held this year with the theme **Preventing and Managing Violent Election Related Conflicts in Africa: Exploring Good Practices**. It will focus upon the problem of persistent, violent election related conflicts in Africa with a view to understanding their causes, magnitude and consequences for democratic governance. The conference will explore ways in which these conflicts can be prevented, managed and resolved and, in the process, share best practices from across the continent.

His Excellency Festus Mogae, Former President of the Republic of Botswana, will deliver a Keynote Address and officially open the Symposium.