

Arrival Statement

EISA INTERNATIONAL ELECTION OBSERVER MISSION TO THE 10 OCTOBER 2023 PRESIDENTIAL AND LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS IN LIBERIA

The Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa International Election Observation Mission (EISA-IEOM) announces the arrival of 20 Short-term Observers (STOs). The mission is headed by His Excellency Dr. Nevers Mumba, former Vice President of the Republic of Zambia and deputized by EISA Executive Director, Mr Baidessou Soukolgue and supported by a technical team.

The EISA-IEOM has been in Liberia since January 2023, observing various aspects of the elections, including the Biometric Voter Registration (BVR) exercise, provisional voters' roll exhibition, candidate nomination process and the ongoing political campaigns in eleven of Liberia's fifteen counties. These counties include Bomi, Bong, Grand Bassa, Grand Cape Mount, Grand Gedeh, Montserrado, Margibi, Lofa, Nimba, Maryland, and River Gee.

The 20 STOs bring a total of 32 observers (from 20 African countries) deployed to the 2023 elections in Liberia. EISA initially deployed a total of 12 Long and Medium-term Observers (LTO/MTOs) in April and July 2023 respectively to observe the early stages of the elections.

EISA observers will observe the final days of political campaigning, the final deployment of sensitive and non-sensitive election materials, voting day procedures, and the result tallying process.

EISA's assessment of the elections in Liberia is consistent with the legal framework in the country and international standards for elections and democracy. These frameworks include the Constitution of Liberia, the Elections Law of Liberia, the African Charter on Democracy, Elections, and Governance, and the Declaration on the Principles Governing Democratic Elections in Africa.

EISA International Election Observation Mission will issue a preliminary statement on its findings at a press conference on October 12, 2023.

The short-term mission will remain in Monrovia until 15 October 2023. Its secretariat is located at the Cape Hotel, Monrovia.

For the mission
His Excellency Dr. Nevers Mumba
Former Vice President of the Republic of Zambia

About USAID Support to EISA-IEOM to Liberia: The USAID-funded EISA International Election Observation Mission (EISA-IEOM) Activity seeks to enhance the integrity of the 2023 Liberia Presidential and Legislative elections through the deployment of an independent international election observer mission (EOM) to monitor, assess and report on all phases of the electoral process in accordance with international and regional benchmarks. The IEOM is implemented in close coordination with the financial support of USAID/Liberia and will complement the efforts of other electoral stakeholders.

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