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**Press Release**

**Programme for Elections of Councillors Representing Workers to District Councils**

The Electoral Commission has approved the programme for elections of Councillors Representing Workers to District Councils as follows:

**a. Councillors Representing Workers to District Councils**

For each District Local Government Council, there shall be two Workers' Councillors, one of whom shall be a female, to represent the Workers in the District Local Government Council.

**b. Composition of the Electoral College:**

The two Workers' Councillors at the District shall be elected by an Electoral College composed of:

- i. Twenty (20) Delegates, at least six (6) of whom shall be women, nominated directly to the Electoral Commission by every registered Labour Union with membership in the District; and,
- ii. Ten (10) Delegates, at least three (3) of whom shall be women, nominated by the non unionized workers in the District;

**c. Display of the Workers' Voters' Register**

The Commission will conduct a display of the Workers' Voters' Register for the respective District from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May to Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018 at the District Headquarters.

The display shall begin at 9:00am and end at 5:00pm on each of the appointed dates, including weekends.

During the Display, members of the Electoral College are urged to turn up and check for the correctness of their particulars.

Members are further urged to report to the Returning Officer, names of persons, if any, who may have been wrongly included on the Register, so that they are removed from the Register.

#### **d. Nomination of Candidates**

The Electoral Commission has appointed Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2018, as the period for nomination of candidates for election of Councillors Representing Workers to District Councils.

The nomination shall be conducted at the respective District Headquarters, starting at 9:00am until 5:00pm on each of the appointed dates.

An aspiring candidate for Councillor Representing Workers to District Councils shall be a citizen of Uganda, and a registered voter, who is ordinarily resident in the District in which he/she seeks to stand.

The aspiring candidate will be required to observe the following:

- i. The nomination documents of a candidate shall be submitted to the Returning Officer by the aspiring candidate himself or herself;
- ii. The nomination shall be supported by a proposer and seconder who are voting members of the respective Electoral College;
- iii. Payment of a non refundable nomination fee of Shs. 50,000/-, which may be paid in cash or bank draft to the respective District Council;

The following shall be attached to the nomination paper;

- i. A statement under oath indicating the person's eligibility to stand;
- ii. A person's consent to his or her nomination for the office;
- iii. An appointment of official agent of the candidate, acceptance of appointment, and oath authenticating statement; and,
- iv. Two (2) postcard sized photographs of the candidate's own straight face.

The nomination of candidates may be sponsored by a political organization or a political party or by a candidate standing as an independent candidate.

#### **e. Campaigns**

The Electoral Commission has appointed Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May to Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 as the period for candidates' campaign meetings for election of elections of Councillors Representing Workers to District Councils.

During this period, candidates shall not use or publish any language or defamatory words, which incite public disorder, hatred, violence or which threatens war.

The Commission urges all candidates, their agents and the public to adhere to set rules and regulations guiding the campaign period.

**f. Polling Date and Mode of Elections**

The Commission has further appointed Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018, as the polling day for elections of Councillors Representing Workers to District Councils.

The elections shall be conducted at the respective District Headquarters, and shall be by secret ballot using the (respective) District Electoral College.

- i. No person shall be allowed to vote if she/he is not a member of the Electoral College.
- ii. Polling shall not commence before 7:00 a.m. in the morning and shall not continue beyond 4:00 p.m. in the evening.
- iii. The Presiding Officer shall ensure that at least five (5) eligible voters (members of the Electoral College) are present before opening of polls.
- iv. Each Candidate may appoint not more than two agents to oversee the conduct of polling and vote counting.

**g. Vote Counting and Declaration of Results**

The votes cast for each candidate shall be counted at the polling station immediately after the Presiding Officer declares polling closed, and the candidate who has obtained the highest number of votes, shall be declared elected by the District Returning Officer.

**h. Appeal**

The Electoral Commission calls on all stakeholders in to participate in the above activities in accordance with the guidelines for this election.



Justice Byabakama Mugenyi Simon  
**Chairperson, Electoral Commission**