



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LOCAL OBSERVERS

- Any person or institution who may wish to observe elections in Swaziland must first seek due authorization and accreditation by the Elections Boundaries Commission through a written application to the chairman of EBC.
- Each observer shall be provided with the necessary means of identification by the Elections Boundaries Commission.
- Domestic observers will be nominated and trained by their own organization.
- An observer shall be impartial in the conduct of his /her duties and shall not display allegiance to any candidate at any time.
- He or she shall refrain from carrying, wearing or displaying electoral materials or any article of clothing, emblem, colors, badges or other items denoting support for or any candidate.
- He or she shall under no circumstances whatsoever be allowed to interfere with the duties of the electoral staff.
- He or she shall maintain secrecy with reference to any matter affecting voting and counting voters and shall not by himself/ herself or through his /her organization declare the results of any election before the declaration by the Elections and Boundaries Commission.

- He or she shall at all times during elections, wear or otherwise prominently display the prescribed identification cards issued by the Elections Boundaries Commission.
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- He or she shall not be involved in corrupt practices or accept any favour so as to make statements in favour of against any candidate.
- He or she shall not offer advice or give direction to or in any way interfere with the work of electoral officials.
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- He or she must not ask voters who they voted.

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS

- Observers will carry the prescribed identification issued by the Elections Boundaries Commission and will identify themselves to any interested authority upon request.
- Observers will maintain strict impartiality in the conduct of their duties and shall at no time express any bias or preference in relation to national authorities, candidates or with reference to any issue in contention in the electoral process.
- Observers will not display or wear any partisan symbols, colours or banners.
- Observers will undertake their duties in an un-obstructive manner and will not interfere with the election process, polling day procedures, or the vote count.
- Observers may wish to bring irregularities to the attention of the local election officials, but they must never give instructions or countermand decisions of the election officials.
- Observers will base all conclusions on well documented, factual, and verifiable evidence.
- Observers will refrain from making any personal or premature comments about their observations to the media or any other interested persons, and will limit any remarks to general information about the nature of their activity as observers.
- Observers must comply with all national laws and regulations.
- Observers must show respect for the people and culture of the country.