



INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR DEMOCRACY AND ELECTORAL ASSISTANCE

Call for Submission of Papers

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Theme: “Regional Organizations and the Integrity of Elections”

The International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) is an intergovernmental organization established in 1995, with member states across all continents. International IDEA aims to support sustainable democracy worldwide and assists in the development of institutions and the culture of democracy. At the interface between research, fieldwork and the donor community, International IDEA provides a forum for dialogue, builds networks of experts, develops training materials and provides strategic advice at the international, regional and national level, cooperating with a range of organizations.

The Inter-Regional Dialogue on Democracy (IRD-D) is a platform for engagement among regional organizations on democracy and related issues. The Inter-Regional Workshop on Regional Organizations and the Integrity of Elections is an activity of the IRD-D.

The Inter-Regional Democracy Resource Centre, the full-time Secretariat of the IRD-D, invites the submission of papers providing information and an analysis of the role – current, as well as prospective - of regional organizations in protecting and promoting the integrity of elections. The paper should be pragmatic and policy-oriented. The papers will be part of the background material used for the Inter-Regional Workshop on Regional Organizations and the Integrity of Elections and could also be used in other ways by International IDEA in accordance with the conditions of the agreement.

The papers will focus on a **regional organization (or a group of regional organizations) that is participating in the IRD-D** and its (their) regional context(s); present the activities of the regional organization(s) in elections; identify the challenges that the regional organization(s) face and how these are addressed; and present policy recommendations to improve the effectiveness of the work of regional organizations. The papers could also highlight the prospective role of regional organizations in elections.

Possible topics for the papers include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Electoral Norms and Standards
- Electoral Observation Standards
- Electoral Observers Training
- Code of Conduct for International Election Observers
- Electoral Violence/Conflict
- Election Dispute Resolution
- Technical Assistance or Cooperation in Election Management
- Regional Cooperation between Election Management Bodies

Those interested to submit a paper should develop an abstract, which outlines ideas for a paper within the above framework. The abstracts should be in English and be a maximum of 2 pages long and in Microsoft Word format. It should be emailed to E.Mura@idea.int no later than **10 September 2011**. Please attach also your CV and include your contact information.

The final paper should be between 15-20 pages, including all references. The assignment should take no longer than six weeks to finish from the agreed date of commencement. The deadline for submission is **31 October 2011**.

An International IDEA panel will select the best abstracts to be awarded contracts to write papers, which could also be included in a publication.

Those succeeding to have their abstracts selected by International IDEA will be notified not later than **15 September 2011** and requested to submit the full paper before **31 October 2011**.

Selected authors will be paid €1500 per paper.

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