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IEC announced new elections date

On 20 March, IEC announced that Presidential election, WJ of Ghazni and Provincial Council elections will be held on 28 September 2019.

This decision is a result of IEC consultation meetings with electoral stakeholders and experts and take into consideration the amendments of the electoral law to conduct free and fair elections based on country context, capacities and financial challenges. For successful elections, close cooperation between IEC, electoral stakeholders, government and international community is essential. IEC calls upon all parties involved, including Afghan citizens, to cooperate and support this national process.

IEC meetings

Meeting with electoral support team

On 11 March 2019, IEC leadership met with UNDP electoral support team at IEC HQ.

Mrs. Hawa Alam Nuristani, IEC Chair acknowledged UNDP' financial and technical support during 2018 Parliamentary elections. IEC Chairperson expressed her gratitude and stressed the need of further support for upcoming elections.

Mr. Alim Rama, Senior Electoral Advisor of UN Electoral Support Program (UNESP) presented the support provided for Parliamentary elections and District Council elections based on the agreement signed between both institutions. He stated that, based on this agreement, UNDP has committed 93 million dollars for operational support, public outreach, capacity building and other areas. However, due to the suspension of District Council elections, only 60 million dollars were spent. Based on the agreement, remaining funds are waiting for the decision of the new IEC leadership on the upcoming activities. IEC leadership expressed its gratitude to UNDP electoral assistance and urged for the continuation of UNDP financial and technical support to avoid shortcomings in the next elections.



Meeting with NDI



On 11 March 2019, Mrs Hawa Alam Nuristani, IEC Chair, met with Mr. Telibert Laoc, resident director for elections and civil society development of National Democratic Institute (NDI) at IEC HQ.

IEC Chair presented plans and measures for the upcoming elections and stated the will of the new Commission in building a trustful relation with Afghan people, also by ensuring the transparency and the inclusiveness of the process. She also underlined the collaboration with IEC Secretariat for better implementation of electoral activities, including efforts in strengthening IEC public outreach, for a better understanding of the multi-dimensional representation system (MDR) and the use of

biometric. Ensuring the security throughout the process is also a priority, she declared.



Meeting with Security and Defense Organizations

On 28 March 2019, IEC met with Security and Defense Organizations as well as Ministry of Interior (MoI), Ministry of Defense (MoD), Ministry of Women Affairs (MWA) and Ministry of Finance to discuss their commitment for upcoming elections and to sign a joint directive.

During the meeting, national stakeholders discussed on security of the elections in all phases, including VR process, movement of material and the security of candidates.

Ministries also assured the impartiality of officials dealing with the electoral process and highlighted their commitment to prepare a good environment for Afghan people to enable them to vote and elect their President and representatives through elections, a national achievement from past 18 years.

Meeting with FEFA & TEFA

IEC leadership met with FEFA & TEFA to discuss on reforms and preparation for the upcoming elections. During the meeting, IEC provided an update on IEC reforms plan, provision of policies, access to information, independency and stability of the organization, and other elections related subjects.

Meeting with US Embassy



On 24 March 2019, Mrs. Hawa Alam Nuristani, IEC Chair met with Mrs. Karen Decker, Deputy Chief of Mission of the US Embassy, at IEC HQ.

IEC Chair provided comprehensive update on the upcoming elections and the recent IEC decision on elections date and timeline. The US Deputy Chief of Mission expressed appreciation for IEC decision and stated that the international community is ready to cooperate and support technically and financially upcoming elections. IEC must however responsible for donors and international community concerns, she added.

Mr. Abdul Aziz Samim, IEC Deputy CEO, also participated in the meeting providing an updated on IEC planning for upcoming elections.

IEC coordination meeting

On 11 March 2019, IEC held a coordination meeting with IEC CEO, Deputies CEO and IEC Heads of directorates.

The meeting was the occasion for IEC Secretariat to brief newly appointed IEC Commissioners on their activities and plans for the upcoming elections, as well as to share their suggestions with IEC leadership. The latter reiterates its commitment to address shortcomings faced during last WJ elections.

Meeting with political parties

On 20 March 2019, IEC held a consultative meeting with political parties on the electoral calendar for upcoming elections. IEC Chair highlighted the role and the importance of political parties within elections process and provided useful information on recent amendments of the election law, the multi-dimensional representation (MDR) system and the use of biometric technology.

The political parties attending the meeting thanked IEC for organizing the event and expressed their will to use of MDR system for upcoming elections.

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Frequently Asked Questions

When will the Presidential election be held?

According to the revised official electoral timeline, Presidential election, WJ for Ghazni as well as Provincial Council elections, will be held on 28 September 2019.

When will the results of the Wolesi Jirga elections announced for the remaining provinces?

IEC Secretariat is working to finalize the Wolesi Jirga elections process and will announce the preliminary results of the remaining provinces as soon as possible. So far, results for 23 provinces + Hindu/Sikh, have been announced and published through IEC communication tools, including IEC website at this link:

<http://www.iec.org.af/results/en/home/resultbyleadingcandidate>

Who are the candidates for next Presidential election?

Candidate nomination process for Presidential election took place from 22 December 2018 to 20 January 2019 at IEC HQ. 20 potential candidates applied but only 18 were nominated Presidential candidate. The list is available on IEC website: <http://www.iec.org.af/pdf/cn-1398/preliminary-presidential-candidates-list.pdf>

WJ Final Results latest released

Badghis

Ziaudin Akazai
Basir Osmani
Amirshah Naibzadi
Ustad Fardida Bikzad

Balkh

Ghulam Abas Abrahamzada
Ahmadshah Ramazan
Alam Khan Azadi
Abdul Hamid Sharifi
Sayed Zahir Masror
Mohamad Ali Mohaqiq
Gullraman Hamdard
Rais Abdul Khaleq
Saifora Niazi
Fuzia Hamidi
Brishna Rabi

Ghor

Mohamad Abraham Malikzada
Ata Mohammad Dehqanpur
Keramudin Rezazada
Gulzaman Naib
Fatima Kohestani
Ruqia Nail

Paktika

Mohammad Mirza Katwazai
Naderkhan Katawazai
Khaled Asad
Suraia Akbari

Herat

Habiburahman Pedram
Mohammad Reza Watan Dost
Omar Nasir Mujadidi
Haji Mohammad Sadiq Qaderi
Ghulam Faruq Majroh
Ustad Hamidullah Hanif
Monawarshah Bahaduri
Haji Shah Pupal
Sayed Azim Keberzani
Qazi Nazir Ahmad Hanafi
Alhaj Ghulam Faruq Nazari
Sayed Taha Sadiq
Rahima jami
Masuda Qarokhi
Nahid Ahmadi Farid
Simin Barkzai
Shahnaz Ghaosi

Takhar

Abdullah Bek
Rayes Abdul Baqi Malekzadah
Mohammad Aalem Saae
Eng Amir Mohammad Khaksar
Ghulam Sarwar Saadat
Dr Sayed Ashrafuddin Aini
Dr Hamiduddin Yoldash
Habiba Danesh
Nazifa Yousufi Bek

Indu/ Sikh

Narendar Sing Khalisa

