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Press Release

Polling Date for Sub County/Town/Municipal Division Elections, 2026

The Electoral Commission appointed Wednesday 4th February 2026 as the polling day for elections of Chairpersons, Directly-elected Councillors and Women Councillors for Sub County/Town/Municipal Division.

Voting shall be by universal adult suffrage, and shall take place at all polling stations in all the Sub Counties, Town Councils and Municipal Divisions, across the country, beginning at 7:00am till 4:00pm. Thereafter, counting of votes and declaration of results shall take place.

The Commission wishes to guide voters as follows:

- The ballot paper for use during election of the Chairperson for Sub county/Town Council/Municipal Division will bear the following features:**
 - The first column will have the full names of candidates, in alphabetical order;
 - The second column will have **a colour photograph of the candidate for Chairperson**;
 - The third column will have the name of the party and symbol, or independent candidates' symbol;
 - The fourth column will have space where the voter will tick or place a thumbprint as a mark of choice.
- The ballot paper for the Directly-elected Councillors and Women Councillors to the Sub county/Town Council/Municipal Division will have the full names of the candidate, the symbol for the political party or independent candidate and the name of the party for party flag bearers **but will not bear the photograph of the candidates**;
- The voter is required to mark the ballot paper using the authorised mark of choice — either a tick or a thumbprint, in the space provided for the candidate. Please don't use any other mark!
- The voter should be careful that his/her tick or thumbprint is not outside the box or crossing into another candidate's box. If it does, the vote will be invalid and will not be counted for your candidate;
- However, a ballot paper that has the authorised mark of choice (a tick or a thumbprint) placed in the candidate's name, candidate's photo, or candidate's symbol, is still valid because the intention and the choice of the voter is clear.

The Commission urges voters to turn up in large numbers to vote and to follow the guidelines that have been issued for this election, in order to ensure a peaceful process.

Justice Byabakama Mugenyi Simon
Chairperson, Electoral Commission