



VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION IN DIASPORA

1.0 WHAT CRITERIA WAS USED TO MAP REGISTRATION CENTERS?

The Commission has mapped registration centers in diaspora based on the following parameters;

- i. Presence of a Kenyan Mission (Embassy, High Commission or a consulate) as stipulated in law.
- ii. Number of registered citizens with Kenyan Missions in host countries.
- iii. Political environment in host governments which should be conducive, stable and predictable
- iv. Financial sustainability to support logistical, operational and administrative costs of carrying out such an activity.

2.0 WHICH VOTER REGISTRATION CENTERS WERE MAPPED IN DIASPORA?

For the purposes of 2022 General Election, the Commission has mapped voter registration centers in Kenyan Embassies and Consulates listed below;

- i. Uganda - (Kampala)
- ii. Tanzania - (Dar-Es-salaam and Arusha)
- iii. Rwanda - (Kigali)
- iv. Burundi - (Bujumbura)
- v. South Africa - (Pretoria)
- vi. South Sudan - (Juba)
- vii. United States of America - (Washington DC, New York and Los Angeles)
- viii. United Kingdom - (London)
- ix. United Arab Emirates - (Abu Dhabi and Dubai)
- x. Qatar - (Doha)
- xi. Germany - (Berlin)
- xii. Canada - (Ottawa, Toronto and Vancouver)

3.0 WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION AS A VOTER?

A Kenya citizen residing outside Kenya who applies for registration as a voter must;

- i. Have a valid Kenyan Passport or a National Identity Card for citizens residing within the East African Community
- ii. Be of eighteen years of age and above
- iii. Present his/ her identification document to the Registration Officer stationed at a designated registration center
- iv. Manually fill **Form J** being an application form for registration of Kenyan Citizens residing outside Kenya upon arrival at the registration center
- v. Allow his /her Biometric and biographic data to be taken during registration

4.0 WHEN IS VOTER REGISTRATION IN DIASPORA STARTING?

- i. Voter registration in diaspora is scheduled to start on **Friday 21st January 2022** for fifteen (15) days.
- ii. The conduct of this exercise is subject to Covid-19 protocols and restrictions in host countries.

5.0 HOW WILL TIME ZONES BE MANAGED DURING VOTER REGISTRATION?

- i. Voter registration will be conducted during the official working hours for Embassies and Consulates in host countries.
- ii. The Commission will make arrangements for continued voter registration exercise during weekends.

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6.0 HOW WILL REGISTRATION KITS BE DEPLOYED?

- i. There will be one Biometric Voter Registration (BVR) kit in each registration center to capture biometric and biographic details of voters.
- ii. A BVR kit will be opened in IEBC Headquarters in Nairobi to register citizens who will have travelled to Kenya but still wishing to vote in diaspora come 9th August 2022.

7.0 CAN A REGISTERED VOTER CHANGE THEIR PARTICULARS DURING THIS PERIOD?

Yes!

- i. A registered voter wishing to change any of their particulars can do so at any registration center.
- ii. The voter must produce the document he/she used at the time of registration for ease of identification.
- iii. The voter must fill **Form B** being an application form for change of particulars.

8.0 CAN A REGISTERED VOTER TRANSFER THEIR VOTING STATION DURING THIS PERIOD?

Yes!

- i. A voter previously registered in Kenya but wishing to transfer voting station to Diaspora can do so by visiting their preferred registration center in diaspora
- ii. A voter previously registered in Diaspora but wishing to transfer voting station to Kenya should visit a preferred constituency office in Kenya
- iii. The voter must produce the document he/she used at the time of registration for ease of identification.
- iv. The voter must fill **Form C** being an application form for change of voting station.

9.0 WHO WILL CONDUCT VOTER REGISTRATION IN DIASPORA?

- i. Voter registration is a mandate of the Independent Electoral and Boundaries Commission (IEBC) as provided for in Article 88 (4) (a) of the Constitution of Kenya.
- ii. The voter registration exercise in diaspora will therefore be conducted by the Commission.

10.0 HOW WILL SECURITY BE ASSURED DURING VOTER REGISTRATION?

The Commission in consultation with host Embassies and Consulates will provide security during the exercise.

11.0 WILL VOTERS HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO VERIFY THEIR REGISTRATION DETAILS BEFORE VOTING?

Yes!

The Commission will avail the Register of voters to enable voters to **verify** their details at respective registration centers after the voter registration exercise is complete.

12.0 WILL THE COMMISSION HAVE OTHER ALTERNATIVE SITES FOR REGISTRATION?

No!

The Commission will carry out voter registration exercise **ONLY** in gazetted Kenyan Embassies and Consulates as stipulated in Regulation 34 of the Election (Voter Registration) 2012.

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13.0 WHICH ELECTIONS WILL VOTERS IN DIASPORA PARTICIPATE IN?

Kenya citizens registered to vote in diaspora will participate in **Presidential election and Referenda only**.

14.0 HOW WILL CITIZENS GET ASSISTANCE DURING THE REGISTRATION EXERCISE?

A voter requiring assistance during voter registration exercise will be assisted by registration officers once at the registration centers.

15.0 WHAT COVID-19 PREVENTION PROTOCOLS WILL BE IN PLACE?

The Commission will strictly enforce observance of Covid -19 prevention protocols of host countries.

16.0 WHO IS ALLOWED TO OBSERVE VOTER REGISTRATION?

- i. The Commission may allow accredited persons and organizations to observe the voter registration process.
- ii. Organizations wishing to observe the registration process in diaspora should download the application for accreditation form from the IEBC website www.iebc.or.ke and send the dully filled form to jonyango@iebc.or.ke on or before *Friday 14th January 2022*.

17.0 WHO WILL BE THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION?

- i. The Commission will be the only credible source of information on voter registration.
- ii. The voter registration messages will be disseminated through the following channels;
 - a. Social media platforms (www@iebc.or.ke / info@iebc.or.ke, [facebook.com/IEBCKenya](https://www.facebook.com/IEBCKenya), Twitter: @IEBCKenya, Instagram:@iebckenya)
 - b. Virtual meetings with Diaspora groups
 - c. Physical meetings (where possible) with Diaspora groups
 - d. Kenya Diaspora Associations social media platforms
 - e. Informational materials such as Brochures/ fliers
 - f. Phone calls

18.0 HOW CAN KENYANS IN DIASPORA SUPPORT THE COMMISSION DURING VOTER REGISTRATION EXERCISE?

Kenyans in Diaspora can support the Commission during voter registration exercise through;

- i. Disseminating information contained in this brochure through their social networks
- ii. Mobilizing their fellow Kenyans to register as voters in the period provided.

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