

1.0 Introduction

The Electoral Commission is organizing for polling activities for the conduct of 2016 General Elections as empowered by the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda.

2.0 Category of elections and their polling dates

Elective Positions	Polling Date	Mode of Elections
President	18th February 2016	Secret ballot
Parliamentary	18th February 2016	Secret ballot
Chairpersons, Directly Elected Councilors and Women Councilors for District (LC V)	24th February 2016	Secret ballot
Lord Mayor, Directly Elected Councilors and Women Councilors for Kampala Capital City Authority	24th February 2016	Secret ballot
Councilors for PWDs, Older Persons and Youth to District councils and Kampala Capital City Authority	26th February 2016	Secret ballot

Chairpersons, Directly Elected Councilors and Women Councilors for Municipality and Kampala Capital City Divisions	2nd March 2016	Secret ballot
PWDs, Older Persons and Youth Councilors to Municipalities and Kampala Capital City Divisions	4th March 2016	Secret ballot
Chairpersons, Directly Elected Councilors and Women Councilors for Municipal Division, Sub County and Town Councils	9th March 2016	Secret ballot
PWDs, Older Persons and Youth Councilors to Municipal Division, Sub County and Town Councils	10th March 2016	Secret ballot

3.0 Identification of voters on polling day

- Voter locator slips will enable voters to confirm and locate their polling stations.
- A Biometric Voter Verification machine will be used to scan the thumb of the voter to confirm that he/she belongs to that polling station.
- Only voters whose particulars appear on the register will be allowed to vote.

4.0 Polling officials

The officials who will be in charge of managing the polling station will include;

Presiding Officer: the overall supervisor of the polling station

Polling Assistant 1/ Operator of the Biometric Voter Verification machine

Polling Assistant 2: Issues ballot papers

Polling Assistant 3: Issues ballot papers

Polling Assistant 4: Responsible for inking/ marking the thumb of the voters

Polling Constable: Keeps law and order

5.0 Role of the Electoral Commission

The Electoral Commission's role during preparations for polling will include;

- Gazette polling station
- Recruit polling officials
- Train polling officials
- Supervise polling officials•
- Provide logistics and materials for polling
- Monitor the electoral process
- Pay officers involved in the exercise

- Declare election results
- Accredit observers and agents

6.0 Role of Political parties

- Appoint in writing party agents to observe exercise
- Mobilize the electorate to effectively participate
- Restrain their supporters from acts of violence and intolerance
- Encourage their supporters to respect the outcome (results) of an election
- Conduct of non sectarian campaigns

7.0 Obligation of voters

- Turn up on polling day and vote
- Keep time (7:00am - 4:00pm)
- Remain calm during the polling process
- Remember to carry Voter locator slips
- To accept the outcome of the elections
- Should be orderly as you report to vote

8.0 Role of stakeholders

The Electoral Commission appeals to all stakeholders to be peaceful, tolerant and calm during polling activities for 2016 General Elections.

9.0 Some offences related to polling








- Voting or attempting to vote more than once
- Destroying election materials
- Making wrong returns of an election by the Presiding Officer
- Obstruction of voters
- Forging or destroying a ballot paper

- Bribery








10.0 How to mark a ballot paper

The Authorised Mark of Choice on a ballot paper is either

A TICK OR

 SAMPLE BALLOT PAPER			
NAME OF CANDIDATE	CANDIDATES' PHOTOGRAPH	SYMBOL OF A PARTY, ORGANISATIONSS / INDEPENDENT CANDIDATE	Authorised Mark of Choice
AMUGE MARY		 SPADE	<input type="checkbox"/>
AMUDU GEOFREY		 BUCKET	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
BEMBA MOSH		 CAR	<input type="checkbox"/>

A THUMBPRINT

 SAMPLE BALLOT PAPER			
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