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2020 ACTION PLAN**

INTRODUCTION

The Election Administration Action Plan is a set of activities defined by the Central Election Commission of Georgia for 2020 and is based on the Strategic Plan of Election Administration 2020-2023.

This Action Plan has been developed in accordance with the Election Administration's planning, reporting, and monitoring rules to ensure that a modern, effective and transparent system is established in election administration.

The Election Administration's 2020 Action Plan was formulated with a new structure and as a short-term document focused heavily on strategic tasks' implementation. It clearly outlines the indicators of the outcome of the strategic tasks, the activities planned to achieve them, the performance indicators and the timeframes for implementation. The structural unit / training centre is responsible for reporting the activities carried out, which is listed in the action plan under "Responsible for Performance and Reporting". Reporting is performed quarterly and annually in accordance with the approved rule.

The action plan is drawn up with the involvement of the CEC officials, members, structural units and the LEPL Electoral Systems Development, Reforms and Training Centre for in collaboration with the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES). In addition, members of the CEC Working Group on Ethnic Minorities and Persons with Disabilities were involved in the development of the Action Plan.

Implementation of the activities envisaged in the Action Plan, on the one hand, contributes to the achievement and sustainability of the strategic goals of the election administration, and on the other hand, to the high level of organization / administration of the Parliament of Georgia to be held in 2020.

ACRONYMS, ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITION OF TERMS

Election Administration	Central Election Commission of Georgia (CEC) and its office, Supreme Election Commissions (SEC) of Autonomous Republics of Abkhazia and Adjara and its offices, District and Precinct Election Commissions
CEC	Central Election Commission of Georgia
Training Centre	LEPL Electoral Systems Development, Reforms and Training Centre
DEC	District Election Commission
IFES	International Foundation for Electoral Systems
ACCEEEEO	Association of European Election Officials
PWDs	Persons with Disabilities
MIA	Ministry of Internal Affairs
ISO 9001:2015	Quality Management International Certificate ISO 9001:2015
HR	Human Resources
CEC Working Group	Working group created by the CEC Chairperson's order from the CEC staff and/or Training Centre for planning and implementing a specific project

1. Strategic Pillar		Electoral Culture and Education												Responsible Body/Unit		
		Informing voters and other stakeholders through efficient and innovative educational programs that will strengthen electoral culture, increase the possibility of making informed choices for voters														
1.1.	Goal	Voters and other stakeholders informed/educated														
1.1.1	Objective	Define and implement effective educational programs														
	Objective Outcome Indicator	Participants of voter educational programs have an increased awareness of electoral issues The cumulative number of participants in educational programs has increased Majority of participants positively assess educational program														
N	Activity	Performance Indicator	Term of Implementation												Responsible Body/Unit	
			I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII		
1.1.1.1	Conduct informational-learning program for XI-XII graders at public schools	Concept of activity and study material are prepared Training of trainers (ToT) is conducted Number of municipalities, public schools and participants														Training Centre
1.1.1.2	Conduct the learning course "Electoral Law" at higher education institutions	Study material is prepared Number of higher education institutions and participants														Training Centre
1.1.1.3	Carry out study program "Electoral Development School"	Working group is created Project is developed Training of trainers (ToT) is conducted Number of municipalities, public schools and participants														CEC Working Group
1.1.1.4	Carry out pilot project "Youth Camp"	Working group is created Concept is created Project is piloted Number of participants														CEC Working Group
1.1.1.5	Carry out an informational-learning program focused on the electoral capacity enhancement of observer organizations	Study material is prepared Number of participants														Training Centre
1.1.1.6	Carry out an informational-learning program focused on the electoral capacity enhancement of representatives of election subjects	Study material is prepared Number of participants														Training Centre
1.1.1.7	Carry out an informational-learning program focused on the electoral capacity enhancement of representatives of media outlets	Study material is prepared Media outlets participating in the program are identified Number of participants														Training Centre Public Relations Department
1.1.1.8	Carry out an informational program "Organizing election processes in detention facilities" for representatives of the penitentiary system	Study material is prepared Number of participants														Training Centre

1.1.2	Objective	Define and implement innovative information campaign																
	Objective Outcome Indicator	Novelties are defined and implemented during the information campaign																
N	Activity	Performance Indicator	Term of Implementation												Responsible Body/Unit			
			I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII				
1.1.2.1	Elaborate a distance information program "Election Campaign and Administrative Resources" for public servants	The concept of activity is prepared															Training Centre Legal Department Electoral Information Technology Department	
		Distance information program is developed																
		Number of state entities																
1.1.2.2	Develop a distance information program "Polling Day Procedures" for interested persons using video/audio	The concept of activity is prepared															Training Centre Electoral Information Technology Department Public Relations Department	
		Distance information program is developed and available																
		Public is informed about the distance information program																
1.1.2.3	Implement innovative public campaigns within the framework of the "Talk to the Voters" information campaign	Working group is created															CEC Working Group	
		Project is ready																
		Campaign is carried out																
1.1.2.4	Prepare and distribute a print edition on election issues	Content of the edition is defined and design created															Public Relations Department	
		The edition is printed and distributed																
1.1.2.5	Planning / Implementing an incentive campaign for first-time voters at age of 18	The concept of activity and plan are developed and implemented															Public Relations Department	

2.1.3	Objective	Strengthen cooperation with electoral stakeholders														
	Objective Outcome Indicator	Formats of cooperation with stakeholders are supported by participants														
N	Activity	Performance Indicator	Term of Implementation												Responsible Body/Unit	
			I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII		
2.1.3.1	Conduct meetings of working groups (PWDs, ethnic minorities) at the CEC	Number (PWDs, ethnic minorities) of meetings, participants and issues discussed														Coordination, Planning and Reporting Department
2.1.3.2	Conduct meetings within the framework of "Discuss Together" with CSOs	Number of meetings, organizations, participants and issues discussed														Public Relations Department
2.1.3.3	Conduct meetings within the framework of technical working group (TWG) meeting	Number of meetings, organizations and participants														Public Relations Department
2.1.4	Objective	Ensure transparent electoral processes														
	Objective Outcome Indicator	Election information is proactively publicised, public data is issued and reporting ensured Transparency of electoral processes is positively assessed in the reports of observer organizations														
N	Activity	Performance Indicator	Term of Implementation												Public Relations Department	
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2.1.4.1	Carry out information-image campaign	Action plan of the communication strategy is renewed and implemented														Public Relations Department
		The amount of material on television, radio, print media and the internet														
		Number of information campaigns														
2.1.4.3	Prepare reports on election administration activity															Coordination, Planning and Reporting Department

2.1.5	Objective	Strengthen international cooperation and support															
	Objective Outcome Indicator	Number of international cooperation formats and information mechanisms															
		Number of positive assessments regarding election administration activities by international partners															
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2.1.5.1	Conduct information meetings on elections with the staff of foreign embassies and representations in Georgia	The concept of activity and information material are prepared Information meetings are held Number of participants															Training Centre
2.1.5.2	Improve mechanisms to inform international organizations and diplomatic missions accredited in Georgia	Needs research is conducted The research results are analyzed and considered															Public Relations Department
2.1.5.3	Prepare and distribute an English-language digital publication on election administration activities	Publication is prepared At least two digital publications have been sent to diplomatic missions accredited in Georgia, international organizations, Georgian missions abroad and election administrations of other countries															Public Relations Department
2.1.5.4	Participate in conferences, workshops, observation missions	Visits of representatives of Election administration abroad are organized Number of organized visits abroad Number of participants Visits reports are submitted															Public Relations Department
2.1.5.5	Organize the 10th annual meeting of EMBs	Theme of the conference (meeting) is defined Number of participating organizations and representatives Logistics (material resources) for the conference (meeting) are provided															Public Relations Department Finance Department
2.1.5.6	Conduct meeting of the Executive Committee of the Association of European Election Officials (ACEEEO) and the 29th Annual International Conference of the Association of European Election Officials	Conference topics are defined Number of participating organizations and representatives Logistics (material resources) for the conference (meeting) are provided															Public Relations Department Finance Department

2.3.	Goal	Capacity of the election administration to prevent cyber security threats increased													
2.3.1	Objective	Improve information security policy													
	Objective Outcome Indicator	Number of mechanisms developed for information security													
N	Activity	Performance Indicator	Term of Implementation												Responsible Body/Unit
			I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	
2.3.1.1	Develop/update information security policy and related documents	Documentation of information security management system is developed and complies with legislative/regulatory requirements.													Information Security Manager
2.3.2	Objective	Improve cybersecurity													
	Objective Outcome Indicator	Number of prevented cyber incidents													
N	Activity	Performance Indicator	Term of Implementation												Responsible Body/Unit
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2.3.2.1	Upgrade cybersecurity and update licenses	Cybersecurity and licenses are updated													Electoral Information Technology Department
2.3.2.2	Conduct trainings for CEC staff on Cyber-hygiene	Training program is defined Training-centre is selected Training is held Number of participants													Information Security Manager

3.1.3	Objective	Simplify participation in the electoral processes for voters and other stakeholders													
	Objective Outcome Indicator	Electoral stakeholders express their satisfaction with the simplified services offered Number of services offered to stakeholders													
N	Activity	Performance Indicator	Term of Implementation												Responsible Body/Unit
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3.1.3.1	Create new opportunities for registration of election subjects and their representatives	Working group is created The technical task is prepared Changes are made to Election Process Management System (EPMS)													CEC Working Group
3.1.3.2	Process the voter lists, improve accessibility and analyze	The data received from the relevant agencies is processed The analysis is done Voter lists using various services are available DECs have verified the data and the gaps have been eliminated													Voters List and Electoral Processes Management Department
3.2.	Goal	Tools for voter and stakeholder awareness through technologies promoted													
3.2.1	Objective	Improve electronic services													
	Objective Outcome Indicator	Consumers positively assessed E-services													
N	Activity	Performance Indicator	Term of Implementation												Responsible Body/Unit
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3.2.1.2	Update an online program of complaints registry and enhance the registry	Complaints registry is modernized Number of participants and trainings conducted for DECs													Legal Department Electoral Information Technology Department
3.2.1.2	Improve an online program for processing and publishing preliminary election results	Changes are made to the online program New possibilities for processing published results are created													Electoral Information Technology Department
3.2.2	Objective	Use information resources and communication channels effectively													
	Objective Outcome Indicator	Customer satisfaction has increased													
N	Activity	Performance Indicator	Term of Implementation												Responsible Body/Unit
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3.2.2.1	Improve Call Center service	The concept of activity is created Functioning of Call Center is ensured Statistical data is processed													Coordination, Planning and Reporting Department
3.2.2.2	Create the possibility to evaluate information services	Working group is created Consumer services are identified and evaluated													CEC Working Group

4 Strategic Pillar		Inclusive Electoral Environment																	
		Creating an equally accessible environment for everyone, promoting the involvement of all actors in the electoral process																	
4.1.	Goal	Access of vulnerable groups to electoral processes improved																	
4.1.1	Objective	Promote participation of ethnic minorities in the electoral processes by providing accessible information																	
	Objective Outcome Indicator	Number of mechanisms used to promote the involvement of ethnic minorities in electoral processes																	
N	Activity	Performance Indicator	Term of Implementation												Responsible Body/Unit				
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4.1.1.1	Translate election documentation and other informational material in Armenian and Azerbaijani languages	Number of election documentation and other informational material in Armenian and Azerbaijani languages Relevant documentation / materials are available at polling stations																	Coordination, Planning and Reporting Department Department of Relations with Election Commissions
4.1.1.2	Ensure an access to CEC informational/ advertising materials in Armenian and Azerbaijani languages	Number of informational/advertising materials in Armenian and Azerbaijani languages An informational video ad on services available to ethnic minority voters has been prepared Number of news media used																	Public Relations Department
4.1.1.3	Organize meetings with small ethnic groups	At least 3 informational meetings have been held (Roma community, Kists, Osetians and others).																	Coordination, Planning and Reporting Department
4.1.1.4	Organize grant competition	At least one grant competition is held Number of funded local non-governmental organizations																	Training Centre

5	Strategic Pillar	Effective Management and Institutional Strengthening													
		Delivery of quality services to electoral stakeholders as a result of increased effective management and institutional excellence													
5.1.	Goal	Management efficiency and quality control constantly improved													
5.1.1	Objective	Develop quality management standard(ISO)													
	Objective Outcome Indicator	Develop quality management standard(ISO) is maintained and control auditis succesfully completed													
N	Activity	Performance Indicator	Term of Implementation												Responsible Body/Unit
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5.1.1.1	Update the documents related to quality management	Number of meetings of Coordination Council for the Development and Implementation of a Quality Management System The updated documents are agreed and approved													Coordination Council for the Development and Implementation of a Quality Management System
5.1.2	Objective	Improve risk and crisis management capability													
	Objective Outcome Indicator	Risks are identified and crisis management mechanisms are developed													
N	Activity	Performance Indicator	Term of Implementation												Responsible Body/Unit
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5.1.2.1	Update risk management document	Risk management document is updated													Human Resources Management Department
5.1.3	Objective	Develop management efficiency via electronic tools													
	Objective Outcome Indicator	Electronic capacity is created and adopted													
N	Activity	Performance Indicator	Term of Implementation												Responsible Body/Unit
			I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	IX	X	XI	XII	
5.1.3.1	Implement an electronic planning and reporting program	Program is piloted Gaps are revealed and eliminated Changes are made into the rule of activity planning, reporting and monitoring of election administration The CEC Structural Units and Training Centre's I, II and III quarterly reports are presented Consolidated quarterly report is submitted to the CEC													Coordination, Planning and Reporting Department Electoral Information Technology Department

