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Formulating and Implementing Electoral Assistance Projects in the Context of the EC UNDP Partnership

Feedback from EMBs (REGIONAL EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF ELECTORAL CYCLES)

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What is the AAEA?

AAEA is the Association of African Election Authorities

**The members consist of African Election Management Bodies (EMBs)
and Election-related NGOs**



Objective of AAEA

- To promote and institutionalize professionalism in the administration of elections in Africa, through networking and the exchange of ideas**



Formation of AAEA

- ❑ Idea of formation conceived during colloquium of Election Administrators in Nov. 1994**
- ❑ Draft charter developed at meetings in Cape Town, South Africa (1995) and Windhoek, Namibia (1996)**
- ❑ Founding Conference was held from 14-16 January 1997 in Kampala, Uganda (Conference Revised and Approved Association's Charter)**
- ❑ Inaugural Meeting was held in Accra in August 1998 (Charter adopted and Executive Secretary elected)**



Organs of AAEA

General Assembly

- Supreme Organ- open to all Members and meets every three years

Advisory Board

- made up of ten member Associations elected by the General Assembly

- As far as practicable it reflects geographic and linguistic representation

- Advisory Board meets annually to act on matters referred to it by the General Assembly and oversee the finances of the secretariat

Secretariat (at the EC of Ghana)

- It is the depository of the Association

- Does day to day administration of Association

- It reports activities and finances of Association yearly to the advisory Board and every three years to the General Assembly



Assumptions Underling AAEA Courses

- Election Administration is a professional activity and therefore should not be done any how**
- The way election administrators do their work can contribute to peace and stability or to a situation of disorder**



Overarching objectives of the AAEA courses

- To equip participants with Knowledge and skills that will enable them run elections more efficiently and effectively**
- To make the participants fully conscious of and sensitive to their roles and responsibilities in delivering incontrovertible elections**



Basic Course Modules

- Introduction to Electoral systems**
- Election Management Bodies**
- The Electoral Process**
- Stakeholders of the EMB**
- The concept and Practice of Free and Fair Elections**
- The Work Environment of the Election Officer**
- Recruitment and Training of Temporary of Election Officials**
- Election Report Writing**



Intermediate Course Modules

- Election Language**
- Logistics**
- Human Rights, Elections and Good Governance**
- Conflict and Elections**
- Election Financing and Procurement**
- Election Observation**



Advance Course

- Modules will be developed with Support from GEC/EC 2012 Election Support Project.**



Thank You