



Annual Follow-up Meeting on Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation – Brussels 4-6 October 2011

Tuesday 4 October

Location: [Altiero Spinelli Building of the Parliament, access by entrance Simone Veil, Room ASP5G2](#)

13:30 - 14:20 Registration for participation in High Level Panel (entrance of the Altiero Spinelli building)

14:30 - 16:15 High Level Panel on “Supporting elections: the political agenda” (Paul Henri Spaak building of the Parliament, Room 6B001)

14:35 - 15:00 Introductory remarks by Co-Chairs President **Jerzy Buzek** and Baroness **Catherine Ashton** followed by discussion with: Pres. **Jimmy Carter** (TCC), Amb. **Janez Lenarčič** (OSCE-ODIHR), Rt. Hon. **Joe Clark** (NDI)

Wednesday 5 October

Location: [Altiero Spinelli Building of the Parliament, access by entrance Simone Veil, Room ASP5G2](#)

8:30 - 09:30 Registration and guidance into parliament by accredited personnel (entrance of the Altiero Spinelli building)

9:30 - 10:00 Welcome/Introductory Remarks from EU Observation Services

Pierre Vimont, Secretary General, European External Action Service (EEAS)

Gabriele Albertini, Co-Chair, Election Coordination Group (ECG), European Parliament (EP)

10:00 - 12:00 Session I - Election Observation in the broader framework

Facilitator: **Malgorzata Wasilewska**, Head of Division, Democracy & Elections, EEAS

Panelists:

Christiana Thorpe, Chairperson, National Electoral Commission, Sierra Leone

Carlos Valenzuela, Chief Technical Advisor in Egypt, United Nations (UN)

Percy Medina, Secretary General, Transparencia Peru

Alexander Lambsdorff, MEP



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12:00 - 12:45 Session II - Presentation of the Global Commission on Elections, Democracy and Security

Panelists:

Andrew Bradley, Director, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA)

Stephen Stedman, Director of the Global Commission on Elections, Democracy and Security

12:45 - 14:15 Lunch at the Members' restaurant, Floor 0

14:15 - 15:15 Session III - Review of Guiding Principles documents from 2010 and update on ACE Observation Portal

Panelists:

Pat Merloe, Senior Associate and Director of Electoral Programs, National Democratic Institute (NDI)

David Carroll, Director of Democracy Program, The Carter Center (TCC)

Peter Wolf, Technical Manager, ACE Secretariat

15:15 - 15:45 Coffee Break

15:45 - 17:15 Session IV – Building on strong foundations: the way forward for inter-mission cooperation on observation and assistance

Panelists:

Denis Kadima, Executive Director, Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa (EISA) and Former Director of UNIRED

Bill Sweeney, President of International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)

David Carroll, Director of the Democracy Program, TCC

Michael Meyer-Resende, Co-Director, Democracy Reporting International (DRI)

19:00 - 19:30 Arrival at Parliament entry point – with badge – to be accompanied inside to the restaurant by accredited personnel (entrance of the Altiero Spinelli building)

19:30 - 21:30 Dinner at the Salon 4-5, floor 0



Thursday 6 October

Location: [Altiero Spinelli Building of the Parliament, access by entrance Simone Veil, Room ASP5G2](#)

8:00 – 9:00 Arrival at entry point – with badge – to be guided into parliament by accredited personnel
(entrance to the Altiero Spinelli Building)

9:00 - 11:00 Session V - The role of parliamentarians in observing elections:

Facilitator: **Veronique Arnault**, Director of Human Rights and Democracy, EEAS

Panelists:

Laroussi Hammi, Vice President, Pan-African Parliament

Beata Martin-Rozumilowicz, Head of Election Department, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE-ODIHR)

Ana Gomes, MEP

Luisa Morgantini, Former Co-Chair of the EP ECG and Member of the Former Member Association

Joe Clark, Former Prime Minister of Canada and leader of several IOMs

Martin Chungong, Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 - 13:30 Session VI: International and domestic observers: the benefits of cooperation

11:30 - 12:30 Nigeria

Facilitator: **Oliver Nette**, Public Diplomacy and Election Observation, Service for Foreign Policy Instruments, European Commission (EC)

Panelists:

Pat Merloe, Senior Associate and Director of Electoral Programs, NDI

Emile Ognimba, Director of the Department of Political Affairs, African Union (AU)

Mark Stevens, Head of Democracy Section, Commonwealth

Mashood Erubami, Co-Chair of the Nigeria 2011 Project Swift Count, Executive Director of Nigeria's Transition Monitoring Group and Chairman of the West Africa Election Observers Network



12:30 - 13:30 Ivory Coast

Facilitator: Craig Jenness

Panelists:

Odette Kouao Gabson, Electoral Law and DDR specialist in ECOWAS Legal Department

David Pottie, Associate Director, TCC

Vincent Tohbi, Programmes Director, EISA

Malgorzata Wasilewska, Head of Division, Democracy & Elections, EEAS

13:30 - 15:00 Lunch at the Members' restaurant, Floor 0

15:00 - 16:00 Session VII Haiti: the role of observers in a results management crisis

Panelists:

Pablo Gutierrez, Director of Electoral Cooperation & Observation Department, Organization of American States (OAS)

Joe Clark, Former Prime Minister of Canada and leader of several IOMs

Marie-Violette Cesar, Team Leader of the EU Election Expert Mission to Haiti

16:00 - 16:30 Coffee Break

16:30 - 17:30 Session VIII – 2012 Meeting preparations and main themes

Pat Merloe, Senior Associate and Director of Electoral Programs, NDI

17:30 - 18:00 Final Remarks

Agnieszka Walter-Drop, Director of Directorate A-External Policies, EP

Veronique Arnault, Director of Human Rights and Democracy, EEAS

Tung-Lai Margue, Director of Service for Foreign Policy Instruments, EC