



11th Meeting of Forum of the Election Management Bodies of South Asia (FEMBoSA)

AGENDA

Theme: “Use of Technology in Elections”

11th August 2021 (Wednesday)

Thimphu: Bhutan

**Hosted by
Election Commission of Bhutan**



FORUM OF THE ELECTION MANAGEMENT BODIES OF SOUTH ASIA

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General Session	
IST (GMT +5:30)	Activities
09:00 AM	Enable the Zoom Link
10:00 - 10:30 AM (30 minutes)	Opening Ceremony National Anthems of all FEMBoSA Member Countries
10:30 - 10:45 AM (15 minutes)	Welcome Address Mr. Dawa Tenzin, Hon'ble Election Commissioner Election Commission of Bhutan
10:45 - 10:55 AM (10 minutes)	Stewardship Report Shri Umesh Sinha, Secretary General Election Commission of India
10:55 - 11:10AM (15 minutes)	Address by Chairperson, FEMBoSA H.E. Shri Sushil Chandra Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner Election Commission of India
11:10 - 11:15 AM (5 minutes)	Handing over of Chairmanship to the ECB - H.E Major General Vetsop Namgyel, Ambassador of Bhutan to India to receive FEMBoSA Logo on behalf of Election Commission of Bhutan H.E. Shri Sushil Chandra Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner Election Commission of India
11:15 - 11:30 AM (15 minutes)	Acceptance Statement by New Chairperson H.E. Sonam Topgay Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner Election Commission of Bhutan
11:30 - 11:35 AM	Virtual Group Photo (5 Minutes)
11:35 - 11:50 AM	Tea Break/Coffee Break (15 minutes)

Technical Session A
(Technical Session A shall be chaired by
Mr. Ugyen Chewang, Hon'ble Election Commissioner
Election Commission of Bhutan)

**Experience sharing by the Heads of EMBs on the assigned topics in the context
of **COVID-19** Pandemic**

11:50 AM - 12:10 PM (20 minutes)	<p>Topic: Use of Technology for Voter Awareness and Registration <i>Presentation: 5 minutes</i> <i>Discussion: 10 minutes</i></p> <p>Mr. Khaibar Sayedi, Head of Field Operation Department Independent Election Commission of Afghanistan</p>
12:10 - 12:30 PM (20 minutes)	<p>Topic: Use of Technology in Election Management <i>Presentation: 5 minutes</i> <i>Discussion: 10 minutes</i></p> <p>Brigadier General Shahadat Hossain Chowdhury (retd.) Hon'ble Election Commissioner Election Commission of Bangladesh</p>
12:30 - 12:50 PM (20 minutes)	<p>Topic: Use of Technology in Elections <i>Presentation: 5 minutes</i> <i>Discussion: 10 minutes</i></p> <p>Sri Sudeep Jain, Deputy Election Commissioner Election Commission of India</p>
12:50 - 01:10 PM (20 minutes)	<p>Topic: Use of Technology for Improving Efficiency and Credibility of Elections <i>Presentation: 5 minutes</i> <i>Discussion: 10 minutes</i></p> <p>Mr. Ahmed Aneel, Director Information Communication and Technology Division Election Commission of Maldives</p>

01:10 - 01:30 PM <i>(20 minutes)</i>	Topic: Use of Technology to Improve the Capacity of Stakeholders in the Election Process <i>Presentation: 5 minutes</i> <i>Discussion: 10 minutes</i> Mr. Komal Prasad Dhamala, Under Secretary Election Commission of Nepal
01:30 - 02:15 PM	Lunch Break (45 minutes)
02:15 - 02:35 PM <i>(20 minutes)</i>	Presentation by Pakistan <i>Presentation: 5 minutes</i> <i>Discussion: 10 minutes</i>
02:35 - 02:55 PM <i>(20 minutes)</i>	Topic: Use of Technology in Media Monitoring including Social Media in Elections <i>Presentation: 5 minutes</i> <i>Discussion: 10 minutes</i> Mr. K.U.G.S.N. Kaluwewe, Additional Commissioner of Elections Election Commission of Sri Lanka
02:55 - 03:15 PM <i>(20 minutes)</i>	Topic: Use of Technology for enhancing Transparent, Accessible and Inclusive Voting <i>Presentation: 5 minutes</i> <i>Discussion: 10 minutes</i> Mr. Ugyen Chewang, Hon'ble Election Commissioner Election Commission of Bhutan
NB: 5 minutes each is for MC to introduce the presenters and coordinate the discussion.	

Technical Session B	
03:15 - 03:45 PM (30 minutes)	Next Steps for 12th FEMBoSA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Finalizing Host Country for 12th FEMBoSA ii. Finalizing Theme for 12th FEMBoSA Chair: H.E. Sonam Topgay Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner Election Commission of Bhutan
Technical Session C	
03:45 - 04:15 PM (30 minutes)	Reading of the Thimphu Resolution to the Plenary Mr. Mani Kumar Ghalay, Chief Planning Officer Chief Rapporteur Adoption of Thimphu Resolution 2021 Chair: H.E. Sonam Topgay Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner Election Commission of Bhutan
04:15 - 04:30 PM	Tea Break/Coffee (15 minutes)
Concluding Session	
04:30 - 04:50 PM (20 minutes)	Concluding Remarks <i>(If it so pleases the Hon'ble Heads of EMBs)</i>
04:50 - 05:00 PM (10 minutes)	Concluding Remarks by the Chairperson H.E. Sonam Topgay Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner Election Commission of Bhutan
05:00 - 05:05 PM (5 minutes)	Vote of Thanks Mr. Phub Dorji, Director, Department of Civic & Electoral Training