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NOTICE.

GUIDELINES FOR VOTER EDUCATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that in exercise of powers conferred upon the Electoral Commission by Sub-section l(i) of Section 12 of the Electoral Commission Act, No. 3 of 1997, the Commission hereby issues guidelines for accreditation of persons, institutions and associations for carrying out voter education as herein below.

GUIDELINES FOR ACCREDITATION OF PERSONS, INSTITUTIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS FOR CARRYING OUT VOTER EDUCATION

-Voter education for all the elections shall only be conducted in accordance with the law and these guidelines and only by individuals, group of individuals or institutions or association accredited by the Electoral Commission for this purpose.

1. Objectives of Voter Education.

Any person, group of persons, institution or association seeking to be accredited to carry out voter education on behalf of the Electoral Commission should be aware of its objectives, which include the following:

(a) to help Ugandans understand the need for periodical elections and the power and importance of the ballot in enabling peaceful change of leadership;

(b) to create public awareness of the rights and duties of citizens to register and vote;

(c) to encourage citizens to involve themselves in the electoral process by attending as many candidates' meetings as possible to enable them make the right decisions by voting for candidates of their own choice;

(d) to create an awareness of the electoral laws, so as to enable voters participate consciously in the election process.

2. Criteria for Accreditation.

The law requires that any person, group of persons, institution or association seeking accreditation must be non-partisan (with no political leanings) and impartial.

The following shall also be observed as criteria for accreditation:

(a) ability to manifest (demonstrate) a presence in the districts of operation with a network spreading to the grassroots;

(b) capacity and ability to coordinate activities at grassroot level with the administrators at higher levels;

(c) availability of a sound financial base and capacity to live in a state of preparedness for the task;

(d) experience of social interaction with people at grassroot will be desirable;

(e) readiness to work with the Electoral Commission both at headquarters and in the districts through the Returning Officers and other election officials, based on the understanding that the work is supplementing the Commission's effort to achieve the above stated objectives;

3. Scope of the activities for accredited Persons, qroups, or institutions.

An accredited person, group or institution will be required to carry out the following activities:

(a) to recruit and train non-partisan staff to carry out Election Education in collaboration with the Commission's Civic Educators at the grassroots;

(b) to conduct an effective and successful Election Education programme;

(c) to carry out such other duties as the Commission shall deem necessary for the education of the people and as authorised in writing.

4. Recruitment of Educators and Monitors.

While recruiting staff in the districts, those accredited by the Commission shall be required to consult with the respective Returning Officers to ensure the impartiality of those to be recruited. The Commission retains the right to revoke appointments made contrary to the requirements under these guidelines.

5. Election/Voter Education Materials.

The Electoral Commission reserves the right to produce teaching materials which the accredited person, group or institution will use for voter education.

The Commission must approve any literature and/or posters produced by any accredited person or group before they are used for voter education in the areas of operation.

6. Oualifications for the staff.

In recruiting the staff, the following conditions should be adhered to:

(a) the educator must be a respectable person within the parish of operation;

(b) he/she must be non-partisan and an impartial;

(c) he/she must have ability to read and interprete the education materials/literature.

(d) he/she must be a resident in his/her parish of operation;

(e) must have at least "O" level standard or its equivalent;

(f) should have held some civic responsibility in organisations like P.T.A., Church, Cooperative Society, Women Club, and such others, in his/her area or elsewhere;

(g) must be able to express himself/herself intelligibly in the language understood by the people;

(h) must be ready to work with a voluntary spirit and accept reasonable facilitation.

7. Qualification for Election Observers/Monitors.

Election observers/monitors shall also be accredited by the Commission in accordance with these guidelines. No person, group or institution shall observe or monitor any election without accreditation by the Commission. Each person accredited as obsever/monitor will be required:

(a) to exhibit a reputation for independence, impartiality and objectivity;

(b) to have a reasonable ability to understand the application of the election law and the rules on both national and international levels in order to determine the freeness and fairness of the electoral process; and

(c) to be equipped with knowledge and experience to distinguish between irregularities and manipulation of electoral process.

8. Scope of election monitoring.

An accredited person or group shall endeavour to ensure freeness and fairness of the electoral process by:

(a) monitoring and verifying the impartiality and legality of decisions taken by the Commission and its officers in settling disputes;

(b) monitoring and verifying the registration of voters as under the Commission guidelines, the law and the Constitution;

(c) observing candidates' conduct in the electoral process and the candidates' meeting programmes;

(d) monitoring and verifying the voting process as provided by the law;

(e) monitoring and verifying the process of counting, determination and declaration of the results; and

(f) observing the access to, and the use of the media by every candidate.

The accredited person or groups shall submit to the Electoral Commission a report of their findings within six months after the declaration of the results.

Any person who observes any election without accreditation for this purpose commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding fifteen (15) currency points (Ug.Shs.300,000) or imprisonment not exceeding six months or both.

NB. One currency point is equivalent to twenty thousand Uganda Shillings.

ISSUED at Kampala, this 17th day of September, 1997.

FLORA K. NKURUKENDA (MRS.),
Deputy Chairperson, Electoral Commission.

ADVERTISEMENTS

THE REGISTRATION OF TITLES ACT, 1964.
(Cap. 205).
NOTICE.
ISSUE OF SPECIAL CERTIFICATE OF TITLE.

Singo Block 161 Plots 702 & 1295, 1.28 Hectares at Katakala Estate.

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Mityana, WILLIAM M. MUKALAZI,
27th August, 1997. *for Chief Registrar of Titles.*

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Mityana, WILLIAM M. MUKALAZI,
29th July, 1997. *for Chief Registrar of Titles.*

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(Cap. 205).
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Kampala, ROBERT V. NYOMBI,
9th September, 1997. *for Chief Registrar of Titles.*

THE REGISTRATION OF TITLES ACT, 1964.
(Cap. 205).
NOTICE.
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Kampala, EDWARD KARIBWENDE.
1st July, 1997. *for Chief Registrar of Titles.*

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