TECHNOLOGY AND ELECTIONS IN KENYA
June 8, 2021

DRAFT PROGRAMME

TIME	ITEM	TASK
10.00 am	Dry Run	Panellists and moderators
Section 1		
10.50 am	Panellists and moderators join the webinar	Panellists and moderators
11.00 am	Registered participants join the webinar	All
11.00-11.05pm	Introduction	Moderators: Silas Kamanza and Santana Simiyu
	Context setting	
Section 2		
11.05- 11.20am	Presentations by panellist a. What challenges were faced in the utilization of technology in the past general elections? b. Why did the IEBC fail in using electoral technology? c. Is it possible to achieve a dependable and secure IT/ICT system in an election? d. How can the system be made secure and dependable?	Representative of the IEBC (To be confirmed) – From IEBC perspective Dr. Seema Shah – [From CSO/practitioner's perspective looking back at experience in 2017 election] Linet Kwamboka – IT/ICT technical/ data science specialist perspective
11.20-11.25am	Brief Comments from participants	
Section 3		
11.25-12.00noon	Presentations by panellist Brief Q and A e. What are the emerging global and regional trends on elections and technology? Where does Kenya fit?	Dickson Omondi – NDI (TBC)
	f. What challenges do we expect in electoral dispute resolution within the context of the covid-19 pandemic?	Francis Angila
	g. What should be done to ensure a conducive political environment for successful implementation of electoral technology?	
12.00–12.10pm	h. What legislative and policy reforms should we address ahead of the 2022	All panellists

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	general elections? What should IEBC do next?	
Section 4		
12.10– 12.30 pm	Full Q and A from participants	All
Section 5		
12.30– 12.55pm	Responses i. What role should all stakeholders, including civil society play in ensuring the integrity of electoral systems?	Panellists
12.55-1.00pm	Concluding remarks/observations	Moderator
End		

Opening question to Panellists

1. Representative of the IEBC (To be confirmed) – From IEBC perspective; and Dr. Seema Shah (From CSO perspective)
    a. What challenges were faced in the utilization of technology in the past general elections?
    b. Why did the IEBC fail in using electoral technology?

2. Dickson Omondi – NDI (TBC)
    c. What are the emerging global and regional trends on elections and technology? Where does Kenya fit?

3. Dr. Seema Shah [From CSO/practioner's perspective looking back at experience in 2017 election] and Linet Kwamboka – [IT/ICT Technical perspective/data science specialist - as proposed]
    d. Is it possible to achieve a dependable and secure IT/ICT system in an election?
    e. How can the system be made secure and dependable?

4. Francis Angila
    f. What challenges do we expect in electoral dispute resolution within the context of the covid-19 pandemic?
    g. What should be done to ensure a conducive political environment for successful implementation of electoral technology?

Question to all panellists
    h. What legislative and policy reforms should we address ahead of the 2022 general elections? What should IEBC do next?

Closing question to all panellists
    i. What role should all stakeholders, including civil society play in ensuring the integrity of electoral systems?