



PUBLIC NOTICE

Change in dates for start of voter registration for 2019 Tripartite Elections

In preparation for commencement of voter registration for the 2019 Tripartite Elections, the Malawi Electoral Commission convened a National Elections Consultative Forum (NECOF) on 27th April, 2018 in Lilongwe to share its plans with all electoral stakeholders. Prior to this meeting, the Commission met with the board for the Centre for Multiparty Democracy (CMD) on 26th April, 2018 to brief it on the same.

During these two meetings stakeholders raised concerns regarding the timelines set by the Commission that they were too tight to allow for their adequate preparations and effective participation. Some of the concerns raised were identification and submission of political party monitors and delayed funding to Civil Society Organizations for the delivery of civic education.

The Commission consequently held an extraordinary meeting on Monday, 30th April, 2018 to among other things, address the concerns raised during the two meetings.

The Commission has, therefore, resolved that the date for commencement of voter registration be shifted to 26th June 2018 and the registration phases will be as follows:

- **Phase 1: 26 June - 9 July 2018**

The councils to be covered are Kasungu District, Kasungu Municipality, Nkhatakota District, Ntchisi District, Dowa District and Mchinji District.

- **Phase 2: 13 - 26 July 2018**

The councils to be covered are Likoma District, Salima District, Lilongwe District and Lilongwe City.

- **Phase 3: 30 July - 12 August 2018**

The councils to be covered are Dedza District, Ntcheu District, Blantyre District, Blantyre City and Nsanje District.

- **Phase 4 : 16 - 29 August 2018**

The councils to be covered are Chiradzulu District, Mwanza District, Neno District, Thyolo District, Luchenza Municipality, Phalombe District, Mulanje District and Chikwawa District.

- **Phase 5: 2 - 15 September 2018**

The councils to be covered are Mangochi District, Mangochi Town, Balaka District, Machinga District, Zomba District and Zomba City.

- **Phase 6: 21 September - 4 October 2018**

The councils to be covered are Chitipa District, Karonga District, Rumphi District, Nkhata Bay District, Mzuzu City and Mzimba District.

In readiness for the registration exercise, the Commission is encouraging all Malawians who have not registered as citizens to go and register with the National Registration Bureau (NRB) and keep their registration slips safely. Those who registered should go and collect their national IDs if they have not yet done so.

All stakeholders are also reminded that the Commission will register only those that will have attained 18 years and above by 4th October, 2018 which is the last day of the voter registration exercise. The Biometric Voter Registration Kits have been programmed to reject registration of any minor.

The change in registration dates has also necessitated a revision of the voter verification phases. A revised electoral calendar has been attached to this statement detailing the new dates. The Malawi Electoral Commission is advising all stakeholders to always crosscheck with it when planning their activities around this schedule.

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