



# ***European Commission United Nations Development Programme International IDEA***

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**International Organization for Migration  
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## ***Joint Training on Effective Electoral Assistance***

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- To understand who does what at the EC and UNDP and within the partnership with a particular regard to the Joint Task Force
- To become familiar with the modality by which EC provides funding to UNDP projects
- To understand the impact and context of electoral costs, with particular reference to first generation as opposed to second and third generation elections
- To understand the functioning of the different co-financing modalities utilised by UNDP and to become aware of their main advantages and disadvantages
- To become familiar with the modality by which EC provides funding to UNDP projects
- To be able to identify the main phases of procurement in the electoral process and to become familiar with the process of creating a procurement plan
- To get to know the ACE Electoral Knowledge Network and the BRIDGE Project



# Presentation

**The EC and UNDP Partnership in practice**

**The EC and UNDP Operational Guidelines**

**30 months later...**

**Training Content and Objectives**

**Global Training Platform**

**Contractual Arrangement and Best Practices**



# *EC/UNDP partnership*

## *Operational Guidelines on El. Assistance*

### **A marriage?**

- 2 partners**
- Written consentment**
- Trust**
- Commitment, common project**
  
- Not based on love...**
- Not an exclusive relation...**



## *EC/UNDP partnership*

### *Operational Guidelines on El. Assistance*

#### **A business deal?**

- 2 parties**
- Written agreement**
- Aiming for improved effectiveness**
- Financing issues involved**
  
- Not comfortable with this terminology**  
**EC – banker /UNDP – service provider ...**



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## **A strategic alliance?**

**“Formal relationship formed between 2 or more parties, to pursue a set of agreed upon goals, while remaining independent organisations. The alliance is a collaboration or a cooperation which aims for a synergy.”**



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### Why now?

- Ongoing *de facto* relationship on the ground
- Paris and Accra Declaration on Aid effectiveness
- Conjunction of institutional aspects – good understanding between services
- Shared strategy on electoral assistance

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#### **Aim**

- To clarify, tighten up and improve EC collaboration on electoral assistance ...**
- ... better and more timely planning, formulation and implementation of activities ...**
- ... promote the effectiveness of EA initiatives**

**NB – EC/UNDP partnership not imposed.**

**Op.Guidelines are to be used when EC and UNDP choose to work together in EA**

*30 months later...*



- Many projects implemented
- Seven joint trainings, ACE, global training platform, E-learning
- More than 15 joint formulation missions and projects
- Follow-up missions
- Further concentration on the articles of the operational guidelines
- Same issues to be confronted
- Different Nature, Different Mandate, Different Way of Working
- Attitude of Beneficiary Country
- Nature of Electoral Assistance
- 1<sup>st</sup> review of the Op. Guidelines being signed



## ***EC – UNDP Operational Guidelines Reviewed in December 2008***

- **Joint Formulation Missions**
- **UNDP Project Document and EC Financial Proposal**
- **UNDP Pre-financing and EC retroactivity clause**
- **EC Participation in the steering of the Projects**
- **Selection of Experts**
- **Agreed Performance Indicators**
- **Agreed Reporting Requirements**
- **Procurement of Specific Election Material**
- **Collaboration on Production of Electoral Assistance Content**
- **Collaboration on Training and Practice Meetings**



- Facilitation role of the FAFA signed on 2003**
- Joint and co-financed intervention of the community of donors is very appropriate to support electoral processes**
- UN General Assembly resolution 46/137 of 1991 to indicate role of coordination of electoral assistance at country level between national and international actors**
- Long Experience in Electoral Assistance, producing electoral assistance content,**
- Provision of electoral experts via the Electoral Assistance Division of the UN Department of Political Affairs**
- Pre financing deals once the Contribution Agreements are signed**
- Lower Costs: 7% of General Management Services**



## *UNDP Preferred EC Partner*

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- ❑ **Year 2008 has brought many contribution agreements signed between EC and UNDP in support of several countries with others that are under negotiations and foreseen for signatures in 2009.**
- ❑ **The countries concerned so far are Yemen, Bissau, Nigeria, Zambia, Benin, Ivory Coast, Niger, Afghanistan, Togo, Moldova, Haiti, Rwanda, Burundi, Chad, Central African Republic including the first ever collaboration in a regional project in support of the six Portuguese Speaking African and Asian Countries (PALOP).**



- GPECS country level component will be delivered drawing on the expertise of the JTF.**
- Provision of JTF guidance and coordination to electoral cycle support at the national level**
- Supporting the GPECS Programme Manager, and working with the HQ Policy Specialists and Regional Electoral Advisors and other relevant GPECS staff, to coordinate project formulation activities and identify opportunities for funding country-level activities by the GPECS.**



- In this way, the country-level work done through the GPECS in target countries (largely in Africa) will be designed in close collaboration with the most likely additional contributors to electoral processes in these countries, the European Commission and EU Member States.**
- This component will also provide a window through which the GPECS and UNDP more broadly can participate in donor fora aimed at simplifying and harmonizing the delivery of electoral assistance.**



- ❑ **The Joint Task Force will work in close coordination with, will be supported by and will in turn provide support to the UNDP Regional Centres in Dakar, Johannesburg and Bangkok.**
- ❑ **These are the frontline providers of Africa and Asia/Pacific regional and country level support and which also represent UNDP as JTF's members in various JTF activities in the regions.**



**The GPECS will provide further support to the JTF to perform its duties following the revised Operational Guidelines, particularly for**

- 1. formulation missions;**
- 2. joint monitoring and Quality Support Mechanisms;**
- 3. implement research and studies on issues related to the role of the contribution of the EC and EU Member States in UNDP electoral assistance programmes at country level;**
- 4. deliver and further develop training on effective electoral assistance;**
- 5. interact and coordinate with the ACE Electoral Knowledge Network and Training Programme of IFE Mexico;**
- 6. Cooperation with regional institutions.**