



INCREASING ROLE OF TECHNOLOGY IN ELECTION ADMINISTRATION

A CDD-Ghana/WAEON Project

What WAEON seeks to do

The West Africa Election Observers Network (WAEON) with support from the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) is undertaking a project to engage and build the capacity of WAEON member organizations to effectively observe all aspects of electoral conduct in an era of increasing application of technology in elections administration in West Africa. Through this grant, WAEON seeks to:

- Stimulate discussions among WAEON members on emerging challenges to election observers' work in an era of technology-driven election administration
- Identify the key challenges confronting WAEON members in their observation work, given the increased role of technology in election administration in the sub-region
- Identify strategies to overcome challenges associated with election observation given the increasing role of technology in election administration
- Enhance sub-regional observation group's capacity to address challenges related to elections and technology in their observation work
- Improve election observation efforts of WAEON members and contribute to peaceful electoral outcomes in WAEON member countries

Highlights of WAEON's Activities

To fulfill the objectives of this project, the following key activities will be undertaken:

- A two-day capacity building workshop on elections, technology and election observation
- A published manual on election observation in the era of technology-driven elections

Expected Outcome of Project Activities

The under listed outcomes are expected from WAEON's implementation of the above mentioned activities with the support from NED:

- WAEON members have improved understanding on challenges confronting election observation efforts in the modern world of technology
- Identification and adoption of strategies to improve election observation, given the challenges associated with observing technology-driven elections
- Production of a guideline for WAEON members on how to improve election observation efforts.



Duration

Activities under this project grant will be undertaken between July 2018 and June 2019.

About WAEON

The West Africa Election Observers Network (WAEON) was formed in 2010 to mobilize citizens' groups to participate in elections within the West Africa sub-region. WAEON comprises of thirteen civil society organizations from thirteen West African countries: Niger, Nigeria, Togo, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Liberia, Mali, Senegal, Cote d'Ivoire, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Benin and Gambia. WAEON's organizational structure consists of a General Assembly, an elected Executive Council and a Secretariat.

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