



# **Organization of Arab Electoral Management Bodies (ArabEMBs)**

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Workshop on the use of ICT in Electoral Processes: Assessing  
Experience Over Several Electoral Cycle

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# What is ArabEMBs

- ArabEMBs was Officially Launched in June 2015 in Lebanon
- Six EMB Founding member (Jordan, Iraq, Palestine, Lebanon, Libya, Yemen)
- First Cooperation and Coordination Mechanism in the Field of Elections in the Arab world
- Fostering Regional Coordination Among Arab Electoral management bodies
- Creating and developing platforms for networking and knowledge exchange between its members



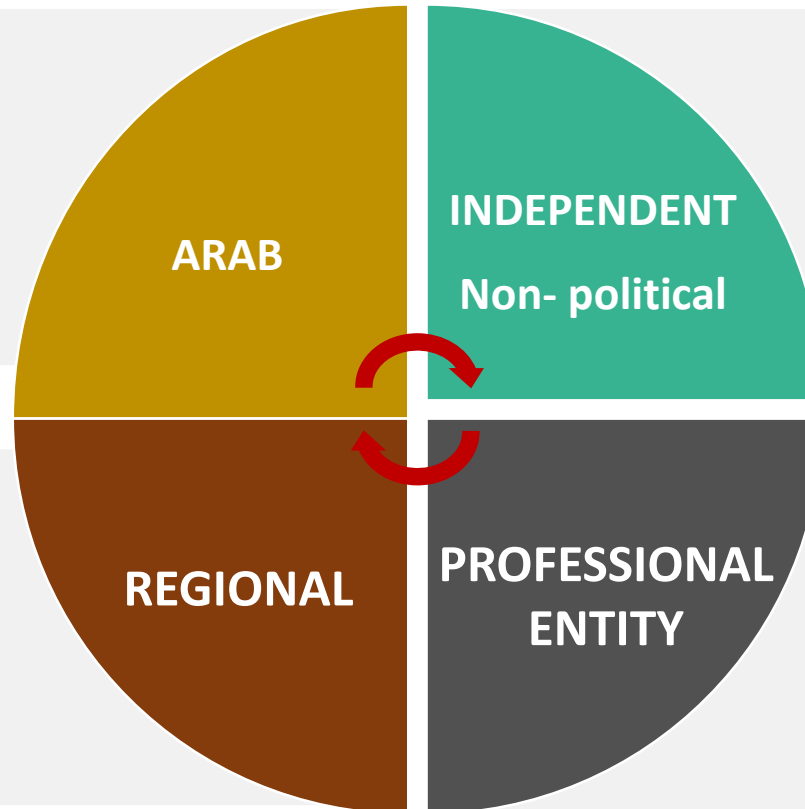
**Launching Ceremony 2015**



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# Characteristics of ArabEMBs

- Created by Electoral Management Bodies in Arab States
- Targeting EMBs in Arab World as Beneficiary Group



- Working at the level of EMBs
- Away from the Influence of National Governments and Political Parties
- Technical Activities

- Regional Nature of Functions and Activities
- Aiming at improving the technical aspects of Electoral Fields in Arab world

- Seeking to enhance institutional and professional electoral practices of EMBs



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# Why Do We Need ArabEMBs ?

- Supporting Electoral Processes as Part of Democracy Development in the Region
- EMBs in Arab world sharing common objectives in terms of the needs to enhance the credibility of the electoral process and to regain citizen's confidence in its results.
- Similarities in the scope and nature of challenges facing EMBs in the region
- Informative variety in electoral experiences and EMBs Models in Arab states.



# Objective s



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- Strengthen the capacity of Arab EMBs and improve their performance

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- Enhance cooperation among Arab EMBs through membership in regional and international peer organizations

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- Support members to implement fair and transparent elections

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- Enhance independence and neutrality of electoral management bodies

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- Enable members to promote successful Arab experiences internationally



# Membership Category

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## Permanent Member

Embs conducting National Elections in Arab States (having the right to vote)

## Affiliated Member

EMBs conducting National Elections in Arab states who do not wish to be a permanent member

EMBs conducting Local Election at Arab state who are represented by a permanent member at the organization

## Partners

Regional or International Organizations wishing to become members of the organization and fulfill conditions

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Permanent Members: The organization has (10) Arab Electoral Management Bodies under this category, namely:



Independent Election Commission  
(Jordan)



Independent High Authority for Elections  
(Tunisia)



National Election Commission  
(Sudan)



National Independent Electoral Commission  
(NIEC) (Somalia)



The Independent High Electoral Commission  
(Iraq)



Central Elections Commission  
(Palestine)



Directorate of Political and refugee  
Affairs, Ministry of Interior  
(Lebanon)



High National Elections Commission  
(Libya)



Supreme Commission for Elections and  
Referendum (Yemen)



National Independent Electoral Commission  
(Mauritania)



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Associate members:

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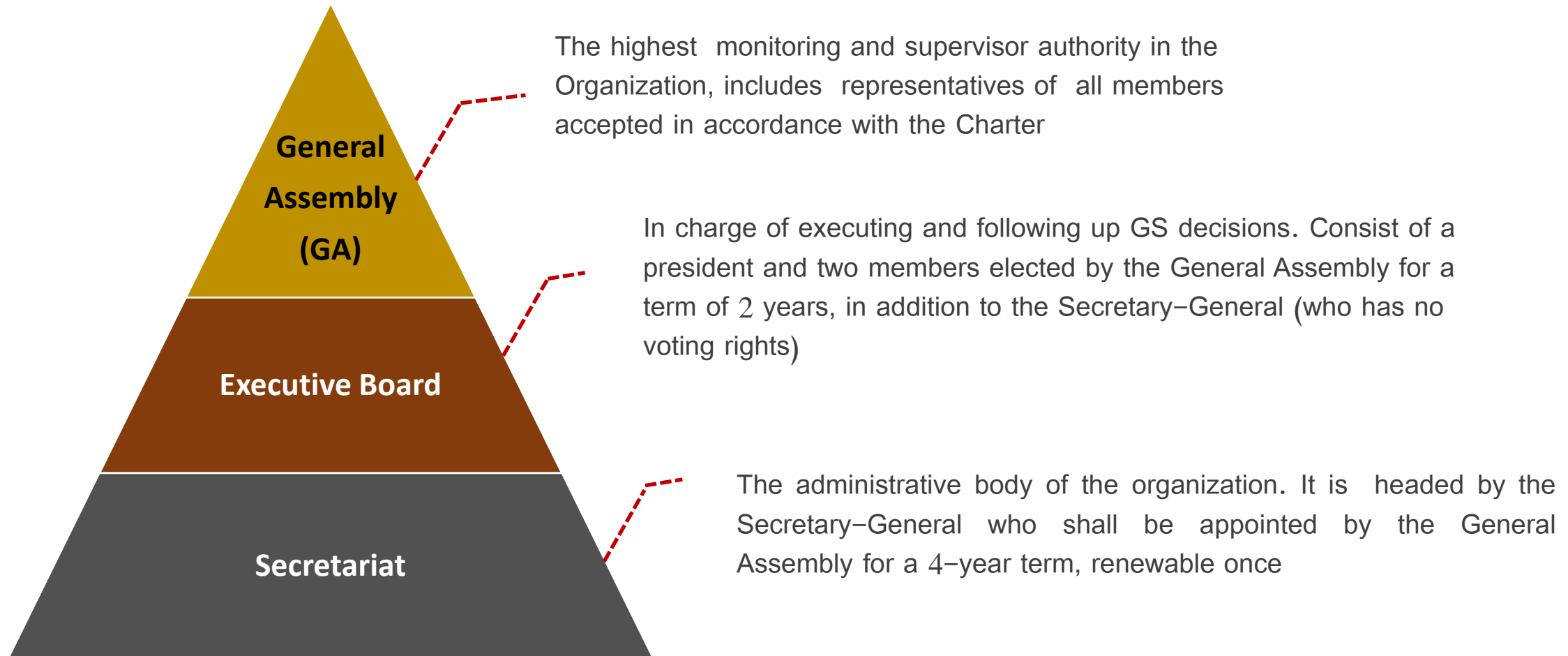
Partner members:

Association of World Election Bodies  
(A-WEB)



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# Organs of ArabEMBs





# Regional and International Networking

- Signing MOUs
- Promoting ArabEMBs at Regional and International Events



MOU with  
CEC Russia



MOU with  
A-WEB



MOU with  
Venice Commission



MOU with  
ACEEEO



# Thematic Workshops

1. Voters Registration in the Arab World: Methodologies and Tools
2. Role of ArabEMBs in Enhancing the Participation of Women in Elections
3. The Independence of Electoral Management Bodies : Concept and Practice" Between



# Activities and Programs

- **Technical support Program**

Specialized workshop to support the independent National Electoral Commission in Somalia in the area of registration and funding of political parties



- **Regional Election Visitor Program**

Visitor Program to the Local Elections in Jordan



**Thank you**