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IEBC meets Deputy Directors of Election to enhance coordination ahead of polls



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The meeting focused on translating the Commission's Election Operations Plan into actionable work plans at the county and constituency levels, with emphasis on voter registration and education, staffing, training, technology deployment and logistics.

The Chairperson underscored the importance of identifying operational gaps early, adhering to

statutory timelines, and ensuring the consistent implementation of approved electoral procedures.

He also challenged the officers to demonstrate exemplary leadership, uphold the highest standards of professionalism and accountability, manage resources prudently and foster constructive engagement with stakeholders. The engagement forms part of the Commission's ongoing efforts to strengthen field coordination, anticipate and mitigate operational risks, and enhance institutional preparedness for the 2027 General Election.

The Chairperson congratulated them on their appointment and underscored the critical role they will play in translating the Commission's policies,

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decisions and Election Operations Plan into effective, coordinated and accountable electoral delivery at the county and constituency levels.

With 306 days to the 2027 General Election, the Chairperson emphasized that electoral preparedness is not built on Election Day, but through deliberate planning, sustained coordination and decisive action well in advance.

He challenged the Deputy Directors to provide strong and accountable leadership in the field, strengthen coordination across the Commission's structures and ensure that operational plans are translated into measurable results and tangible progress.



IEBC engages security stakeholders to review plans to conduct peaceful polls

The Commission last week convened Election Security Arrangements Programme (ESAP) roundtable meetings, with support from the Electoral Law and Governance Institute for Africa (Elgia Afric). The meetings brought together security agencies and other stakeholders across six clusters in Mombasa, Nakuru, Garissa, Nyeri, Kisumu, and Nairobi/Kajiado.

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The Constitution places the responsibility for conducting elections on the Commission under Article 88. At the same time, Article 81 requires elections to be free and fair and conducted without violence, intimidation, improper influence, or corruption. However, peaceful elections are a shared responsibility.

They depend on every institution playing its part, every leader promoting responsible discourse, every political party respecting the rules, every citizen rejecting incitement, and every community choosing peace over division.

Building on collaboration between the Commission, the National Police Service (NPS), and other stakeholders since 2013, ESAP provides a platform to assess election risks, identify emerging threats, strengthen coordination, and develop timely responses before, during, and after electoral activities.

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As Kenya prepares for the 2027 General Election, the Commission remains committed to strategically deploying technology to deliver efficient, accurate, transparent and accountable electoral processes.





Monitoring

IEBC develops results-based framework to guide implementation of Strategic Plan

The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC), with support from the Electoral Law and Governance Institute for Africa (ELGIA), is developing a Results-Based Management (RBM) Framework to guide the implementation of the Commission's 2024–2029 Strategic Plan and Election Operations Plan (EOP) 2025–2027.

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The Framework will strengthen the Commission's focus on measurable results, accountability and continuous improvement by establishing clear performance indicators, responsibilities and mechanisms for tracking implementation and reporting progress to stakeholders and the public.

It will also provide timely and reliable performance information to support evidence-based decision-making, including resource allocation, performance improvement and timely adjustments to strategies where necessary.



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By-election

Commission team meets to strategise on conduct of the Migwani Ward by-election



The Commission convened election officials for a planning meeting ahead of the Migwani Ward MCA by-election scheduled for 17 November 2026. Participants reviewed key activities and timelines, budgets, operational procedures, emerging issues and mitigation measures. **(Photos: Linda Mworio)**

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The meeting focused on strengthening preparedness, aligning operational plans and drawing lessons from previous by-elections to inform effective delivery of the upcoming poll.

While opening the meeting, Adan Harar Noor, the Ag. Director Electoral Operations (DEO), underscored the importance of thorough planning, continuous learning, teamwork and professionalism in delivering a credible election.

Participants reviewed key activities and timelines, budgets, operational procedures, emerging issues and mitigation measures as the Commission prepares to deliver a free, fair, and credible by-election.

Representation

Stakeholders discuss ways to implement Two-Thirds Gender Principle in 2027 polls



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The dialogue brought together Members of

Parliament, State institutions, Constitutional Commissions, political and electoral institutions, development partners and other stakeholders to deliberate on practical mechanisms for advancing the implementation of this constitutional gender principle.

In her speech, Dr. Nderitu highlighted IEBC role in promoting compliance with the constitutional and electoral framework, including regulating aspects of



political party nominations, reviewing applicable party lists, issuing guidelines and engaging political parties and stakeholders on inclusive participation.

She also highlighted the Commission's role in allocating gender top-up seats in County Assemblies and IEBC efforts to promote the participation of women, youth, persons with disabilities and marginalised through voter education, stakeholder engagement and the implementation of the Gender

and Social Inclusion Policy.

The dialogue, convened by NGEK with the support of UN Women Kenya and in collaboration with the Kenya Women Parliamentary Association (KEWOPA), provided a platform for stakeholders to consider legislative initiatives currently before Parliament and identify practical mechanisms for advancing the Two-Thirds Gender Principle ahead of the 2027 General Election and beyond.

Inclusion

IEBC advocates for stakeholder support to enhance inclusivity in elective positions

Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) Vice-Chairperson, Fahima Araphat Abdalla, OGW, represented Commission Chairperson Erastus Etheke at a policy dialogue forum convened by the National Gender and Equality Commission (NGEC). The dialogue centred on promoting meaningful participation of Special Interest Groups (SIGs) in political party leadership, governance and decision-making ahead of the

2027 General Election.

The dialogue brought together representatives of political parties and key institutions to examine barriers to inclusive political participation and explore practical strategies for strengthening the representation of women, youth, persons with disabilities and marginalised communities in political leadership and decision-making.

Vice-Chairperson Fahima highlighted the Commission's ongoing initiatives to advance gender equality and social inclusion in electoral processes. These include reviewing political party nomination rules and party lists for compliance with constitutional requirements, pursuing electoral legal reforms to strengthen equitable representation, implementing the Gender and Social Inclusion Policy, promoting accessible voter registration and targeted voter education, as well as supporting measures such as reduced nomination fees for eligible candidates.

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As the country prepares for the 2027 General Election, IEBC continues to engage political parties and stakeholders to promote fair, accessible and constitutionally compliant electoral processes, ensuring that inclusion remains central to Kenya's democratic journey.



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> Vision

A credible Electoral Management Body committed to deepening democracy in Kenya.

> Mission

To conduct inclusive, credible and efficient elections, and to undertake boundary delimitation for equitable representation and sustainable democracy.

> Core Values

Respect to the rule of law

Inclusivity

Teamwork

Sustainability

Accountability

Integrity

> Strategic Theme

Inclusion and Participation in Deepening Democracy in Kenya.

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