



EISA ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION

Presidential, National and Provincial Assemblies Elections of 15 October 2014 in the Republic of Mozambique

Arrival Statement Maputo, 27 August 2014

The Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa (EISA) announces the arrival of its long-term observers to the 15 October 2014 Presidential, National and Provincial Assemblies Elections in the Republic of Mozambique. EISA recognises the integrity of the electoral process as fundamental to the consolidation of the democratisation process in Mozambique. EISA has deployed election observation missions (EOMs) to electoral processes in Mozambique since the third post-civil war elections, in 2004, and notes the importance of the 15 October 2014 elections in further strengthening peace and stability in the country.

The EISA EOM is in Mozambique at the invitation of the National Electoral Commission and the Government of the Republic of Mozambique. The EISA EOM, which consists of twenty three (23) long-term observers, will be deployed to the 11 Provinces of Mozambique on 29 August. The long term observers will remain on the ground till 24 October 2014. During their deployment they will observe key electoral activities from the campaigns up to the results aggregation processes. They will also consult with electoral stakeholders including, but not limited to, electoral authorities (CNE & STAE), political parties and civil society organisations.

Long term observers will be joined by twenty-three short term observers closer to Election Day who will arrive in Mozambique on 8 October 2014. The EOM will be led by His Excellency, Right Honourable Raila Odinga, Former Prime Minister of the Republic of Kenya, with Mr. Denis Kadima, the EISA Executive Director as the Deputy Mission Leader.

The EISA Mission will provide an impartial and independent assessment of the electoral process which will be communicated through regular public statements. The Mission's assessment of the elections will be based on the principles and standards set out in the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance, the African Union Declaration of the Principles Governing Democratic Elections in Africa, the Declaration of Principles on International Election Observation Principles for Election Management, Monitoring and Observation (PEMMO) and the Mozambican legal framework governing the elections.