
DAY ONE
7th NOVEMBER 2007

08:00-09:00 REGISTRATION



SESSION 1

Chairperson: Mr Leshele Thoahlane, Chairperson of the EISA Board

09:00-09:30 WELCOME AND OFFICIAL OPENING
Introductory Remarks
Mr Denis Kadima – EISA, Executive Director

OFFICIAL OPENING
His Excellency, Sir Ketumile Masire – Former President of the Republic of Botswana

09:30 -09:45 GROUP PHOTO AND TEA BREAK



SESSION 2

Chairperson: Justice Anastasia Msosa, EISA Board Member

09:45-10:15 KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Democracy: The African Challenge
*Professor Kwesi Kwaa Prah – Executive Director, Centre for
Advanced Study of African Societies (CASAS)*

10:15-11:00 THE DEVELOPMENTAL STATE AND DEMOCRACY IN AFRICA
Democratising to Develop or Developing to Democratise: Which Way
for the African State?
Mr Emmanuel Manyasa (Kenya)

The Feasibility of a Democratic Developmental State in Southern Africa
Dr Khabele Matlosa (EISA)

11:00-11:45 Discussion

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SESSION 3

Chairperson: Dr Kwaku Asante Darko, South Africa Institute of International Affairs

- 11:45-12:30 **DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE IN AFRICA**
Trust in Political Institutions and the Challenges of
Democracy in Africa
Mr David Maleleka (Lesotho)
- Can Parliaments Deepen Democratic Governance in Africa?
Lessons from Lesotho
Mr Victor Shale (EISA)
- The Promise of Democratic Rule at the Grass Roots Level in Africa: A
Case of Democratic Decentralisation in Uganda
Mr Sabiti Makara (Uganda)
- 12:30-13:00 **Discussion**
- 13:00-14:00 **LUNCH BREAK**

BOOK LAUNCH

*Challenges of Conflict, Democracy and Development
in Africa*

**Matlosa, K., Elklit, J. and Chiroro, B. (eds). 2007
Johannesburg, EISA**

Facilitator: Ilona Tip, EISA Senior Advisor – CMDEE

**Overview of Challenges of Conflict, Democracy and
Development in Africa**

Professor Jørgen Elklit – University of Aarhus, Denmark
& EISA Board Member

Book Launch

Mr Leshele Thoahlane – Chairperson of the EISA Board

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SESSION 4

Chairperson: Ms Rindai Chipfunde-Vava, Director Zimbabwe Election Support Network (ZESN)

14:00-14:45 **DEMOCRACY AND GOVERNANCE IN AFRICA (continued)**
How are we doing? Comparative Democratisation and
Development in Namibia
Professor Bill Lindeke (Namibia)

Cameroon's Democratic Process: Landmarks, Challenges and Prospects
Dr Thaddeus Menang (Cameroon)

The Limits of Neo-liberal Democracy in South Africa
Dr Sabelo J Ndlovu-Gatsheni & Dr Gwinyayi Dzinesa (South Africa)

The Challenges of Democracy and Governance in the Post-Election DRC
Mr Vincent Tohbi (EISA Country Director, DRC)

14:45-15:30 **Discussion**

15:30-15:45 **TEA BREAK**

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SESSION 5

Chairperson: Ms Titi Pitso, Manager Balloting and Electoral Services (EISA)

15:45-16:45 **GENDER DIMENSIONS OF POVERTY AND GOVERNANCE**
Addressing the Feminisation of Poverty in SADC through Democratic
Gender Inclusive Developmental States
Professor Sheila Bunwaree – University of Mauritius.

Developing a Political Culture for Democratic Governance: The Role
of the Women's Movement
Ms 'Mamoeketsi Ntho (Lesotho)

The Deafening Silence of Women: Unfinished Democracy in Lesotho
Dr Itumeleng Kimane & Dr Matora Ntimo-Makara (Lesotho)

16:45-17:30 **Discussion**

6:00-21:00 **COCKTAIL PARTY**

DAY TWO
8th NOVEMBER 2007



SESSION 6

Chairperson: Professor Jørgen Elklit, EISA Board Member

09:00-10:15 THE POLITICS OF POVERTY AND POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGIES

Politics and the Feasibility of Initiatives of Hunger and Vulnerability
in Southern Africa

Professor Lionel Cliffe, University of Leeds

When Do Elites Care about Poverty?

Ms Marianne S. Ulriksen (Botswana)

Politics of Poverty Reduction in Malawi: A Local Governance Perspective

Dr Blessings Chinsinga (Malawi)

A Critique of Uganda's Poverty Eradication Plan (PEAP)

Mr Ben K. Twinomugisha (Uganda)

10:15-11:00 Discussion

11:00-11:15 TEA BREAK



SESSION 7

Chairperson: Mr Wonder Jekemu, SIDA, Harare

**11:15-12:15 THE POLITICAL CONDITIONALITY OF AID AND ITS IMPACT ON
DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE**

The Consequences of Aiding Democracy in Africa

Ms Bertha Chiroro & Ms Catherine Musuwa (EISA)

The Politics of Food Aid in Africa

Dr Siphamandla Zondi (IGD, South Africa)

Financing Illiberal Democracy in Uganda

Dr Julius Kiiza (Uganda)

12:15-13:00 Discussion

13:00-14:00 LUNCH BREAK

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SESSION 8

Chairperson: Ms Ilona Tip, EISA Senior Advisor – CMDEE

14:00-14:45 **THE SIGNIFICANCE OF LEADERSHIP FOR SUSTAINABLE DEMOCRACY**
Significance of Leadership for Sustainable Democracy in
Southern Africa
Ms Matseliso Mapetla & Mr Moletsane Monyake (Lesotho)

The Leadership Succession Debate in South Africa
Mr Ebrahim Fakir & Mr Aubrey Mashiqi – Centre for Policy Studies (South Africa)

Leadership and the Democratic Process: Lessons from Kenya
Mr Samuel Nyanchoga (Kenya)

14:45-15:30 **Discussion**

15:30-15:45 **TEA BREAK**

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SESSION 9

Chairperson: Mr Miguel de Brito, EISA Mozambique Country Director

15:45- 16:30 **POLITICAL CULTURES AND DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE**
Developing a Political Culture for Democratic Governance:
Opening Spaces for Civil Society Participation
Dr Bhekinkosi Moyo (Senegal)

Promoting Democratic Values in Nigeria: Prospects and Problems
Mr Peter Osimiri (Nigeria)

Developing a Political Culture for Democratic Governance:
Evidence from Malawi
Mr Moses Mkandawire (Malawi)

16:30-17:00 **Discussion**

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SESSION 10

Chairperson: Mr Vincent Tohbi, EISA Country Director – DRC

09:00-9:30 **HIV/AIDS AND DEMOCRACY**
HIV / AIDS and Democracy
Mr Shalala Oliver Sepiso (Zambia)

Impact of HIV / AIDS on the Electoral Process
Mr Kondwani Chirambo – IDASA (South Africa)

9:30-10:00 **Discussion**

10:00-10:15 **TEA BREAK**



SESSION 11

Chairperson: Professor Sheila Bunwaree, University of Mauritius

10:30-11:00 **GLOBAL TRENDS IN DEMOCRATISATION AND LESSONS FOR AFRICA**
Sino Africa Relations and Democratic Transitions in Africa
Dr William Muhumuza (Uganda)

The Challenges for Democratisation in Latin America:
Lessons for Africa
Professor Philip Oxhorn (McGill University, Canada)

An Institutional Analysis of Indian Democracy
Dr Nandini Patel (Malawi)

11:00-11:30 **Discussion**

11:30-12:00 **ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION**
POVERTY: A CHALLENGE FOR DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE
Facilitator: Mr Denis Kadima – Executive Director, EISA

PANELISTS

Democracy, Social Policy, and Poverty Reduction

Professor Lionel Cliffe

State Capacity for Poverty Reduction

Dr Khabele Matlosa

Democratic Local Governance and Poverty Reduction

Professor Bill Lindeke

Gender Dimensions of Poverty

Dr Itumelang Kimane

12:00-12:45 **Discussion**

12:45 -13:00 **VOTE OF THANKS AND OFFICIAL CLOSING**

Ms Ilona Tip – EISA Senior Advisor – CMDEE

13:00-14:00 **LUNCH**

FREE AFTERNOON AND DEPARTURES



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ABOUT EISA

EISA is a not-for-profit organisation which was established in 1996. Its vision is an African Continent where democratic governance, human rights and citizen participation are upheld in a peaceful environment. It strives for excellence in the promotion of credible elections, participatory democracy, human rights culture and the strengthening of governance institutions for the consolidation of democracy in Africa. The ultimate goal is to assist countries in Africa to nurture and consolidate democratic governance. SADC countries have received technical assistance and advice from EISA in building solid institutional foundations for democracy. This includes electoral system reforms; election monitoring and observation; constructive conflict management; strengthening of Parliament and other democratic institutions; strengthening of political parties; capacity building for civil society organisations; deepening democratic local governance; and enhancing the institutional capacity of the election management bodies. EISA is a partner together with six other organisations which have established the ACE Electoral Knowledge Network, a global programme that provides comprehensive and authoritative information on elections, promotes networking among election-related professionals and offers capacity development services. The other six partners are the Instituto Federal Electoral (Mexico), IFES, Elections Canada, International IDEA, UNDP, the European Commission, and United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs. EISA observes elections taking place in the SADC region using an instrument it developed together with the ECF known as PEMMO (Principles for Election Management, Monitoring and Observation in the SADC Region).