

## **ARRIVAL STATEMENT OF THE EISA ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION TO THE 2017 LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS IN THE KINGDOM OF LESOTHO**

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The Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa (EISA) announces the arrival of its election observation mission in the Kingdom of Lesotho to observe the 3 June 2017 legislative elections. EISA observers are in Lesotho to conduct an independent assessment of the electoral process and to contribute to its integrity through their findings and recommendations. EISA has been involved in Lesotho electoral processes since 2007, when it deployed its first observer mission in the country.

The EISA Mission is led by His Excellency Rupiah B. Banda, former President of the Republic of Zambia, who is assisted by Denis Kadima, Deputy Mission leader and EISA Executive Director. The Mission consists of 19 observers representing civil society and election management bodies drawn from 11 African countries. The Mission will base its assessment on the standards and obligations stipulated in the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance, the Principles for Election Management, Monitoring and Observation and the Declaration of Principles for International Election Observation.

EISA observers will follow pre-polling, Election Day and post-polling activities in Maseru, Mafeteng, Berea, Leribe, Qachas' Nek, Quthing, Butha-Buthe, Mokhotlong, and Thaba-Tseka. The EISA Mission will issue a preliminary statement on its findings and recommendations on the electoral process on 5 June, and remain in Lesotho until 7 June.

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