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# Joint Training on Effective Electoral Assistance

## PROCUREMENT OF BIOMETRIC VOTER REGISTRATION
## DRC, Togo, Conakry

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# *Presentation*

| Specific aspects of biometrics |
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| DRC |
| Togo |
| Guinea-Conakry |
| Issues for discussion |

# *Specific aspects of biometrics*

- ❑ **Multiple interdependent components (equipment, software, training, maintenance, logistics, etc ).**

- ❑ **Interoperability between diverse providers and management of outsourced activities.**

- ❑ **Constraints on operational planning of electoral activities.**

- ❑ **Mistrust of political parties and civil society organisations.**

- ❑ **Sustainability (total cost of acquisition, reusability, managing expectations, etc).**

- **Set the baseline for this kind of procurement.**
  - **Externalising the procurement process**
  - **Conducting pilot testing**
  - **Optimal procurement by staging registration activities to reduce equipment requirements**
- **Demonstrated the operational and technical feasibility on large scale.**
- **Uncovered logistical aspects**
- **Appeared to be a locked market for a specific vendor!**

- ☐ **Demonstrated reusability of digital registration kits.**
- ☐ **Ownership of the equipment to enable dual use.**
- ☐ **Limits of direct contracting by Governments lacking expertise in the domain.**
- ☐ **Lifecycle and life expectancy of digital registration kits.**
- ☐ **Refurbishment of digital registration kits requires proven methodologies and techniques.**
- ☐ **Many high tech features remain useless such as barcodes in the absence of barcode readers.**

- **Influence of the domestic political situation.**
- **Preliminary consultation with procurement office to facilitate the design of technical specifications.**
- **Absence of the EMB during the development of terms of reference (possible implications in the future).**

- **Sustainability.**

- **Threat to freedom (large database of nationals being shipped abroad).**

- **How to learn from our failures (sharing failed experiences).**

- **Cost estimation techniques to avoid cost overruns.**

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