

Annex 1

Biographies of Observer Group Members

HE The Hon Dr Bethuel Pakalitha Mosisili (Lesotho)

HE The Hon Dr Bethuel Pakalitha Mosisili is the former Prime Minister of Lesotho, having held this position from May 1998 to June 2012. Dr Mosisili was first elected to parliament in Lesotho in 1993. Over the next four years, he held various Ministerial portfolios including that of Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Education and Minister of Home Affairs and Local Government. When the new Lesotho Congress for Democracy (LCD) was formed in 1997, Dr Mosisili was elected its party leader. Under his leadership the LCD won parliamentary majorities in three consecutive national elections. Prior to starting his political career, Dr Mosisili lived and worked in many countries across Southern Africa as a Lecturer in African Languages and instructor in Curriculum Development. Dr Mosisili is the founder and current leader of the official opposition party in Lesotho, the Democratic Congress.

Ambassador Shahed Akhtar (Bangladesh)

Ambassador Shahed Akhtar served as Bangladesh's Ambassador to Spain, Thailand and Cambodia as well as Head of the Foreign Service Academy. He was Bangladesh's Permanent Representative to the WTO and UNESCAP. He has been part of Bangladesh's diplomatic presence in New York, Kuala Lumpur and London. He has represented Bangladesh at various regional and international conferences of the UN, Law of the Seas, Commonwealth, SAARC, BIMSTEC and ARC. He has worked with the Bangladesh Foreign Trade Institute and the National Training Council. He is currently the Chairman of the Dhaka based social enterprise Asia House.

Rochelle Lashley (Barbados)

Rochelle Lashley is an Attorney-At-Law from the country of Barbados and has been a member of the Commonwealth Youth Sub-Committee for Human Rights and Democracy from 2010. Rochelle has been actively involved in grass roots human rights activism within her country as well as in the Caribbean region.

Josephine Amelita Tamai (Belize)

Josephine Amelita Tamai is currently Chief Elections Officer in the Elections and Boundaries Department of the Government of Belize. Under her leadership, dual elections for both general and municipal elections were held in March 2012. She has worked with the Government of Belize for over twenty-one years in various capacities.

Thomas Foulds (Canada)

Tom Foulds is an active member of both the Commonwealth Magistrates' and Judges' Association, and the Royal Commonwealth Society Toronto Branch where he is the immediate past Chair. Tom has more than three decades of service in the Canadian Forces Army Reserve, and is active in the area of education in the Law of Armed Conflict and International Humanitarian Law as a past Chair of the Legal Committee of Reserve Officers of the Confédération interalliée des officiers de réserve (CIOR). When not involved in volunteer activity, Tom serves as a Justice of the Peace in Toronto where he presides fulltime in the court of first instance.

Joseph Kiptiony Arap Misoi (Kenya)

Joseph Misoi is a former Member of Parliament in Kenya, a position he held for ten years. During this time he also held the position of Assistant Minister in the Government of Kenya. Joseph's other previous roles include Deputy Director of the National Standards Organisation in Kenya, Vice-Chair of a Commission within the WHO/FAO's global Food Standards Programme and a Senior Veterinary Officer in the Government of Kenya. Currently Joseph is a Commissioner in the Election Board of a national political party in Kenya. By way of academic background, Joseph is a veterinary and food science expert.

Koki Muli (Kenya)

Koki Muli is an expert in elections, governance, human rights and constitutional law. She has worked in the area of training, human rights, democracy, gender and women's issues, constitution making, conflict and electoral justice, governance and rule of law for over 18 years. She is an advocate of the Supreme Court of Kenya of 19 years standing and a Lecturer at the South Eastern University College at the University of Nairobi. She is a member of Institute of Certified Secretaries of Kenya, the Law Society of Kenya, the Institute for Education in Democracy and the Federation of Women Lawyers (Kenya).

Alberto F Manhique (Mozambique)

Alberto F Manhique is the Executive Director of the Institute for Civil Education in Mozambique and a member of Board of Directors of Electoral Observers in Mozambique. He has observed elections in Mozambique, South Africa, Malawi, Lesotho, Zambia, Tanzania, Angola, Benin and Namibia.

Emmanuel Terwar Akem (Nigeria)

Emmanuel Akem is currently a Director in charge of Voter Registry at the Independent National Electoral Commission of Nigeria. He is a Voter Registration Specialist and his work at the Elections Commission involves maintenance of the new Electronic Voters Register databases nationwide. He is a member of Computer Professionals of Nigeria and is a registered engineer.

Cynthia Barrow-Giles (St Lucia)

Cynthia Barrow-Giles lectures in political science at the University of the West Indies, Cave Hall Campus, Barbados. She is a former Head of the Department of Government, Sociology and Social Work, former Deputy Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences. Cynthia Barrow Giles was also a member of the St Lucia Constitution Reform Commission 2005–2011. She has published four books and has observed several elections for the Commonwealth and the organisation of American States.

Vuyisile Sikelela Hlatshwayo (Swaziland)

Vuyisile Sikelela Hlatshwayo is a media specialist from the Kingdom of Swaziland. He is the National Director at the Media Institute of Southern Africa Swaziland, a regional non-governmental organisation aimed at fostering freedom of expression and media freedom. Hlatshwayo is a co-founder of The Nation, an independent socio-economic and political news magazine in Swaziland. He is director of the Swaziland Social Research Insight (SSRI), a research and media consultancy firm and teaches journalism at the University of Swaziland. His areas of interest are media regulation, media freedom and media and human rights.

Max Caller CBE (United Kingdom)

Max Caller is an Electoral Commissioner and also chairs the Local Government Boundary Commission for England, the body that determines the number of constituencies and their divisions for English local authorities. He has a background in local government, having started his career inspecting London's sewers from the inside and rose to head three London Boroughs. He was first appointed a Returning officer in 1989. He has been responsible for electoral administration at Borough, Regional and National Level in the United Kingdom, most recently having been Deputy Chief Country Officer for the UK wide referendum on parliamentary voting. He has observed elections in the Balkans, USA and Kenya previously.

Priscilla Mulenga Isaac (Zambia)

Priscilla Mulenga Isaac is the Director of the Electoral Commission of Zambia and served on the Electoral Reforms Technical Committee which was established to review the Zambian electoral legislation from 2004 to 2005. She is a member of the Association of Election Administrators (UK) and the ACE Electoral Knowledge Network and has previously observed elections in Lesotho, Malawi, Finland and the United Kingdom.