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CUT OFF DATE FOR REGISTRATION OF VOTERS FOR THE ELECTIONS AND BY-ELECTIONS IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS, NEWLY CREATED SUB-COUNTIES, TOWN COUNCILS, PARISHES AND WARDS IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY (2009)

IN PREPARATION FOR THE ELECTIONS AND BY-ELECTION IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS, NEWLY CREATED SUB-COUNTIES, TOWN COUNCILS, PARISHES AND WARDS IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY, THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION HAS APPOINTED 20TH MARCH 2009 AS THE CUT OFF DATE FOR REGISTRATION OF VOTERS COUNTRY WIDE.

REGISTRATION AND TRANSFER OF VOTERS FROM ONE POLLING STATION TO ANOTHER WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED AFTER THIS DATE.

CONTINUOUS REGISTRATION WILL RESUME AFTER THE ELECTIONS AND BY-ELECTIONS PROGRAMME HAS ENDED.

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BANNING OF FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES DURING THE ELECTORAL PROCESS FOR THE ELECTIONS AND BY-ELECTIONS IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS, NEWLY CREATED SUB-COUNTIES, TOWN COUNCILS, PARISHES AND WARDS IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY (2009)

THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION INFORMS THE PUBLIC AND ALL PERSONS ASPIRING TO CONTEST IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS, NEWLY CREATED SUB-COUNTIES, TOWN COUNCILS, PARISHES AND WARDS IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY, THAT DURING THE ELECTIONS AND BY-ELECTION PROGRAMME, NO FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES SHALL BE ALLOWED IN THE CONSTITUENCY.

THIS IS TO ALLOW A LEVELLED GROUND FOR ALL CANDIDATES IN THE RACE.

FOR AVOIDANCE OF DOUBT, THE ELECTORAL PROGRAMME FOR THE BY-ELECTION STARTS ON FRIDAY, 20TH MARCH 2009 WHICH IS GAZETTED AS THE CUT OFF DATE FOR REGISTRATION OF VOTERS AND TRANSFER OF VOTING LOCATION, AND WILL CONTINUE UNTIL POLLING DAY.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THOSE FOUND TO BE CONTRAVENING THE LAW SHALL BE DEALT WITH ACCORDINGLY.

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DISPLAY OF THE VOTERS' REGISTER FOR THE ELECTIONS AND BY-ELECTIONS IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS, NEWLY CREATED SUB-COUNTIES, TOWN COUNCILS, PARISHES AND WARDS IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY (2009)

IN PREPARATION FOR THE ELECTIONS AND BY-ELECTIONS IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS, NEWLY CREATED SUB-COUNTIES, TOWN COUNCILS, PARISHES AND WARDS IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY 2009, THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION HAS APPOINTED 3RD – 23RD APRIL 2009 AS THE PERIOD FOR DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL VOTERS' REGISTER.

THE DISPLAY OF THE VOTERS' REGISTER SHALL BEGIN AT 8:00AM AND END AT 6:00PM ON THE APPOINTED DATES, AT ALL POLLING STATIONS IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY.

DURING THE DISPLAY, VOTERS ARE ADVISED TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

- CHECK FOR THE CORRECTNESS OF THEIR PARTICULARS;
- CONFIRM THAT PHOTOGRAPHS APPEAR AGAINST CORRECT PARTICULARS;
- REPORT TO THE DISPLAY OFFICER, THE DEAD, NON-CITIZENS, THE UNDER-AGED, AND THOSE WHO BELONG TO ANOTHER PARISH.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL ALSO BE A DISPLAY OF LISTS OF PERSONS RECOMMENDED FOR DELETION/INCLUSION ON THE VOTERS' REGISTER FOR A PERIOD OF SIX (6) DAYS, FROM 25TH – 30TH APRIL 2009 AT THE RESPECTIVE PARISH HEADQUARTERS.

THE PURPOSE OF THIS SUPPLEMENTARY DISPLAY IS TO ENABLE ANY PERSON WHO MAY HAVE BEEN WRONGLY RECOMMENDED FOR DELETION TO RAISE AN OBJECTION TO THE PARISH TRIBUNAL.

THE PARISH TRIBUNAL MAY REINSTATE THE PERSON IF CONVICTED OF THE GENUINENESS OF AN OBJECTION.

DURING THIS DISPLAY EXERCISE, THE COMMISSION WILL ALSO ISSUE OUT PHOTOGRAPH-BEARING VOTERS' CARDS TO PERSONS WHO WERE REGISTERED EARLIER BUT HAD NOT YET RECEIVED THEIR CARDS.

THE COMMISSION ENCOURAGES ALL REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE COUNTRY TO COLLECT THEIR VOTERS CARDS IN PERSON.

NO BODY SHALL BE ALLOWED TO COLLECT A CARD THAT DOES NOT BELONG TO HIM/HER.

CANDIDATES ARE FREE TO APPOINT THEIR AGENTS AT EACH POLLING STATION AND ANY OTHER PERSON IS FREE, TO WITNESS THE EXERCISE.

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ISSUING OF PHOTOGRAPH-BEARING VOTERS' CARDS TO VOTERS FOR THE ELECTIONS AND BY-ELECTIONS IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS, NEWLY CREATED SUB-COUNTIES, TOWN COUNCILS, PARISHES AND WARDS IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY (2009)

IN PREPARATION FOR THE ELECTIONS AND BY-ELECTION IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS, NEWLY CREATED SUB-COUNTIES, TOWN COUNCILS, PARISHES AND WARDS IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY, THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION HAS APPOINTED 3RD – 23RD APRIL 2009 AS THE PERIOD FOR DISPLAY OF THE NATIONAL VOTERS' REGISTER.

DURING THIS DISPLAY EXERCISE, THE COMMISSION WILL ALSO ISSUE OUT PHOTOGRAPH-BEARING VOTERS' CARDS TO PERSONS WHO WERE REGISTERED EARLIER BUT HAD NOT YET RECEIVED THEIR CARDS.

THE FULL COLOUR PHOTOGRAPH-BEARING VOTERS' CARD IS LAMINATED WITH HEAVY-DUTY TRANSPARENT MATERIAL, AND HAS THE FOLLOWING FEATURES:

1. A PHOTOGRAPH OF THE REGISTERED VOTER;
2. BIO-DATA OF THE VOTER, INCLUDING DATE OF BIRTH AND GENDER;
3. ADMINISTRATIVE UNITS WHERE THE VOTER ORIGINALLY REGISTERED;
4. PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OF THE REGISTERED VOTER
5. LOCATION CODES OF THE VOTING LOCATION WHERE THE VOTER ORIGINALLY REGISTERED. AND,
6. SECURITY AND TAMPER PROOF FEATURES ON BOTH THE FRONT AND BACK SIDES OF THE CARD.

THE COMMISSION ENCOURAGES ALL REGISTERED VOTERS TO COLLECT THEIR VOTERS' CARDS IN PERSON.

NOBODY SHALL BE ALLOWED TO COLLECT A CARD THAT DOES NOT BELONG TO HIM/HER.

POLITICAL PARTIES AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES ARE FREE TO APPOINT THEIR AGENTS AT EACH POLLING STATION AND ANY OTHER PERSON IS FREE TO WITNESS THE EXERCISE.

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NOMINATION DATES FOR THE ELECTIONS AND BY-ELECTIONS IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS, NEWLY CREATED SUB-COUNTIES, TOWN COUNCILS, PARISHES AND WARDS IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY (2009)

THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION HAS APPOINTED 7TH – 8TH APRIL 2009 AS NOMINATION DATES FOR CANDIDATES TO CONTEST IN BY-ELECTIONS TO FILL VACANCIES AT LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS AND IN THE NEWLY CREATED SUB-COUNTIES, TOWN COUNCILS, PARISHES AND WARDS IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY.

THE NOMINATION EXERCISE SHALL BE CONDUCTED AT THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT REGISTRAR IN THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS, BEGINNING AT 9.00 A.M. AND ENDING AT 5:00PM ON EACH OF THE APPOINTED DATES.

AN ASPIRING CANDIDATE SHALL BE A CITIZEN OF UGANDA AND A REGISTERED VOTER, AND WILL BE REQUIRED TO OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING:

NOMINATION SHALL BE MADE BY TWO (2) REGISTERED VOTERS FROM THE ELECTORAL AREA, WHO SHALL APPEAR IN PERSON TO THE RETURNING OFFICER, AND PRESENT:

- A NOMINATION PAPER FILLED IN DUPLICATE INDICATING NAMES, AGE, ADDRESS, AND OCCUPATION OF THE ASPIRING CANDIDATE,
- NAMES AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON APPOINTED AS OFFICIAL AGENT;
- A LIST OF NAMES AND SIGNATURES OF TWENTY (20) PERSONS IN THE CASE OF CHAIRPERSONS – MUNICIPALITY, TOWN COUNCIL, DIVISION AND SUBCOUNTY, AND FIVE (5) PERSONS IN THE CASE OF LOCAL COUNCILLORS, FROM DISTRICT TO SUB-COUNTY LEVEL, SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION. THE PERSONS MUST BE REGISTERED VOTERS IN THE ELECTORAL AREA WHERE THE PERSON SEEKS NOMINATION AS A CANDIDATE;

- **A NON-REFUNDABLE NOMINATION FEE OF:**
 - SHS. 100.000/- (ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND SHILLINGS ONLY) IN THE CASE OF MUNICIPALITY CHAIRPERSONS,
 - SHS 50,000/- (FIFTY THOUSAND SHILLINGS) IN THE CASE OF CITY DIVISIONS, TOWN COUNCIL AND SUB-COUNTY CHAIRPERSONS,
 - SHS 50.000/- (FIFTY THOUSAND SHILLINGS) IN THE CASE OF DISTRICT, CITY, MUNICIPALITY LOCAL COUNCILLORS AND
 - SHS 20,000/- (TWENTY THOUSAND SHILLINGS) IN THE CASE OF CITY DIVISION, TOWN COUNCIL AND SUB COUNTY LOCAL COUNCILLORS.
- THIS MONEY MUST BE IN CASH OR IN BANKDRAFT PAYABLE TO THE UGANDA ADMINISTRATION;
- THREE (3) POSTCARD SIZE COPIES OF A RECENT STRAIGHT FACE, COLOUR PHOTOGRAPH WITH A LIGHT BACKGROUND.
- PROOF OF RESIGNATION, IN THE CASE OF PUBLIC OFFICERS.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 116 (5) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, CAP 243, A CANDIDATE WHO USES A CONVOY FOR PURPOSES OF NOMINATION SHALL HAVE A MAXIMUM OF TWO VEHICLES BEARING POLICE STICKERS AND EACH SHALL CARRY A MAXIMUM OF TEN PERSONS.

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APPOINTMENT OF PERIOD FOR INSPECTION OF NOMINATION PAPERS FOR CANDIDATES CONTESTING IN THE ELECTIONS AND BY-ELECTIONS IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS, NEWLY CREATED SUB-COUNTIES, TOWN COUNCILS, PARISHES AND WARDS IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY (2009)

THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION HAS APPOINTED THE PERIOD FROM **8TH – 14TH APRIL 2009**, AS THE PERIOD FOR INSPECTION OF NOMINATION PAPERS FOR CANDIDATES CONTESTING IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS, NEWLY CREATED SUB-COUNTIES, TOWN COUNCILS, PARISHES AND WARDS IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY.

THE INSPECTION OF NOMINATION PAPERS WILL BE HELD DURING OFFICE HOURS AT THE OFFICE OF THE RETURNING OFFICER, IN THE RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS.

DURING THIS PERIOD, ALL PERSONS ARE FREE TO RAISE OBJECTIONS TO THE QUALIFICATIONS OF THE NOMINATED CANDIDATES, TO THE OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT RETURNING OFFICER OR THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS.

NO COMPLAINTS SHALL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THE EXPIRY OF THE APPOINTED DATES

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APPOINTMENT OF CAMPAIGN PERIOD FOR THE ELECTIONS AND BY-ELECTIONS IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS, NEWLY CREATED SUB-COUNTIES, TOWN COUNCILS, PARISHES AND WARDS IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY (2009)

THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION HAS APPOINTED THE PERIOD BEGINNING THE **14TH APRIL TO 19TH MAY 2009**, AS THE PERIOD FOR CANDIDATES' CAMPAIGN MEETING IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS, NEWLY CREATED SUB-COUNTIES, TOWN COUNCILS, PARISHES AND WARDS IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY.

DURING THIS PERIOD, CANDIDATES SHALL NOT USE OR PUBLISH ANY LANGUAGE OR DEFAMATORY WORDS, WHICH INCITE PUBLIC DISORDER, HATRED, VIOLENCE OR WHICH THREATENS WAR.

THE COMMISSION URGES ALL CANDIDATES, THEIR AGENTS AND THE PUBLIC TO ADHERE TO SET RULES AND REGULATIONS GUIDING THE CAMPAIGN PERIOD.

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POLLING DAYS FOR THE ELECTIONS AND BY-ELECTIONS IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS, NEWLY CREATED SUB-COUNTIES, TOWN COUNCILS, PARISHES AND WARDS IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY (2009)

THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION HAS APPOINTED **21ST MAY 2009** AS THE POLLING DAY FOR CHAIRPERSONS, DIRECTLY ELECTED COUNCILLORS AND WOMEN COUNCILLORS, AND **25TH MAY 2009** AS THE POLLING DAY FOR SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS (FPWD AND MPWD), IN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS, NEWLY CREATED SUB-COUNTIES, TOWN COUNCILS, PARISHES AND WARDS IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY.

VOTING SHALL BE BY UNIVERSAL ADULT SUFFRAGE, AND SHALL TAKE PLACE AT ALL POLLING STATIONS IN THE RESPECTIVE ELECTORAL AREAS IN THE ENTIRE COUNTRY, BEGINNING AT 7:00AM TILL 5:00PM.

THEREAFTER, COUNTING OF VOTES AND DECLARATION OF RESULTS SHALL TAKE PLACE.

POLITICAL PARTIES AND INDEPENDENT CANDIDATES ARE ENCOURAGED TO STATION THEIR AGENTS AT POLLING STATIONS IN THE RESPECTIVE ELECTORAL AREAS.

OTHER THAN OBSERVING THE EXERCISE, CANDIDATES' AGENTS SHALL NOT BE EXPECTED TO INTERFERE WITH THE POLLING PROCESS.

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The Electoral Commission has approved the Programme for Elections and By-elections to fill vacancies in Local Government Councils, Newly Created Sub-Counties, Town Councils, Parishes and Wards in the entire Country (2009)

No.	Activity	Date
1.	Communication of vacancies and programme to Political Parties/Stakeholders.	4 th March 2009
2.	Cut-off date for Registration/Transfer of voters.	20 th March 2009
3.	Recruitment of Election officials to conduct Display of Voter's Register at Polling Stations.	26 th – 28 th March 2009
4.	Gazetting of Lists of Polling Stations.	27 th March 2009
5.	Display of lists of recruited display officials at office of the Returning Officer.	28 th – 31 st March 2009
6.	Training of Display Officials.	1 st – 2 nd April 2009
7.	Display of the Voters' Register at Polling Stations.	3 rd – 23 rd April 2009
8.	Display of Parish Tribunal recommendations for deletion/inclusion on Voters' Register.	25 th – 30 th April 2009
9.	Nomination of candidates at County Headquarters.	7 th – 8 th April 2009
10.	Period for inspection of Candidates' Nomination Papers and lodging of complaints.	8 th – 14 th April 2009
11.	Returning Officer's meeting with Nominated Candidates to harmonise Campaign Programme.	9 th April 2009
12.	Compilation and verification of Register for SIGS (FPWD & MPWD).	4 th – 8 th May 2009
13.	Campaign period.	14 th April – 19 th May 2009
14.	Recruitment of Polling Officials.	7 th – 9 th May 2009
15.	Display of lists of recruited Polling Day Officials for Inspection at Returning Officers' Office and at Sub-County Headquarters.	10 th – 16 th May 2009
16.	Training of Polling Officials, Tally Clerks and Political Party/Candidates' Agents. *	18 th – 20 th May 2009
17.	Polling Day for Chairpersons, Directly Elected Councillors and Women councillors	21 st May 2009
18.	Polling Day for Special Interest Groups (FPWD and MPWD)	25 th May 2009
* Political Party/Candidates' Agents are to be facilitated by their respective political parties/candidates.		