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IEC Meetings

- ◆ On 4 April 2019, IEC leadership met with United Nations High-level panel on Elections: Mr. Habiburrahman Nang, IEC Head of Secretariat, presented and discussed with UN representatives on WJ election results, IEC operational plan for the upcoming elections, the revision of the voters list and the administrative reforms. Electoral timeline, budget, the use of biometrics and Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with relevant stakeholders were also among the subject discussed during the meeting.
- ◆ On 14 April 2019, IEC leadership met with IFES. During the meeting IEC presented regulations on the use of biometrics and the MoU with the National Statistics and Information Authority (NSIA).
- ◆ On 20 April 2019, IEC leadership met with MEC international advisor: MEC advisor presented the findings of a research on administrative corruption and vulnerability within the elections and shared its recommendations with IEC members.
- ◆ On 21 April 2019, IEC leadership met with NATO Civilian Representative: During the meeting with Mrs. Hawa Alam Nuristani, IEC Chair, NATO civilian representative expressed optimism on women's participation in leadership position at the IEC. NATO also stated its commitment to cooperate to ensure electoral security and movement of materials to provinces. At the edge of the meeting, both parties reiterated their cooperation for transparent, inclusive and fair elections which are the demand of Afghan people and electoral stakeholders.
- ◆ On 30 April 2019, IEC leadership met with Mr. Tadamichi Yamamoto, UN Secretary-General Special Representative for Afghanistan. Mr. Yamamoto said the international community is willing to support the electoral process in Afghanistan, according to common ground values and agreements.

Coordination meeting on women effective participation in the electoral process

On 14 April IEC Gender Unit held a coordination meeting on women effective participation in the electoral process, at the Kabul Star Hotel. IEC and ECC Chairs, Ministry of Women's Affairs, Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Information and Culture, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Counter Narcotics and the Independent Human Rights Commission were invited and attended the meeting. Women's Network, the First Lady's Office, Electoral Observers groups as well as other national organization and institutions dealing with women's affairs also attended the meeting.

IEC Chair, Mrs. Hawa Alam Nuristani welcomes participants stressing the purpose of the meeting, namely to promote women's participation also considering that 'women have always had an historical role in conflict resolution and are a propellant of constructivism and society prosperity. They weren't involved in the destruction of the country, but they are a key factor in its reconstruction.' During her speech, IEC Chair also presented the work of the Commission since the appointment of its new Commissioners. Within two months, IEC reviewed the operational plan and the electoral budget that was submitted to the Afghan government, signed an MoU with the Administrative Reform Commission, launched the recruitment process advertising several positions and worked on a plan for the use of biometrics in voter registration. During this period, IEC also held consultative meetings with political parties and electoral stakeholders.

ECC Chair, Mrs. Zohra Bayan Shinwari, provided information on WJ results of remaining provinces while other speakers, including Mrs. Spozhmai Wardak, Deputy Minister of Women's Affairs, General Hekmat Shahi, Head of the Ministry of Interior Gender section, Mrs. Nayela Salih, Head of Gender Commission of the Office of Administrative Reform and Civil Service, Mrs. Zohra Youssef, Advisor to First Lady and Mrs. Maryam Soltani of FIFA Office provided information on their activities and plans for upcoming elections and stated the cooperation with the Commission.

In conclusion of the meeting, Mrs. Rahima Zarifi, IEC Commissioner thanked all participants for their contribution and the media for their participation and has ensured that comments and suggestions expressed would be included in IEC plans.



Memorandum of Understanding with NSIA

On 28 April 2019, at IEC Media Center in Kabul, Mrs. Hawa Alam Nuristani, IEC Chair and Mr. Ahmad Jawid Rasooli, Director of the National Statistics and Information Authority (NSIA) signed an MoU between the two institutions.

IEC Chair stated that the main objective of the MoU is to ensure transparency in the election process. She also added that "the Commission intends to implement the top-up VR process and collection of biometric information of persons included in the voters list, using the electronic system and biometric technology".

Based on the MoU, the NSIA is required to provide the IEC with biometric devices and special software on time as well as to train IEC staff in their use.

Mr. Sayed Esmatullah Mal, IEC Deputy chairperson of the IEC, Musafir Qoqandi, IEC Secretary, Rahima Zarifi and Mohammad Hanif Danishyar IEC members as well as Mr. Habiburrahman Nang IEC Head of Secretariat attended the ceremony.

It is important to mention that, based on article 19.4 of the amendment to the Election Law, Ministries and relevant governmental and non-governmental entities are required to provide comprehensive support to the Commission for the use of electronic systems and biometric technology.

Certificate ceremony for WJ elections winning candidates

On 24 April 2019, IEC held a ceremony to deliver certificates to 89 elected representatives (out of which 44 women) of Kandahar, Helmand, Ghor, Badghis, Logar, Nangarhar, Herat, Takhar, Paktika, Balkh province and Hindu constituency.

Mrs. Hawa Alam Nuristani, IEC Chair, congratulated the winning candidates and requested them to spare no efforts to serve the people of Afghanistan. She stated that those final results were announced by the new IEC leadership and the certificates would be given to candidates who had succeeded the 17th round of the Wolesi Jirga of National Assembly.

She added that, the new IEC leadership completed, in addition to administrative and operational affairs, other relevant tasks such as the preparation of procedures and legal documents, the elections timeline, the operational plan, the concept on MDR and the use of technology, the printing of voters list for some provinces and the MoU with multiple entities.

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Ballot Lottery

On 25 April 2019, at the IEC Media Center in Kabul, the ballot lottery was held in presence of IEC and ECC, monitors, observers, media, political parties, presidential candidates, UN representatives and international community.

Mrs. Hawa Alam Nuristani, IEC Chair, introduced the event welcoming participants and explaining the modality of determining the order of presidential candidates in the ballot paper according to regulations and procedures ensuring the transparency of the process.

Mr. Sayed Esmatullah Mal, IEC Deputy, Mr. Musafir Qoqandi, IEC Secretary, Mr. Mawlana Mohammad Abdullah, Awrangzeb and Rahima Zarifi, IEC members as well as Mr. Habiburrahman Nang IEC Head of Secretariat attended the event.

The order of presidential candidates on the ballot paper is determined as follow:

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| 1 Rahmatullah Nabil | 10 Mohammad Hakim Torsan |
| 2 Sayed Noorullah Jalili | 11 Gulbuddin Hekmatyar |
| 3 Dr. Famarz Tamana | 12 Abdul Latif Pedram |
| 4 Shaida Mohammad Abdali | 13 Noorulhaq Uloomi |
| 5 Ahmad Wali Masood | 14 Haji Mohammad Ibrahim Alokozi |
| 6 Noor Rahman Lewal | 15 Prof. Dr. Ghulam Farooq Nejrabi |
| 7 Mohammad Shahab Hakimi | 16 Enayatullah Hafiz |
| 8 Mohammad Ashraf Ghani | 17 Mohammad Hanif Atmar |
| 9 Dr. Abdullah Abdullah | 18 Dr. Zalmay Rasool |





IEC meeting with civil society organizations (CSOs)

On 11 April 2019, Mr. Habib Rahman Nang, IEC CEO, and Mr. Sayed Abdul Ahad Reshtiya, Deputy CEO, met with CSOs representatives to provide information on IEC readiness for upcoming elections, and on the voters registration process. The meeting was also an occasion to exchange on sensitive electoral material, the use of the technology and the biometric voter registration as well as the electoral timeline.

IEC meeting with International Foundation for Electoral System (IFES)

On 14 April 2019, IEC Chair, Mrs. Hawa Alam Nuristani, met with Mr. Michael Yard, IFES Senior Technical Advisor to discuss on the use of technology, namely biometrics in upcoming elections. During the meeting, IEC and IFES advisor shared experiences and advices, discussed on MoU between IEC and the National Statistics Information Authority (NSIA) and stressed IEC need of technical support.

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Baghlan

Alhaj Asadullah Shahbaz
Mohammad Azim Mohseni
Atiq Ramin
Alhaj Mamor Ahmadzai
Dr. Moh. Nasim Mudaber
Alhaj Ustad Abdurazaq Hashemi
Shukria Eisakhil
Noria Hamidi

Helmand

Mohammad Zafar Sadeqi
Haji Ghullam Wali Afghan
Mirwais Khadem
Alhaj Mohammad Karim Atal
Adbul Rashid Azizi
Shir Mohammad Akhundzada
Nasima Neyazai
Shugofa Norzai

Kunduz

Alhaj Abdul Rauf Ibrahim
Eng. Kamal Safi
Shah Khan Shirzad
Eng. Mohammaduddin Hamdard
Mohammadullah Batash
Haji Mohammad Omar Khan
Fazel Karim Aimaq
Nilufar Jalali Kofi
Dr. Fatima Aziz

Logar

Mohammad Khaled Momand
Shahpoor Khan Hussainzai
Eng. Mohammad Asef Nabizai
Huma Ahmadi

Kabul

Haji Ajmal Rahmani
Alhaj Abdul Qayoum Khairkhwah
Khan Agha Rezaei
Alhaj Mula Moh. Khan Ahmadi
Feda Mohammad Ulfat Saleh
Ahmad Jawid Jaihon
Mir Amanullah Guzar
Alhaj Amirgull Shahin
Ghullam Hussain Naseri
Dr. Ramazan Bashardost
Alhaj sayed Moh. Mohammadi
Alhaj Allah Gull Mujahid
Haji Khan Mohammad Wardak
Alhaj Qazi Mir Afghan Safi
Najibullah Naseri
Habib Rahman Sayaf
Anwar Khan Oryakhel
Sufi Ab. Razeq Estalifi
Tawfiq Wahdat
Haji Zergai Habibi
Haji Naim Wardak
Haji Hafizullah Jalili
Erfanullah Erfan
Obaidullah Kalimzai Wardak
Wakil Fatema Nazari
Gen. Nazifa Zaki
Shinkai Karokhel
Mursal Nabizada
Fawzia Naseryar Gulldaraye
Robina Jalali
Mariam Sama
Zuhra Nawruzi
Bibi Haji Parwin Durani

Nangarhar

Abdul Karim Karimi
Feraidon Khan Momand
Malek Qais Nor Aqa Malekzai
Abdul Rauf Shpon
Amir Mohammad Yar
Nabiullah Baaz
Mirwais Yasini
Alhaj Hazrat Ali
Ibrarullah Murad
Niaz Wali Muslim
Arian Youn
Bibi Haji Lailuma Wali Hukmi
Saaima Khogyani
Anisa Omrani

Paktya

Mohammad Ebrahim Ghoshtalai
Dr. Yarbaz Khan Hamidi
Nasib Moqbel
Sayed Hassan Gardaizi
Razia Sadat Mangal

Wardak

Alhaj Abdul Ahmmad Durani
Abdul Rahman Wardak
Mohamad Mehdi Rasekh
Halima Askari
Eng. Hamida Akbari

Kuchi

Alhaj Shah Wazir Tarakhel
Habib Rahman Afghan
Mirwais Hussainkhel
Nangyalai Lawang
Haji parwiz Arabzadah
Alhaj Haidar Jan Nayemzoi
Rasool Khan Kuchai
Hamida Ahmadzai
Mariam Sulaimankhel
Farzana Kuchai