



Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission

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SUBJECT: COLLABORATION WITH STATE AGENCIES IN MANAGING THE REGISTER OF VOTERS

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The Commission notes with concern recent statements by Democratic Party (DP) regarding IEBC's engagement with National Registration Bureau in relation to voter registration data and identity verification.

Article 88(4) of the Constitution of Kenya and **Sections 4 and 6 of the Elections Act, 2011** mandate the Commission to, among other functions, register voters, maintain an accurate and up-to-date register of voters and ensure the integrity and accuracy of the register. Further, **Article 249(2)(b)** of the Constitution guarantees the Commission's independence and provides that constitutional commissions shall not be subject to direction or control by any person or authority.

In fulfilling this constitutional and statutory mandate, the Commission requires to work with relevant government agencies that are the lawful custodians of lawful and relevant data to the execution of its mandate. This includes collaboration with the State Department for Immigration and Citizen Services to make registration of voters efficient and inclusive in line with our mandate. In particular,

- a. The National Registration Bureau:** To verify national identity card details and eligibility of citizens during voter registration to ensure the accuracy of the register of voters.
- b. Civil Registration Services:** To confirm death records for lawful removal of deceased persons from the register of voters.
- c. The Directorate of Immigration Services:** To verify passport details, noting that a Kenyan passport is one of the statutory identification documents permissible for voter registration under **Regulation 13 of the Elections (Registration of Voters) Regulations, 2012** and Registration of Kenyan citizens residing out of Kenya under **Regulation 34**.



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Public agencies routinely enter into controlled data-sharing arrangements with population registration authorities for lawful service delivery, verification, and integrity purposes. Similarly, regulated private institutions such as banks, insurance firms, and telecommunications companies interface with population databases strictly for identity verification, compliance, and fraud prevention, subject to applicable laws and oversight.

Therefore, the Commission has been engaging the State Department for Immigration and Citizen Services on various areas of collaboration including establishing a secure Application Programming Interface (API) link with Integrated Population Registration System (IPRS) to ensure only legitimate ID and passport numbers are used. Once the engagements are complete, the Commission will inform the relevant stakeholders.

Conclusion

The register of voters remains exclusively under the custody and control of the Commission, as provided for under the Constitution and the Elections Act. IEBC reiterates that personal data of voters is safeguarded in strict compliance with The Constitution of Kenya; The Elections Act, 2011; The Elections (Registration of Voters) Regulations, 2012; and The Data Protection Act, 2019.

The Commission calls upon all stakeholders and partners to continue supporting lawful processes aimed at strengthening the accuracy and integrity of the register of voters, which is a fundamental pillar of democratic elections.

We urge stakeholders, especially the political actors, to refrain from uncorroborated, inflammatory and divisive statements that not only undermine the integrity of electoral processes, but also the independence of the Commission. IEBC remains open for any clarification on the electoral processes.

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