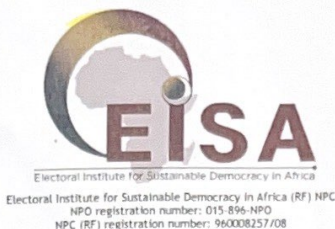


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EISA INTERNATIONAL ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION TO THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTIONS IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

PRESS RELEASE

The Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa (EISA) announces the arrival of its Short-Term Observers (STOs) to the 29 May 2024 General elections in the Republic of South Africa.

EISA has deployed a full-fledged International Election Observation Mission (IEOM) comprised of 34 members representing 17 African countries. The Institute considers the deployment of its IEOM as significant in contributing to building public confidence in the electoral process in South Africa.

Members of the Mission are drawn from Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), Election Management Bodies (EMBs) and academia from across the continent. The Mission is led by His Excellency Goodluck Ebele Jonathan, former president of the Federal republic of Nigeria, and deputised by Mr. Baïdèssou Soukolgue, EISA's Executive Director.

The observers will be deployed to all nine (9) provinces across the country where they will observe the final stages of the campaigns, Special Voting and Election Day procedures, including the opening of polls, voting, closing and the counting processes at polling stations.

The Mission's assessment of the electoral process will be guided by the principles and obligations set out in the 2007 African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (ACDEG), the 2002 OAU/AU Declaration of the Principles Governing Democratic Elections in Africa, the Declaration of Principles on International Election Observation (DoP) and the revised Principles for Election Management, Monitoring and Observation (PEMMO) in the SADC region as well as the legal framework governing the elections in the Republic of South Africa.

The observation will focus on the conduct of the elections in accordance with these guiding principles. To this end, the Mission will consult with the authorities of the country, the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC), political parties, independent candidates, representatives of civil society, and the media. It will also interact with other Observation Missions deployed in the country.

The EISA IEOM will issue a preliminary statement on its findings at a press conference on 31 May 2024. The Mission will remain in the country until 02 June 2024.

The EISA IEOM Secretariat is in the Grayston room at the Radisson Blu Hotel, Sandton.

Johannesburg, 24 May 2024

For the Mission,
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