

International IDEA, Electoral Assistance and the Joint Task Force

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SUPPORTING DEMOCRACY WORLDWIDE

International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance

its programmes aim to:

- Provide knowledge to democracy builders
- Provide policy development and analysis
- Support democratic reform

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ARE YOU ACTIVELY ENGAGED IN
THE PROCESS OF BUILDING
DEMOCRACY?



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ARE YOU ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN
POLICY DEBATE ON DEMOCRACY
AND DEVELOPMENT?



 IN FOCUS

September 12, 2008

JOINT ACTIVITY PLAN TO SUPPORT DEMOCRACY IN AFRICA

Efforts directed at building and consolidating democracy in Africa received an added boost today through the launch of a joint International IDEA and African Union 'Activity Plan' for democracy in Africa.





International IDEA

25 Member States on 6 continents

Independent from national agendas

The only intergovernmental
organisation mandated to support
democracy worldwide



IDEA's Core Mission

To support sustainable democratic change through:

- Comparative Knowledge Resources
- Assisting in Reform
- Influencing Policies and Politics



IDEA's approach

- Non-prescriptive and context sensitive
- Focus on processes, rather than events
- Providing a platform for debate and facilitate international dialogue
- Sharing of south-to-south experience and best practices
- Encouraging locally-driven and informed change processes
- Identifying better ways to effectively support sustainable democratic change worldwide



Programmes

Expertise area programmes:

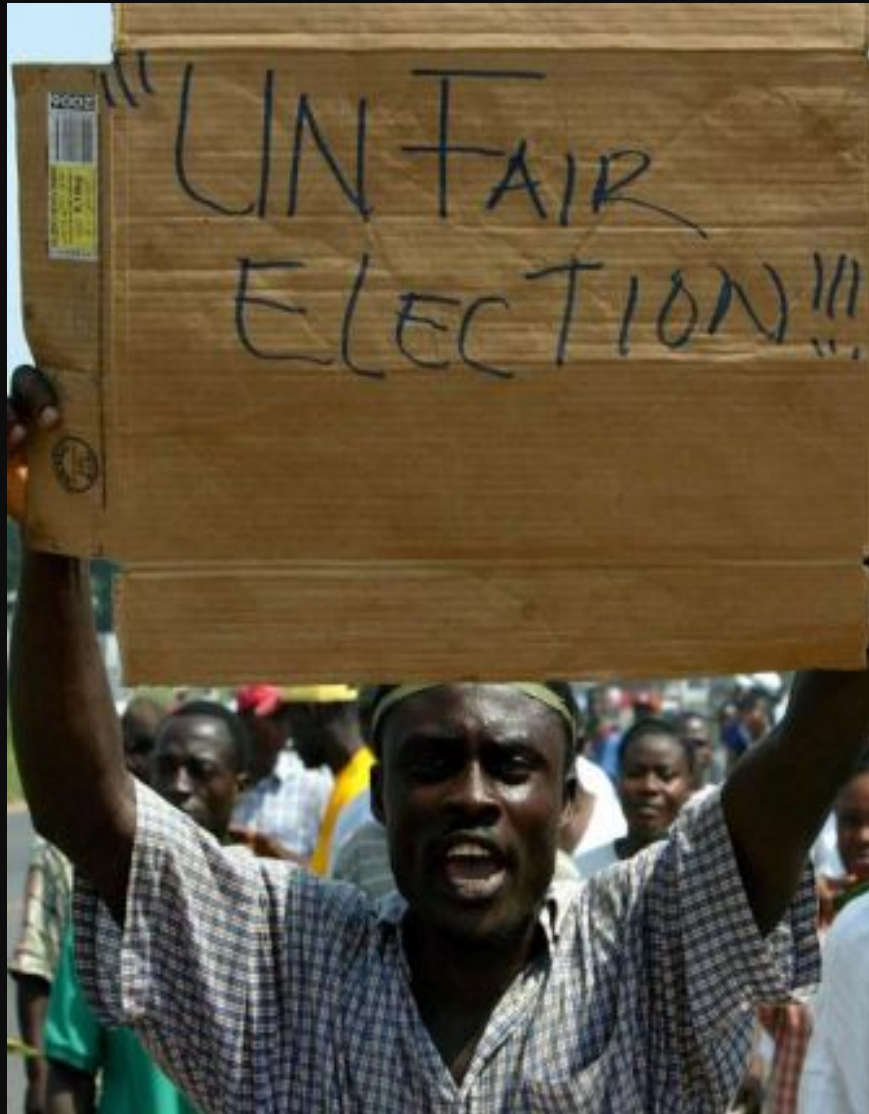
- Electoral processes
- Political parties
- Constitution building



Cross-Cutting programmes:

- Democracy and gender
- Democracy and diversity
- Democracy and development
- Democracy, conflict and security

Effective Electoral Assistance and IDEAs collaboration with the EC-UNDP Joint Task Force



IDEA has worked with the Effective Electoral Assistance programme for more than five years.

In the last four years IDEA has established a solid and effective collaboration with the EC and UNDP through the Joint Task Force on Effective Electoral Assistance.

Electoral Cycle Approach



The Electoral Cycle Approach has been endorsed at the policy level by major electoral assistance providers.

Contributed significantly to a policy shift in the way electoral assistance is designed.

Helped change the focus from the election day to the entire process that precedes and follows an election.

Effective Electoral Assistance and IDEAs collaboration with the EC-UNDP Joint Task Force

Substantial work remains to be done to influence policy at regional level as well as in term of the policy adoptions and concrete implementation at the national level.



- Broader dissemination of the general principles underpinning effective electoral assistance to regional organisations

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- Face-to-face training courses for EC-UNDP desk officers, bilateral cooperation agencies and individual EMBs

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- Development of an eLearning course on Effective Electoral Assistance



European Commission United Nations Development Programme International IDEA

Joint Training on Effective Electoral Assistance



Five day face-to-face training

For development partners, international organizations dealing with electoral assistance, EMBs, national authorities and CSOs

Organised in the context of the "Global Platform on Effective Electoral Assistance" within the Train4Dev initiative

Implemented by IDEA, UNDP and EC



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Joint Training on Effective Electoral Assistance Participant's Manual



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CERTIFICATE

THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT

has participated in the
EC-UNDP-IDEA

Joint Training on Effective Electoral Assistance

in
Brussels on 13-16 October 2007

Face-to Face Course on Effective Electoral Assistance

September 2006:
Brussels, Belgium

November 2006:
Dar es Salaam, Tanzania

October 2007:
Brussels, Belgium

February 2008:
Milan, Italy

June 2008:
Maputo, Mozambique

December 2008:
Brussels, Belgium



FORMATION E-LEARNING DANSE CLASSIQUE EN 3 SEMAINES!



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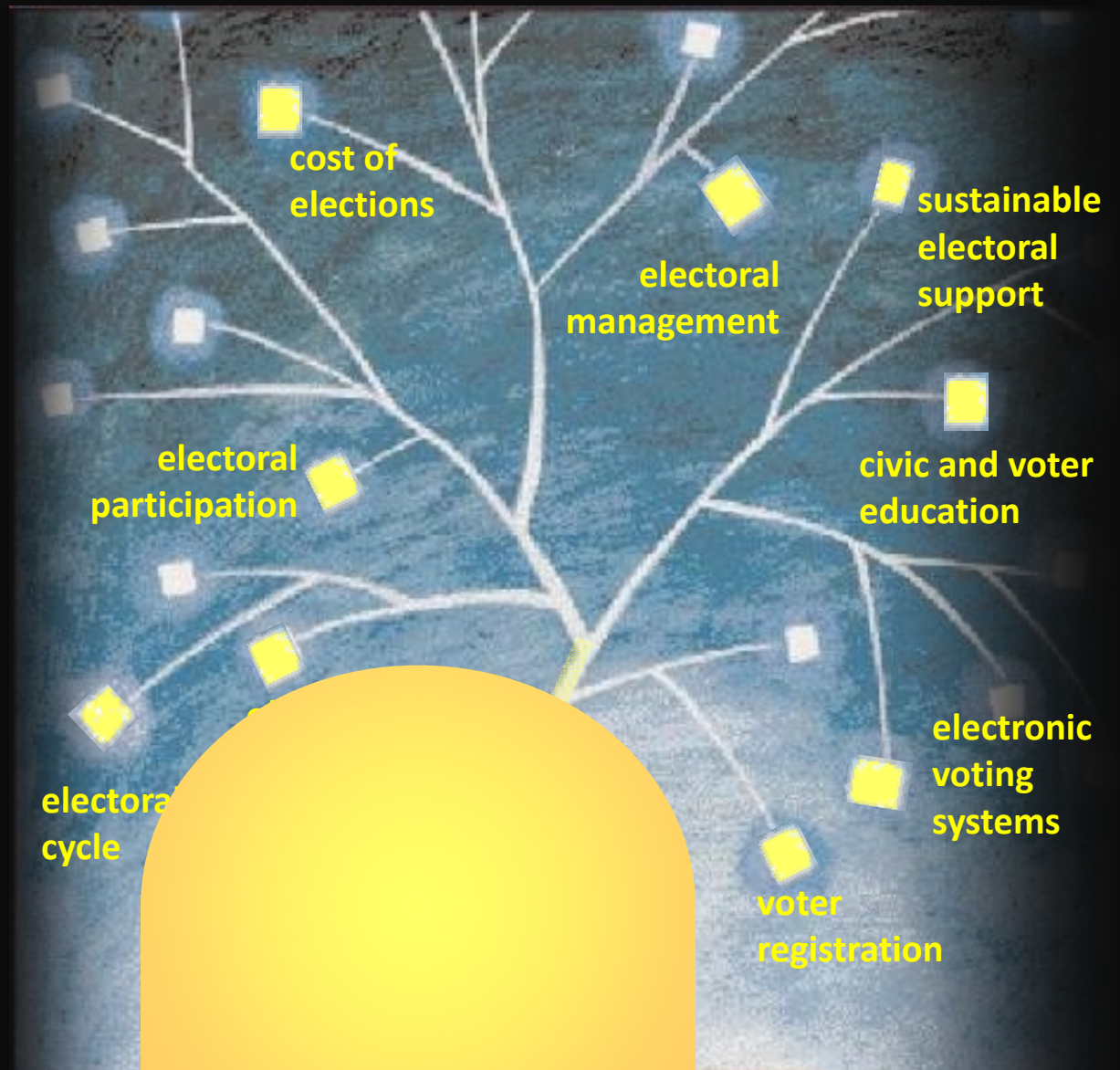
eLearning Course on Effective Electoral Assistance

The rationale is to produce an interactive distance learning tool to complement both the face-to-face training events and the Training Manual resulting from the training event.



eLearning Course on Effective Electoral Assistance

It builds on a wealth of knowledge, expertise and documented materials acquired and produced by the three organisations over the last few years



eLearning Course on Effective Electoral Assistance

The development of the eLearning Course is work in progress

The pilot is expected to be finished April 2009

First module will be showcased in the upcoming face-to-face training in Brussels in December



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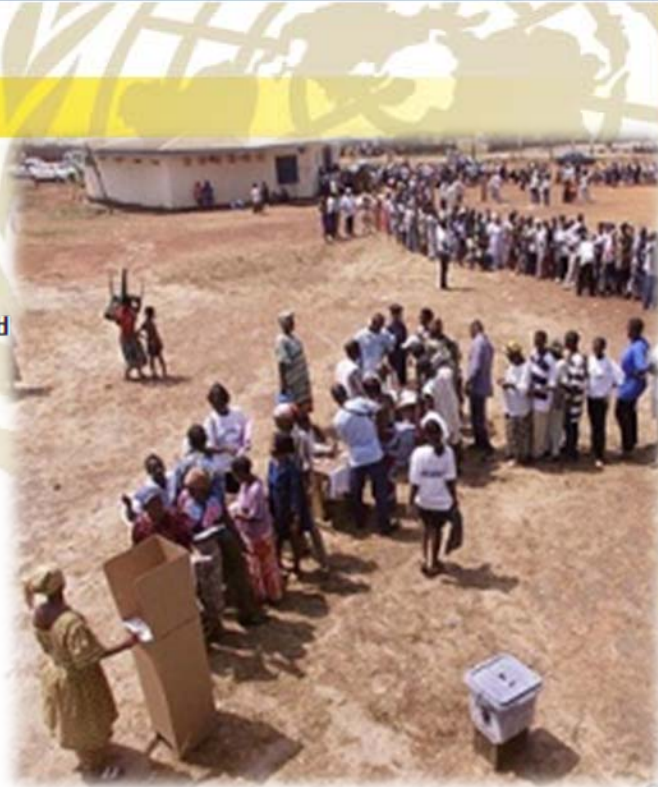
Background

Welcome to the eLearning Course on Effective Electoral Assistance.

This eLearning Course is the result of sustained cooperation efforts undertaken over the last years by the **European Commission**, the **United Nations Development Programme** and **International Institute for Democracy Electoral Assistance (International IDEA)** in the field of electoral assistance. The Course has been created on the basis of the content and the structure of the Training Manual of the "**Joint Training on Effective Electoral Assistance**", a global training initiative developed and launched by the three institutions.

As already for the Training Manual, the eLearning Course on Effective Electoral Assistance primarily draws on the content of the following four core sources:

- the **EC Methodological Guide on Electoral Assistance**;
- the **UNDP Electoral Assistance Implementation Guide**;
- **International IDEA's Handbook on Electoral Management Design**; and
- the **ACE Focus on Effective Electoral Assistance**.

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About the Course

Background

Additional contributions were also drawn from International IDEA's [Handbook on Electoral System Design](#), the [ACE Electoral Knowledge Network](#), UNDP-IFES [CORE Cost of Registration and Elections](#), the website of the [EC-UNDP Partnership on Electoral Assistance](#) and several other publications, resource materials and official documents of EC, UNDP and International IDEA.

The collaboration between the EC and UNDP started in 1995, and it was in 2004 that it was strongly intensified through the support to the electoral processes in the Democratic Republic of Congo and the establishment of a **Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA)** that strengthened and formalised the relational focus between the two institutions with the signature of a **Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)**.

The primary objective of the Strategic Partnership between the EC and UNDP has been to facilitate policy dialogue and specific collaboration at global, regional and country level, creating harmonization, complementarity and financial cooperation between the two institutions.



Fabio Bargiacchi, Senior Electoral Assistance Advisor of UNDP/Belgium, explains the background of the EC-UNDP partnership in electoral assistance

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Global Tools: BRIDGE

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Module



Collaboration with other partners

The production of the eLearning modules foresees a collaboration with:

- European Space Agency (ESA)
- Independent Electoral Commission of the Democratic Republic of Congo (IER-DRC)
- Governments of Belgium, Italy and Luxemburg

“SAT-ELECTIONS: Appropriate Satellite Technology in Support of African Electoral Cycles”





Distribution and delivery of information to remote areas



SatElections

Pilot Project dedicated to the production and distribution via satellite of eLearning modules on Effective Electoral Assistance.

Creation of specific eLearning module on Electoral Administration for the specific case of the DRC to be used by the Independent Electoral Commission for training of staff.



SatElections



The eLearning modules will be integrated within the SatElections Training Platform and delivered to remote terminals via the satellite communication system.

Utilised for training of staff before the holding of the next Congolese local elections



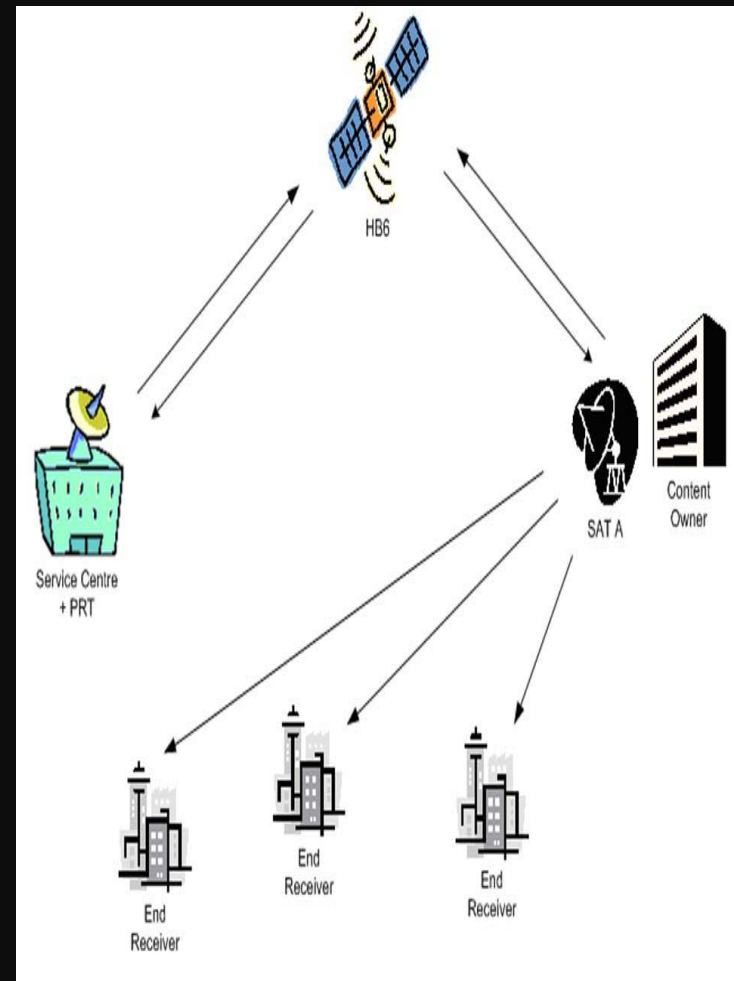
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Expected Main Benefits:

To provide an effective and sustainable solution in support of African Electoral Cycles.

To identify cost effective and sustainable means of communication. Both for capacity development and data transmission.

To identify appropriate communication to support e-Government services.





• About ACE

The ACE Electoral Knowledge Network encourages professionals to generate, share and apply knowledge, solve problems, help build common methods, and improve the professionalism of those engaged in activities related to credible, sustainable, peaceful and cost-effective elections.

www.aceproject.org

ACE Electoral Knowledge Network

Elections Today	The ACE Encyclopaedia	Comparative Data	Electoral Materials	Electoral Advice	Regions & Countries
Obtain news, analysis and upcoming elections dates from the world of elections	Explore comprehensive information on various aspects of election administration	Analyse country-by-country data and information on election systems, legislation and management	Browse an electronic library of election materials, such as laws, ballot papers, training manuals, posters and more	Access a forum that generates and shares specialised electoral knowledge, resources and expertise	Research regional and country-by-country information, data and resources collected through a network of Regional Electoral Resource Centres

THE PRACTITIONERS' NETWORK



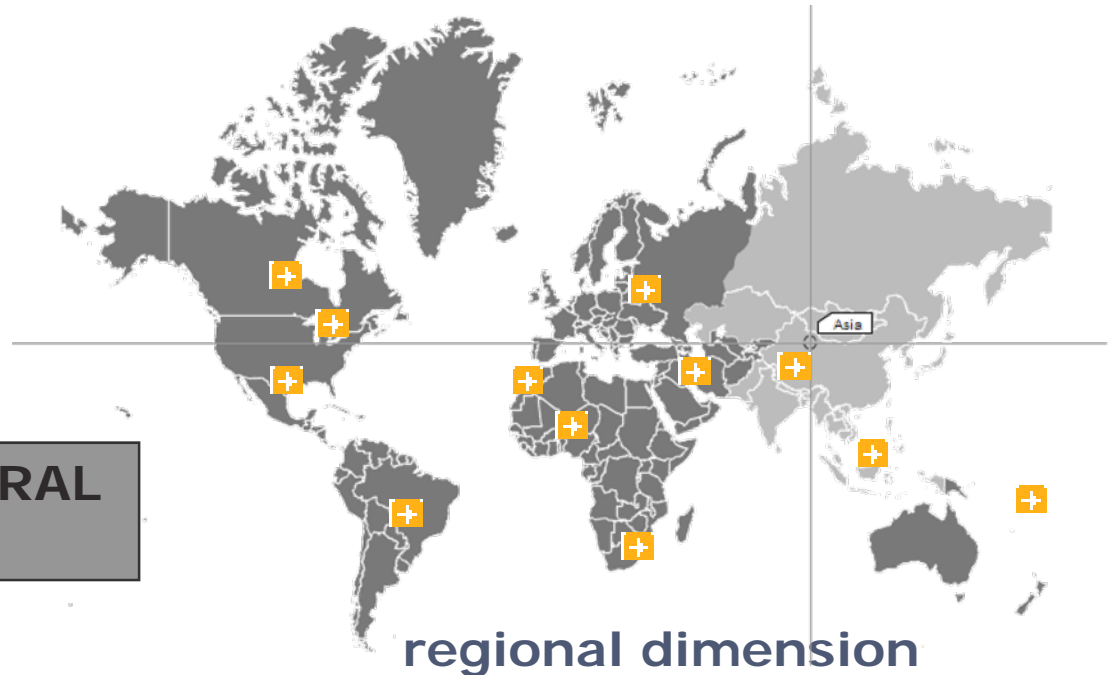
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**thematic
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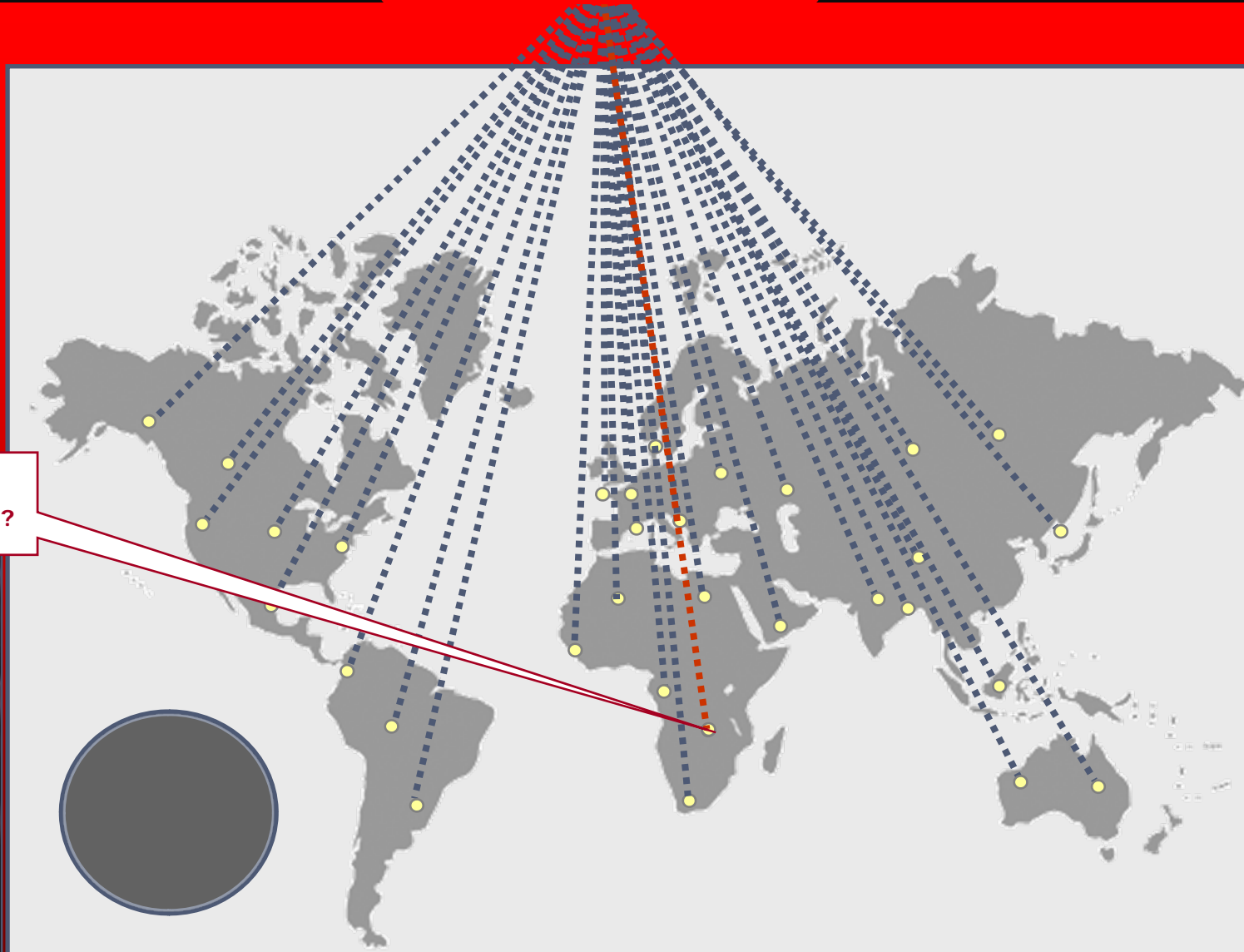
200 members

Areas of expertise

Different languages



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HIGHLY COMPUTERISED
VOTER REGISTRATION???



Practitioners' Network

Working Groups

Space for internal dialogue and collaboration among ACE Partners and selected members of the Network



Working Group on Civil and Voter Registration

1st task: Civil and Voter Registration and ICT solutions

The EC, UNDP and IDEA are undertaking a study on the use of Information Communication Technology (ICT) in Electoral Processes focusing on Civil/Voter Registration and Data Transmission (the ICT study) (IOM, OAS)

The WG will provide insight and input to a Concept Paper that has been put together by the partners

Primary objective of study

Identify sound principles for choosing specific technologies for voter registration and set clear guidelines and guiding principles for the provision of assistance to these processes.

Pilot Working Group
on Civil and Voter
Registration **hosted**
by the **ACE Network**

Specially invited
experts with **specific**
expertise in this
area

A series of tasks
related to Voter
Registration

Working Group on Civil and Voter Registration

2nd task: International IDEA's Voter Registration Handbook Project

The WG will provide insight and input to the terms of reference and contents of the Handbook, as well as on the global mapping that will be carried out beginning of 2009

Potential "expert group" offered remunerated assignments.

Electoral Procurement Working Group
(Community of Practice)

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