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# EC-UNDP Workshop on

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

*EU Electoral Support to Ghana Electoral Cycle 2010-2012*

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## ***Historical and Institutional Background***

- Ghana 1992 Constitution introduced introduced a hybrid system with a strong executive.**
- To countercheck the power of the President six (6) Independent Governance Institutions (IGI's) were also established.**
- Parliament, Judiciary, Electoral Commission (EC), National Commission for Civic Education (NCCE), Commission of Human Rights and Administrative Justice (CHRAJ) and National Media Commission (NMC).**
- Since 92 -Five General Elections (Presidential and Parliamentary) were held with peaceful transfer of power**



## ***Sector Context for the EU electoral support***

- Electoral assistance in the past had been provided primarily by CIDA role of EU limited not a leading DPs.**
- EUEOMs Deployed for 2008 Elections**
- Existing electoral working group (EWG) and governance working group (GWG)**



# ***EOMs 2008 Recommendations***

- The 2008 presidential and parliamentary elections were considered by all the Observers Missions (EUEOM, ECOWAS, AU, EISA and Commonwealth) as well organized and transparent**
- Several recommendations to improve the electoral process were made, namely:**
  - o review of voter registration
  - o provide more extensive and permanent voter and civic education
  - o Revise the media regulatory framework and establish clear monitoring mechanism
  - o further strengthening of EC capacity;
  - o promote the participation of women and minorities:



# ***Programming EU Electoral Support***

- EOMs Recommendations starting point**
- EWG platform to share and discuss the proposed actions with all the stakeholders including CSOs**
- Identification for a 7MEURO Electoral Support launched in December 2009  
Formulation in April 2010-Institutional Capacity Assessment**
- EIDHR CfP to increased women's participation and representation in politics in Ghana  
launched in October 2009 -2,4MEURO targeting 2010m local elections and 2012  
General elections – 7 Contracts awarded to CSOs and one to EC**
- Under the EDF three IGis targeted;**
- Electoral Commission : Capacity Building (IT), Voter Education and Regional Role  
support to the Training center of Association of African Election Authorities (AAEA)  
4MEURO**



## ***The EU Electoral Support 2***

- National Commission for Civic Education (NCCE) . **Capacity building including procurement of IT 1,5MEURO**
- National Media Commission (NMC): **Technical Assistance and procurement of monitoring equipment -1MEURO**



# *Implementation*

- Decentralised management through the signature of a financing agreement (FA) with Ghana represented by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning (MOFEP)**
- Directs Grants Contracts with the three IGIs – de Jure Monopoly**
- Procurement of equipment International tender Managed by MOFEP**
- TA for NMC launched with suspensive clause**
- EWG to be utilized as steering committee of the programme**



# *Implementation's Advantages*

- In line with Paris Declaration** - Ownership - Alignment - Harmonisation -
- In line with the Council Conclusions on Democracy Support in the EU's External Relations, November 2009**
- **Ensured complementarities among different EU financial instruments (EIDHR/EDF)**
- **Coordination with all the stakeholders including CSOs**
- **Synergies EUEOM/EA**
- Transaction Cost reduced**
- EU leading role in the sector- beneficial to the Political Dialogue**



# *Challenges and Lesson Learned*

- Timely procurement of the equipment**
- Timely recruitment of TA for NMC**
- EU workload - to Ensure Effective Coordination - likely to increase in proximity to the Electoral period**
  
- Early Programming/ Existence of a Platform of Coordination / Institutional Capacity Assessment / Complementary / Intervention can be replicated – with adjustment to others Electoral Assistance -Scenarios**