



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

THIMPHU RESOLUTION

11th August 2021

Thimphu, Bhutan

RESOLUTIONS

We, the members of the Forum of Election Management Bodies of South Asia (FEMBoSA), the Election Management Bodies of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal and Sri Lanka in attendance at the virtual 11th Forum Meeting hosted by the Election Commission of Bhutan, Thimphu hereby resolve as under:

1. Abide by the faith in the objectives and principles of the FEMBoSA enshrined in its Charter to take benefit from each other's experience and mutual cooperation of FEMBoSA Members.
2. Accept to further strengthen interaction among FEMBoSA members in promoting the activities of the Forum and empowering fellow EMBs through sharing of skills and capacity building efforts.
3. The members commended the exceptional effort put in by the Election Commission of India and India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management (IIIDEM) in the capacity development of election officials within the FEMBoSA members and around the world in virtual platforms even during the trying times of the COVID-19 pandemic.
4. IIIDEM, ECI would continue to organize and provide customized training programs to the needs of FEMBoSA member countries.
5. Enhance capacity building of member EMBs through mutual cooperation and support.
6. Activate, develop and maintain the FEMBoSA web portal for sharing information and best practices among the member EMBs.

7. Exchange experience sharing programmes among the member countries when the situations are deemed appropriate and feasible.
8. Share/exchange knowledge and experiences relating to ICT innovations being pursued by the member EMBs during the ongoing global COVID-19 pandemic.
9. Agreed to pursue ICT innovation in the election processes to facilitate voters, political parties, candidates and other stakeholders for online services.
10. Work in collaboration among FEMBoSA Member countries through a common platform to find ways and means for effective management and monitoring use of social media in elections.
11. Accepted the offer of the Election Commission of Nepal to host the 12th Meeting of the Forum of Election Management Bodies of South Asia (FEMBoSA) in 2023 as proposed by His Excellency, Dinesh Kumar Thapaliya, the Hon'ble Chief Election Commissioner of Nepal. The Maldives has graciously consented to host the 13th FEMBoSA in 2024.
12. Implement the work plan for 2021-2022 as approved by the Member EMBs in the 11th meeting of FEMBoSA as in Annexure 1.
13. Agreed to have interactive sessions on a digital platform among the FEMBoSA Members on a half-yearly basis. However, the tenure of the Chairman would be for 2 years during the COVID -19 for the current Chair. The modalities for conducting the 12th FEMBoSA meeting will be decided, following consultations among the EMBs of South Asia region.
14. Accepted the theme for the next FEMBoSA as, ***“Managing Elections in COVID-19: Sharing valuable lessons and experiences.”***

15. Place on record our gratitude to the following former Honourable Chief Election Commissioners and Chairpersons for their exemplary services in nurturing FEMBoSA:

- i. His Excellency Shri Sunil Arora, Chief Election Commissioner, Election Commission of India;
- ii. His Excellency Mr. Mahinda Deshapriya, Chairman, Election Commission of Sri Lanka;
- iii. His Excellency Mr. Ahmed Shareef, Chairman, Election Commission of Maldives;
- iv. Her Excellency Mrs. Hawa Alam Nooristani, Chairperson, Independent Election Commission (IEC) of Afghanistan; and
- v. His Excellency Mr. Chogyal Dago Rigdzin, Chief Election Commissioner, Election Commission of Bhutan.

Adopted unanimously at Thimphu, Bhutan on 11th August 2021



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Chairperson, FEMBoSA
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