



OVERVIEW OF THE EC REVISED ROADMAP TO 2025-2026 GENERAL ELECTIONS

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BACKGROUND



- Articles 60, 61, and 62 of the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda create and mandate the Electoral Commission (EC) to organize, conduct and supervise elections.
- For effective and successful execution of its mandate, the EC recognizes the role of the various stakeholders.

ROADMAP AND STRATEGIC PLAN TO 2025/26 GENERAL ELECTIONS



- You may recall that, on 2nd August 2023, at Hotel Africana, the Electoral Commission (EC) launched its Strategic Plan (2025/26) and the General Elections Roadmap.
- The new revised Roadmap is being unveiled to stakeholders today in preparation for implementing the 2025/2026 General Elections Roadmap.

OBJECTIVES OF THE DISSEMINATION OF THE EC REVISED ROADMAP



- Provide a basis for better planning, implementation, benchmarking and performance assessment;
- Improve stakeholder participation in the electoral process;
- Improve the electoral planning and administration;
- Avoid last-minute rush in implementation of electoral activities;
- Deliver timely electoral results freely and transparently;
- Contribute towards good governance and security.

ELECTORAL COMMISSION VISION AND MISSION



Vision: A model institution and centre of excellence in election management

Mission: To organize, conduct, and supervise regular, free, fair, and transparent elections and referenda through citizen participation, stakeholder engagement, and information sharing to enhance democracy and good governance.

Core Values: In the performance of our mission and to facilitate realize our vision, the organization will subscribe to the following core values, **(ASIFI):** -

**Accountability,
Service Orientated,
Impartiality,
Professionalism,
Innovation**

STRATEGIC KEY RESULT AREAS

The Strategic Plan is Anchored on Five Key Result Areas **(KRA)**, namely:

- i. Regular Free, Fair and Transparent Elections;
- ii. Enhanced inclusive citizen participation and engagement;
- iii. Strengthened stakeholder collaboration;
- iv. Timely gender equity response and accurate information sharing; and
- v. Strengthened Institutional capacity of the Commission.

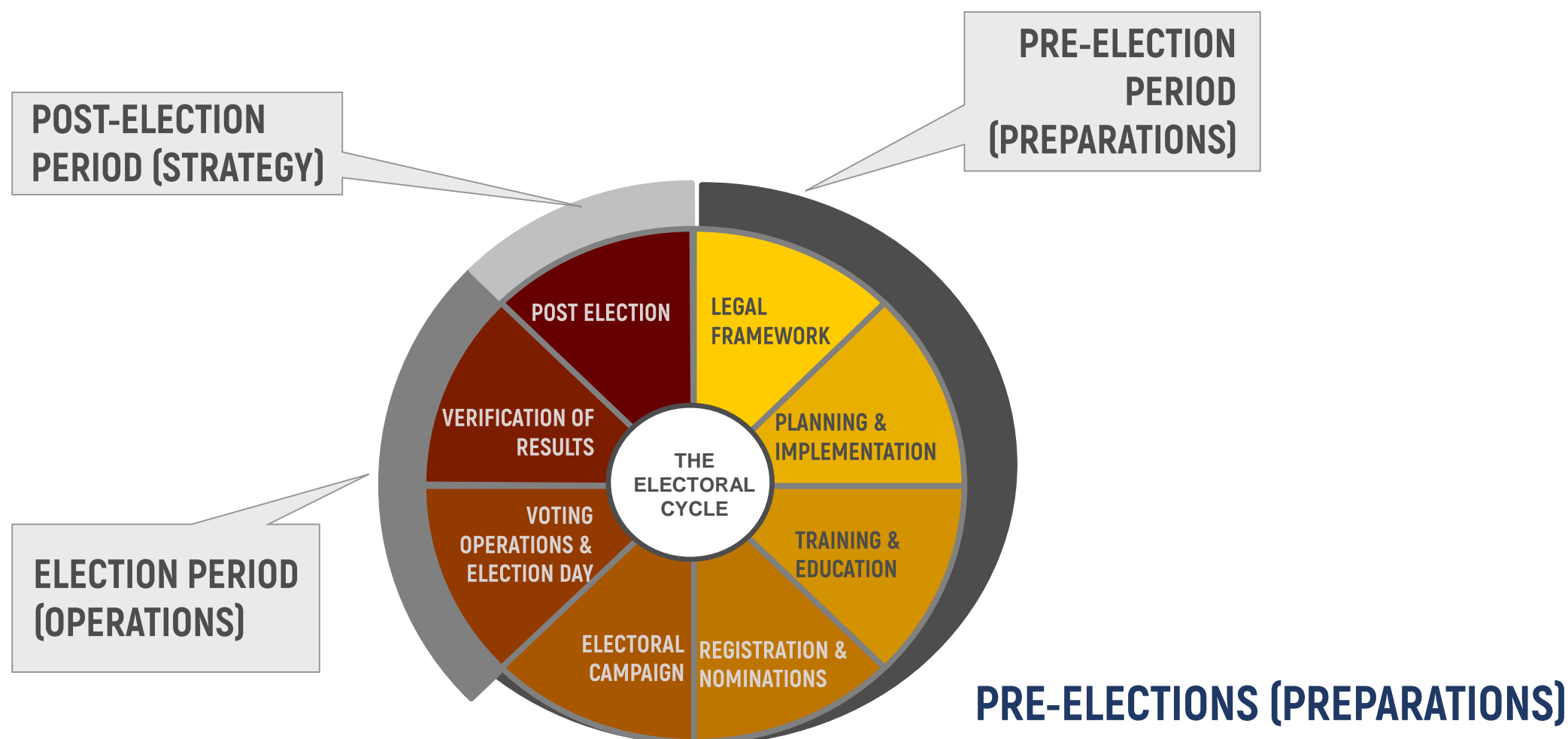


EC REVISED ROADMAP TO GENERAL ELECTIONS 2025/2026



ROADMAP

MAJOR ACTIVITIES OF ELECTORAL CYCLE



4.4 GUIDING LAW

- According to Article 61(2), The Constitution of the Republic of Uganda, the EC is mandated to hold Presidential, General Parliamentary and Local Government Councils Elections within the first 30 days of the last 122 days of the expiry of the term of Office of the President.
- The current term of office for all elected leaders expires on 12th May 2026.

CATEGORIES OF ELECTIONS

1. **Presidential**
2. **Members of Parliament** (Constituency Members of Parliament; District/City Women Representatives; and Representatives of Older Persons, PwDs, Youths, Workers and UPDF);
3. **District/ City Local Government Council** (District Chairpersons/ Lord Mayor; their Councillors including Representatives of PwDs, OPs, Youths, Workers, and Professional Bodies to KCCA);
4. **Municipality/City Division Local Government Council** (Mayor; their Councillors, including PwDs, Ops and Youths Representatives);

CATEGORIES OF ELECTIONS (CONTINUED)

5. **Sub-county/Town Council/Municipal Division Local Government Council**
(Chairpersons and Mayors; their Councillors, including PwDs, Ops & Youths Representatives);
6. **Members of Council/ Committees of Special Interest Groups** (PwDs, Youths, Older Persons) from Village to National level;
7. **Members of Women Council/ Committees** from Village to National level;
8. **Administrative Unit (LC I & II)** from Village to Parish level.

CATEGORY OF ELECTIONS WITH ELECTIVE POSITIONS



No.	Category	Number of Positions by Election Year				
		2006	2011	2016	2021	2026*
1	Presidential	1	1	1	1	1
2	Parliamentary	320	375	427	529	575
3	District/City Chairpersons	80	112	112	146	155
4	Local Government Councils	17,905	23,998	28,408	43,202	63,000
5	Youth Councils/Committees	468,074	595,953	601,355	729,029	873,855
6	Older Persons Committees	-	-	334,528	405,010	485,475
7	PwDs Committees	259,285	330,115	334,528	405,010	485,475
	Total General Elections	745,665	950,554	1,299,359	1,635,672	1,908,636
8	Women Councils/Committees	259,289	330,119	334,084	418,855	485,475
9	Administrative Units	281,496	646,028	652,730	811,140	940,000
	Grand Total	1,286,450	1,926,697	2,286,173	2,865,667	3,334,111

KEY ROADMAP ACTIVITIES

Subject to Article 61 as amended, the Roadmap covers the whole electoral process activities of:

- Demarcation of Constituencies
- Demarcation of Electoral areas
- Reorganisation of Polling Stations
- General Update of the NVR
- Display of NVR
- Nomination of Candidates
- Campaigns
- Polls
- Declaration and Publication of Results

POLLING PERIOD: ARTICLES 61(2), 105(1) AND 181(4)



The polling for Presidential, General Parliamentary and Local Government Councils for 2026 General Elections shall be between **Monday 12th January 2026 up to 09th February 2026**; hence setting a benchmark for all other electoral activities.

PRODUCTION AND DELIVERY OF BALLOT PAPERS AND DECLARATION OF RESULTS FORMS



Considering the projected 1,908,636 Elective Positions resulting into so many variations for the production of Ballot Papers and Declaration of Results Forms, and with Polling expected to commence by 12th January 2026 it requires adequate time between nominations and Polling to Production and Packing of Ballot Papers and DR Forms.

PRODUCTION AND DELIVERY OF BALLOT PAPERS AND DECLARATION OF RESULTS FORMS



- The Commission has to computerize Candidates Information from the various hard copies of Nomination Forms for each Elective Office, prepare Sample Ballot Papers and carry out quality assurance to ensure each category of election with all its elective offices as Nominated has a correct Sample Ballot Paper.
- The computerization and quality assurance take about **40 days especially** for Local Governments and Parliament respectively.
- Given the many categories of elections and their corresponding elective offices, it requires **at least 30 days**, to print and deliver ballot papers and declaration of results forms to EC Warehouse.

PACKING OF BALLOT PAPERS AND DECLARATION OF RESULTS FORMS



- Ballot papers and declaration of results are the last items of the Polling Kit to be packed. The Commission requires **at least 30 days** to pack these two very sensitive and important items meticulously.
- The packing of the ballot papers and declaration of results should end and Polling Kits delivered to District/City Stores **at least 5 days** before Polling Day to allow for verification and arrangement in District Stores in time for Polls, that is, **dispatch starts by Sat 03/01/26 and ends by Wed 07/01/26.**



☐ **For dispatch to occur starting by 7th January 2026 then:**

- Packing should end by 3rd January 2026;
- Production and Delivery of Ballot Papers and DR Forms to EC Warehouse should take place between 3rd November 2025 and 3rd December 2025;
- Hand over of Samples to Printers is done by 29th October, 2025;
- Computerisation of Candidates Details has to be done between 17th September 2025 and 13th October 2025;
- Hence, the dates for Nominations as Approved.



NOMINATIONS



- Given the magnitude of variations for Production of Ballot Papers, nominations for Local Government Councils should complete by **Third week of Sept 2025**.
- Nominations of Parliamentary Candidates shall have completed **17th September 2025**.
- For campaigns to commence **latest** by **Second week of Oct 2025**;
Nomination of Presidential Candidates **must** have completed **by then**.
Presidential Nominations must end by 03rd October, 2025 and General Parliamentary by 17th September, 2025.

RESIGNATION BY PUBLIC SERVANTS



- The Commission has to fulfill Section 8 of Presidential Elections Act and Section 9 of the Parliamentary Elections Act (PaEA) that provide for appointment of nominations days and time.
- The Commission also has to comply to Section 4(4)(a) of Parliamentary Elections Act (PaEA) to enable public servants who wish to participate to prepare accordingly.
 - ❖ Deadline for resignation by Public Servants,
 - ❖ Local Governments Sat 02/08/25,
 - ❖ Presidential Wed 01/10/25
 - ❖ Parliamentary Fri 13/06/25

DISPLAY OF THE NVR



- An up-to-date and clean National Voters' Register (NVR) is a cornerstone for free-fair-elections.
- EC, Political Parties/Organizations and all stakeholders need an up-to-date NVR for the nomination exercises.
- An up-to-date NVR should therefore be ready by **end of May 2025**

DISPLAY OF THE NVR (Continued)



- The Commission has to comply with Section 33(3) of the Electoral Commission Act (ECA) to gazette and publicize polling stations at least 60 days before the Display of the NVR.
- Preparatory activities for the Display of the NVR should have been completed by the **Second week of April 2025**, i.e. appointment of Tribunal Members by the Judiciary, recruitment and training of Display Officials

DISPLAY OF THE NVR (Continued)



- Display of the NVR shall therefore take place between 18th April and **8th May 2025** in line with Section 25(1) of ECA;
- Display of the Parish Tribunal recommendations will be completed by **9th May 2025** in line Section 25(1a) of ECA;
- Therefore, processing of Display Returns and production of an up-to-date NVR should be completed by the **End of May 2025**.

GENERAL UPDATE OF THE NVR



For an up-to-date NVR to be ready by **end of May 2025**, the General Update of the NVRs (Registration, Transfers) should be done in **January 2025** in line with Sections 19(7) and 19(8)(a) of ECA.

TYPES OF REGISTERS TO BE UPDATED



- The National Voters Register (Presidential, General Parliamentary and Local Government Councils Elections);
- Voters Register for elections of Special Interest Groups Representatives to Parliament (Youth, PwDs, Older Persons, Workers and UPDF);
- Voter Registers for Elections of Special Interest Groups to Local Government Councils (Youth, PwDs, Workers, Older Persons and Professional Bodies to the Kampala Capital City Authority);

TYPES OF REGISTERS TO BE UPDATED (Continued)



- Voter Registers for elections of members of Councils/Committees of Special interest groups (Youth, PwDs, Workers and Older Persons) from village to national level;
- Voter Registers for elections of members of Women Councils/Committees from village to national level;
- Voter Registers for elections at Administrative Units (LC I & II) from Village/Cell to Parish/Ward level.

DEMARCATIION OF ELECTORAL AREAS

Article 181 of the Constitution mandates the Commission to demarcate Electoral Areas (EA) for Local Government Councils Elections to form Local Government Councils and Sections 108,109, 110 of the Local Government Act (LGA) guide by spelling out:

- Administrative units under play
- Number of inhabitants
- Population quota for women
- Minimum size of any Local Government Council
- Levels of Local Government Councils
- Levels of representation for each Local Government Council
- Important issues like means of communication, geographical features, density of population, area and boundaries of administrative units like Parishes/Wards



DEMARCATIION OF ELECTORAL AREAS (Continued)




Demarcation of EA is further guided by **Section 10 of LGA** which defines the composition of the local government councils to include seats for special interest groups of youth, persons with disability, women and older persons.

Demarcation of EA is planned for **August 2024**.

REORGANISATION OF POLLING STATIONS

Section 33 of ECA as amended orders the EC to publicise a list of all places at which the NVR is required to be displayed and a list of all polling stations, at least 60 days before the date of display or polling day.

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- An icon of a spiral-bound notebook with a red cover and white pages. The text 'Election Key Dates' is written vertically on the pages.
- Re-organization involves shifting, renaming, creating and/or merging some polling stations.
 - The purpose is to;
 - Reduce distance
 - Avoid/reduce overcrowding
 - Catering for newly created Parishes
 - Relocating to more appropriate venues



SUMMARY OF KEY MILESTONES FOR THE 2025/2026 GENERAL ELECTIONS ROADMAP

No.	Electoral Activities Milestones	Start	Finish
1	Recruitment, Training and Deployment of Parish and Sub-county Supervisors for purposes of Reorganisation of Polling Stations	Monday, 05 August 2024	Monday, 26 August 2024
2	National Training Workshop for Staff on Commencement of Revised Roadmap, Demarcation of EAs and Reorganisation of Polling Stations	Tuesday, 30 July 2024	Tuesday, 30 July 2024
3	Regional Stakeholders Engagement Workshops on Strategic Plan, Roadmap, Demarcation of EAs and Reorganisation of Polling Stations	Saturday, 22 June 2024	Saturday, 22 June 2024
4	Demarcation of Constituencies and Electoral Areas and Reorganisation of Polling Stations	Tuesday, 06 August 2024	Friday, 16 August 2024
5	General Update of the Register in each Parish. In line with Article 61 (1)(e), Sections 18, 19(1) of ECA.	Friday, 03 January 2025	Friday, 25 January 2025
6	Compilation of Youth/PWDs/Older Persons/Workers Registers. In line with Sec. 18(1) of ECA,	Friday, 3 January 2025	Friday, 25 January 2025
7	Cut-off of Update of the National Voters' Register and Compilation of Youth, PWDs, Older Persons & Workers Registers. In line with Sec. 19(7) & 19(8)(a) of ECA.		Friday, 25 January 2025
8	Display of the National Voters' Register at each Polling Station. In line with Sec. 24(1) & Sec. 25(1) of ECA .	Friday, 18 April 2025	Thursday, 8 May 2025
9	Display of the SIG Committees Voters Register in each Village/KCCA/UPDF/EC/Workers Offices.	Friday, 18 April 2025	Monday, 28 April 2025
10	Nomination of Village SIG Committees Candidates (OP, PwD, Youth).	Monday, 2 June 2025	Tuesday, 10 June 2025
11	Nomination of Candidates (Local Governments including SIGs). In line with Section 119, 119A of LGA.	Wednesday, 3 September 2025	Friday, 12 September 2025
12	Nomination of Candidates (Parliamentary). In line with Sections 4, 8,8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E, 8F, 8G, 8H, 8I & 11 of PaEA	Tuesday, 16 September 2025	Wednesday, 17 September 2025
13	Nomination of Candidates (Presidential). In line with Sections 4, 9, &10 of the Presidential Elections Act	Thursday, 2 October 2025	Friday, 3 October 2025
# 14	Polling Period (Presidential, Parliamentary & Local Governments: In line with Article 61(2) of the Constitution	Monday, 12 January 2026	Monday, 9 February 2026

10.0 CONCLUSION

This EC Revised Roadmap 2025/2026 should result into the following:

- More informed electorate and stakeholders;
- Credible and accessible voters register;
- Efficiency and effectiveness;
- Timely procurement of materials and equipment;
- Professionalism and a favourable working environment; and
- Delivery of free, fair and transparent elections.



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THANK YOU!