



## ELECTION OBSERVATION POLICY- 2013

### Nepal Rural Development & Environment Protection Council, Kathmandu

The organization has formulated this "Election Observation Policy- 2013" to gain relevant expertise on election observation and to get the election observed by national and international organizations/institutions and persons on the basis established standards so as to improve the election system and process, and to ensure the fairness and trustworthiness of elections.

1. **Objective:** To help make the election or referendum conducted by the Election Commission neutral, fair and trustworthy; by ensuring the process and standards outlined by laws of the land are observed. The objectives of the policy are as follows:
  - a. To help the Election Commission in making the election process transparent to the maximum.
  - b. To facilitate coordination and participation of the major stakeholders in the election process.
  - c. To participate in institutional capacity building programs for election observation.
  - d. To help the Election Commission in regulating effective and respectable observation.
2. **Policy:** To achieve the objectives mentioned above, the following policies will be observed:
  - a. To participate in the observation of general elections and referendum conducted by the Election Commission as per the constitution and existing laws.
  - b. To involve in the observation of Constituent Assembly election in coordination with the Election Commission and other stakeholders.
3. **Strategy and Action Plan:** The following strategies and action plans will be followed for monitoring the election process:
  - a. Capacity building: To involve in the capacity building programs for domestic observation bodies and observers at the central and the local level.
  - b. Coordination: To work in coordination with the participants in the election, national and international observation bodies and persons, development partners, civil society, mass media and other stakeholders in the election observation.
  - c. Inclusiveness: To ensure all the classes, gender, ethnicities, regional groups are included in the election observation.
  - d. Coordinate with the Election Commission about involving the resource person in the orientation programs this organization will conduct so as to make them effective and result oriented.
  - e. Comprehensiveness: To make election observation ubiquitous in all the development and geographical regions , not limited to the cities and easily accessible areas only.
  - f. Accountability: The organization will abide by the observation rules and regulations prescribed by the Election Commission, and be accountable to its actions.
  - g. Expansion of relationship: To establish and expand relationships with other similar bodies and networks from friendly countries through election observation
  - h. Monitoring and evaluation: The executive committee of the organization will undertake the monitoring and evaluation of the effectiveness of the implementation of these policies.

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