



UGANDA ELECTORAL COMMISSION

**VOTER EDUCATION
MESSAGES ON THE VOTING
PROCESS**

**FOR THE GENERAL ELECTIONS
(Presidential, Parliamentary, District & Lower
Local Governments)**



Your vote is very important:



Don't waste it



Don't sell it



Participate in all electoral activities and **vote for a political party or candidate of your choice.**

Vote wisely:



Your vote could bring **development** to your area if you vote for the right political party or candidate



Evaluate parties/candidates carefully **before deciding** to choose



Do not be misled by anyone: carefully make **your own** choice **without being influenced**

Remember:



You will **not** be **allowed** to vote if your **name** is **not** on the **Voters' Register**



You **must not** vote in another person's name; you **must not vote twice**; it is an **offence**. You will be arrested and prosecuted



Don't bribe or be bribed: you could get arrested



Voting takes place in the **open**, but your **choice** is made in **secret** and should remain so



In doubt, ask the Polling Officers for guidance

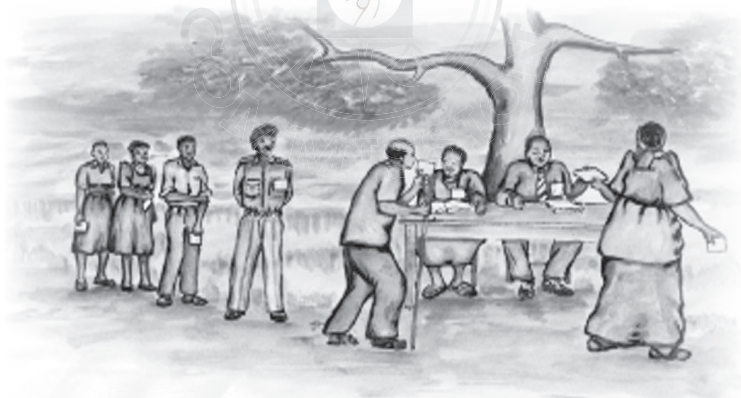


It is an **offence** to cause **disturbance** at the polling station, you could be arrested.

On Polling Day:

- ➡ Arrive at the polling station early.
- ➡ Before voting begins the Presiding Officer will show the empty ballot box to all present to ensure it is empty
- ➡ Join the line of voters which should be some distance from table 1

Table 1: activities





Say your **name loudly**



Wait for the Presiding Officer to check your name against the particulars in the **Register**



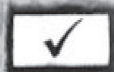
Once found, a tick will be made against your name in the Register to indicate that you have presented yourself to vote

Then, the Presiding Officer will hand you a **ballot paper**

Proceed to **table 2** to **mark** your ballot paper in **secrecy** in the basin

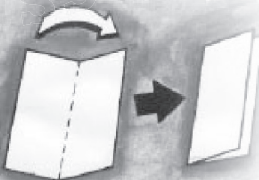
Your Choice is Secret

Place your ballot paper in the **basin on Table 2** and mark the space next to the party symbol or photograph of the candidate of your choice with either a **tick** or **thumbprint**



Then, fold the ballot paper lengthwise and proceed to **table 3**

Folding of the ballot paper.



Casting Your Vote:

At **table 3**, insert your ballot paper into the ballot box through the slot at the top of the box



Now proceed to **table 4**:

There, at **table 4**, you will receive a ballot paper for electing a Constituency Member of Parliament, then proceed to **table 5**:

Table 5 is a repeat of table 2 activity: that is marking of the ballot paper in secrecy in the basin

After marking of the ballot, fold the ballot paper as described earlier and proceed to **table 6** where you will cast the marked ballot paper into the ballot box

Now proceed to table 7:

At table 7, you will receive a ballot paper for electing a District Woman Member of Parliament, on to **table 8**:

Table 8 is a repeat of table 2 activity that is marking of the ballot paper in secrecy in the basin.

After marking, fold the ballot paper as you did earlier and proceed to **table 9** to cast the marked ballot paper into the ballot box

At table 10, the Polling Assistant will assist you to mark your **thumb** with an **indelible ink** to show that you have voted

You may now leave the polling station and return at the **close** of the Polls, at 5.00pm to witness the counting

After the count, the results for your polling station will be announced immediately

By voting you have made an **important contribution to the democratic process** in Uganda

The illiterate, the blind, and people with disabilities:



- * If you, or your relative, belong to this category and is unable to affix the authorized mark of choice on the ballot paper, they may report at the polling station with someone to assist them, or may request another person present to do so



- * The person assisting the voter must not be an election officer, an agent, an accredited observer or monitor
- * No one is allowed to assist more than one person.
- * It is an offence for any one to pretend to have a disability for the purpose of voting.
- * Disability does not disqualify a voter from exercising their right to vote.

**On behalf
of the Electoral Commission
Thank you for exercising
your right
FOR
REGULAR, FREE AND FAIR
ELECTIONS & REFERENDA.**