

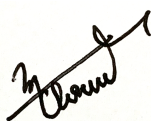


UPDATE TO THE NATION ON DEPLOYMENT OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE 2022 GENERAL ELECTION

The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission would like to update the Nation on the progress of deployment of election technology in the 2022 General Election as follows:

1. The Commission entered into a valid legal contract on 25th November, 2021 with M/s Smartmatic International Holdings B.V for the supply, delivery, installation, testing, commissioning, support and maintenance of the Kenya Integrated Election Management System (KIEMS).
2. Smartmatic was founded in 2000 in Florida, USA as a cybersecurity company in the Internet of Things (IoT) space. In 2002, Smartmatic began applying its cybersecurity technology to elections and developed its first voting machine. It is headquartered in London, the United Kingdom.
3. Smartmatic has been a partner to various election commissions across the world such as in Belgium, Estonia, Los Angeles County in the U.S., and Zambia amongst others. It has implemented technologies for election commissions in five continents being North America, South America, Africa, Europe and Asia, cumulatively recording and tabulating 6.5 billion votes.
4. During the competitive bidding process, Smartmatic was found to have achieved the highest technical and financial score among the 5 bidders and was awarded the contract. The contract is being implemented at a cumulative project cost of Ksh. 3.2 billion. The award of the contract was contested at the Public Procurement Administrative Review Board (PPARB), the High Court, the Constitutional Court and the Court of Appeal. However, the Commission's decision was upheld in all the court cases.
5. One of the conditions in the tender document was that the bidder should provide a detailed support and maintenance plan and attach documentary proof of ICT technical support staff with a local registered office in Kenya. Smartmatic complied with this condition by providing a local partner in the country.
6. To ensure successful implementation of the project, the Commission holds regular meetings with Smartmatic to review the project status and ensure delivery of milestones in line with the Elections Operations Plan (EOP). To date, the project's progress is on track.

7. Before Smartmatic was contracted, the Commission had an inventory of 45,000 KIEMS kits – out of which 41,000 were in good working condition. In accordance with the Contract and as ordered by the Commission, Smartmatic has supplied 14,100 additional KIEMS kits to the Commission, bringing the total number of kits that are in good working condition to 55,100.
8. Preparation and dispatch of the KIEMS kits for the General Election is currently ongoing. Each kit is being loaded with Electronic Voter Identification and Results Transmission System softwares, SIM cards of network operators as well as SD cards containing registered voters' biographic and biometric data for each polling station.
9. The KIEMS kits are being deployed to 46,229 polling stations, down from the earlier number of 46,233 polling stations. This was after seven (7) polling stations in Kimilili Constituency were merged into three (3). The Commission has approved the changes for gazettelement. It is important to note that there will be 6 backup KIEMS kits in each County Assembly Ward.
10. For easy identification of the KIEMS kits, Smartmatic is required to provide stickers to aid in labeling each of the kits for purposes of packaging and dispatch to all polling stations. The deployment of the KIEMS kits is currently underway.
11. It is important to note that the stickers are non-strategic election materials. The stickers were printed based on the details of the gazette notice published on 1st July, 2022. The information therein is available to the public and can be accessed on the Commission's website through the following link:
[https://www.iebc.or.ke/electionlaws/?Gazette Notices](https://www.iebc.or.ke/electionlaws/?Gazette%20Notices). The stickers contain information on the polling station, polling centre, ward, constituency and county as well as a unique barcode.
12. The Commission has continuously facilitated Presidential candidates and/or their agents to inspect the ongoing preparation of the KIEMS kits at the factory in Nairobi. This collaboration is still ongoing.
13. The Commission would like to reassure the Nation that it remains committed to delivering a free, fair and credible 2022 General Election that meets the democratic aspirations of the people of Kenya.



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