DAY ONE
7th NOVEMBER 2007

08:00-09:00 REGISTRATION

SESSION 1

Chairperson: Mr Leshele Thoahlane, Chairperson of the EISA Board

09:00-09:30 WELCOME AND OFFICIAL OPENING

Introductory Remarks
Mr Denis Kadima – EISA, Executive Director

OFFICIAL OPENING
His Excellency, Sir Ketumile Masire – Former President of the Republic of Botswana

09:30-09:45 GROUP PHOTO AND TEA BREAK

SESSION 2

Chairperson: Justice Anastasia Msosa, EISA Board Member

09:45-10:15 KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Democracy: The African Challenge
Professor Kwesi Kwaa Prah – Executive Director, Centre for Advanced Study of African Societies (CASAS)

10:15-11:00 THE DEVELOPMENTAL STATE AND DEMOCRACY IN AFRICA

Democratising to Develop or Developing to Democratise: Which Way for the African State?
Mr Emmanuel Manyasa (Kenya)

The Feasibility of a Democratic Developmental State in Southern Africa
Dr Khabele Matlosa (EISA)

11:00-11:45 Discussion
SESSION 3

Chairperson: Dr Kwaku Asante Darko, South Africa Institute of International Affairs

11:45-12:30 DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE IN AFRICA
Trust in Political Institutions and the Challenges of Democracy in Africa
Mr David Maleleka (Lesotho)

Can Parliaments Deepen Democratic Governance in Africa?
Lessons from Lesotho
Mr Victor Shale (EISA)

The Promise of Democratic Rule at the Grass Roots Level in Africa: A Case of Democratic Decentralisation in Uganda
Mr Sabiti Makara (Uganda)

12:30-13:00 Discussion

13:00-14:00 LUNCH BREAK

BOOK LAUNCH

Challenges of Conflict, Democracy and Development in Africa
Johannesburg, EISA

Facilitator: Ilona Tip, EISA Senior Advisor – CMDEE

Overview of Challenges of Conflict, Democracy and Development in Africa
Professor Jørgen Elklit – University of Aarhus, Denmark & EISA Board Member

Book Launch
Mr Leshele Thoahlane – Chairperson of the EISA Board
SESSION 4

Chairperson: Ms Rindai Chipfunde-Vava, Director Zimbabwe Election Support Network (ZESN)

14:00-14:45 DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE IN AFRICA (continued)
How are we doing? Comparative Democratisation and Development in Namibia
Professor Bill Lindeke (Namibia)

Cameroon’s Democratic Process: Landmarks, Challenges and Prospects
Dr Thaddeus Menang (Cameroon)

The Limits of Neo-liberal Democracy in South Africa
Dr Sabelo J Ndlovu-Gatsheni & Dr Gwinyayi Dzinesa (South Africa)

The Challenges of Democracy and Governance in the Post-Election DRC
Mr Vincent Tohbi (EISA Country Director, DRC)

14:45-15:30 Discussion

15:30-15:45 TEA BREAK

SESSION 5

Chairperson: Ms Titi Pitso, Manager Balloting and Electoral Services (EISA)

15:45-16:45 GENDER DIMENSIONS OF POVERTY AND GOVERNANCE
Addressing the Feminisation of Poverty in SADC through Democratic Gender Inclusive Developmental States
Professor Sheila Bunwaree – University of Mauritius.

Developing a Political Culture for Democratic Governance: The Role of the Women’s Movement
Ms ‘Mamoeketsi Ntho (Lesotho)

The Deafening Silence of Women: Unfinished Democracy in Lesotho
Dr Itumeleng Kimane & Dr Matora Nitino-Makara (Lesotho)

16:45-17:30 Discussion

6:00-21:00 COCKTAIL PARTY
DAY TWO
8th NOVEMBER 2007

SESSION 6

Chairperson: Professor Jørgen Elklit, EISA Board Member

09:00-10:15 THE POLITICS OF POVERTY AND POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGIES
Politics and the Feasibility of Initiatives of Hunger and Vulnerability in Southern Africa
Professor Lionel Cliffe, University of Leeds
When Do Elites Care about Poverty?
Ms Marianne S. Ulriksen (Botswana)
Politics of Poverty Reduction in Malawi: A Local Governance Perspective
Dr Blessings Chinsinga (Malawi)
A Critique of Uganda’s Poverty Eradication Plan (PEAP)
Mr Ben K. Twinomugisha (Uganda)

10:15-11:00 Discussion

11:00-11:15 TEA BREAK

SESSION 7

Chairperson: Mr Wonder Jekemu, SIDA, Harare

11:15-12:15 THE POLITICAL CONDITIONALITY OF AID AND ITS IMPACT ON DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE
The Consequences of Aiding Democracy in Africa
Ms Bertha Chiroro & Ms Catherine Musuva (EISA)
The Politics of Food Aid in Africa
Dr Siphamandla Zondi (IGD, South Africa)
Financing Illiberal Democracy in Uganda
Dr Julius Kiiza (Uganda)

12:15-13:00 Discussion

13:00-14:00 LUNCH BREAK
SESSION 8

Chairperson: Ms Ilona Tip, EISA Senior Advisor – CMDEE

14:00-14:45  THE SIGNIFICANCE OF LEADERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEMOCRACY
Significance of Leadership for Sustainable Democracy in Southern Africa
Ms Matseliso Mapetla & Mr Moletsane Monyake (Lesotho)

The Leadership Succession Debate in South Africa
Mr Ebrahim Fakir & Mr Aubrey Mashiqi – Centre for Policy Studies (South Africa)

Leadership and the Democratic Process: Lessons from Kenya
Mr Samuel Nyanchoga (Kenya)

14:45-15:30  Discussion

15:30-15:45  TEA BREAK

SESSION 9

Chairperson: Mr Miguel de Brito, EISA Mozambique Country Director

15:45- 16:30  POLITICAL CULTURES AND DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE
Developing a Political Culture for Democratic Governance: Opening Spaces for Civil Society Participation
Dr Bhekinkosi Moyo (Senegal)

Promoting Democratic Values in Nigeria: Prospects and Problems
Mr Peter Osimiri (Nigeria)

Developing a Political Culture for Democratic Governance: Evidence from Malawi
Mr Moses Mkandawire (Malawi)

16:30-17:00  Discussion
DAY THREE
9th NOVEMBER 2007

SESSION 10

Chairperson: Mr Vincent Tohbi, EISA Country Director – DRC

09:00-9:30 HIV/AIDS AND DEMOCRACY
HIV / AIDS and Democracy
Mr Shalala Oliver Sepiso (Zambia)
Impact of HIV / AIDS on the Electoral Process
Mr Kondwani Chirambo – IDASA (South Africa)

9:30-10:00 Discussion

10:00-10:15 TEA BREAK

SESSION 11

Chairperson: Professor Sheila Bunwaree, University of Mauritius

10:30-11:00 GLOBAL TRENDS IN DEMOCRATISATION AND LESSONS FOR AFRICA
Sino Africa Relations and Democratic Transitions in Africa
Dr William Muhumuza (Uganda)
The Challenges for Democratisation in Latin America:
Lessons for Africa
Professor Philip Oxhorn (McGill University, Canada)
An Institutional Analysis of Indian Democracy
Dr Nandini Patel (Malawi)

11:00-11:30 Discussion
11:30-12:00  **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**

**POVERTY: A CHALLENGE FOR DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE**

Facilitator: Mr Denis Kadima – Executive Director, EISA

**PANELISTS**

Democracy, Social Policy, and Poverty Reduction  
*Professor Lionel Cliffe*

State Capacity for Poverty Reduction  
*Dr Khabele Matlosa*

Democratic Local Governance and Poverty Reduction  
*Professor Bill Lindeke*

Gender Dimensions of Poverty  
*Dr Itumelang Kimane*

12:00-12:45  Discussion

12:45 -13:00  **VOTE OF THANKS AND OFFICIAL CLOSING**

Ms Ilona Tip – EISA Senior Advisor – CMDEE

13:00-14:00  **LUNCH**

**FREE AFTERNOON AND DEPARTURES**
ABOUT EISA

EISA is a not-for-profit organisation which was established in 1996. Its vision is an African Continent where democratic governance, human rights and citizen participation are upheld in a peaceful environment. It strives for excellence in the promotion of credible elections, participatory democracy, human rights culture and the strengthening of governance institutions for the consolidation of democracy in Africa. The ultimate goal is to assist countries in Africa to nurture and consolidate democratic governance. SADC countries have received technical assistance and advice from EISA in building solid institutional foundations for democracy. This includes electoral system reforms; election monitoring and observation; constructive conflict management; strengthening of Parliament and other democratic institutions; strengthening of political parties; capacity building for civil society organisations; deepening democratic local governance; and enhancing the institutional capacity of the election management bodies. EISA is a partner together with six other organisations which have established the ACE Electoral Knowledge Network, a global programme that provides comprehensive and authoritative information on elections, promotes networking among election-related professionals and offers capacity development services. The other six partners are the Instituto Federal Electoral (Mexico), IFES, Elections Canada, International IDEA, UNDP, the European Commission, and United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. EISA observes elections taking place in the SADC region using an instrument it developed together with the ECF known as PEMMO (Principles for Election Management, Monitoring and Observation in the SADC Region).