VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE IN DIASPORA

5 COUNTRIES IN AFRICA

REGISTRATION DATES:
20TH FEBRUARY TO 6TH MARCH 2017

THE INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL AND BOUNDARIES COMMISSION (IEBC)
The Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) will conduct a voter registration campaign in 5 countries in Africa from **20th February to 6th March, 2017**.

**What is voter registration?**
Voter registration is process of capturing the biometric details of eligible persons and enlisting them into the register of voters by use of electronic technology (BVR machines) that captures each applicant’s fingerprints. In addition, the following features are also captured: facial image, name, Passport number, age and gender of the voter.

**Who should not register during this Voter Registration exercise?**
- Those who registered between 2012 and 2016
- Kenyans below 18 years of age

**What are the requirements for registration as a voter in diaspora?**
In order to register as a voter, one must:
- Be a Kenyan citizen,
- Be 18 years of age and above,
- Have a valid Kenyan passport

**Where can one register as a voter in diaspora?**
For purposes of 2017 Elections, the Commission will conduct voter registration in only 5 African countries namely **Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania and South Africa**. The Registration exercise shall take place in **Bujumbura in Burundi, Arusha and Dar es Salaam in Tanzania, Kigali in Rwanda, Kampala in Uganda and Pretoria in South Africa**.

**Can I transfer my voting station from Kenya to my country of Residence?**
Yes! All you require is to:
- Submit a photocopy of the document you used in the last registration exercise
- Fill the request for transfer form
- Wait for the transfer to be effected after the registration exercise is over
When does voter registration take place in diaspora?
The Commission will conduct the voter registration drive for Kenyan citizens residing in the 5 countries mentioned above from 20th February 2017 to 6th March 2017 from 8am to 5pm including weekends.

Which elective positions will I be voting for?
A registered voter in diaspora will only be voting for a Presidential candidate of his/her choice.

What is BVR?
BVR stands for Biometric Voter Registration. It is the registration of voters using electronic technology (BVR machines) to capture each applicant’s fingerprints. In addition, the following features are also captured: facial image, name, national ID or Passport number, age and gender.

What are the components of the BVR system?
The components of BVR system include;
   a) A laptop
   b) Finger print scanner/reader
   c) Camera
   d) Registration software
   e) Power backup source
   f) Photo backdrop

Why BVR?
• The personal information captured by BVR is unique to each individual and cannot be shared.
• It requires every voter to present himself or herself in person at the registration centre where he/she intends to register as a voter.
• This helps to create a credible register of voters.

Is BVR safe and secure?
Yes, BVR is safe and secure:
   i. It does not pose any health risk
   ii. The system cannot be interfered with
   iii. Data collected is used only for the purpose of elections.
Can a person lacking some limbs be registered as a voter?  
Yes! A BVR machine is enabled to cater for all forms of disabilities.

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What is a register of voters?  
This is the list of persons who are registered and entitled to vote. Only people whose names appear in the register of voters may participate in elections or referendum.

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