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HIGHLIGHTS

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Monthly meeting for NIEC and representatives of the International Community was held in Mogadishu.

NIEC Chair held meeting with Africa EMBs.

Meeting of NIEC and Somalia's leadership advisory committee.

Office of the political party registrar OPPr and temporary registered Political parties held a virtual meeting.

NIEC Commissioners and staff members held meeting to discuss election preparations.

NIEC met with the Parliamentary security and Regional Governments Committee.

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NIEC Chairperson delivered a speech to the house of the people/ Photo by NIEC

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On 27th June, 2020, NIEC Chairperson delivered a speech to the house of the people. The speech was meant to update Parliament on the electoral Commission's preparations to conduct the forthcoming polls. The NIEC chair also gave an update of the electoral Commission's accomplishments since its inception.

In her speech, NIEC chair explained the importance holding timely elections based on what electoral model to adopt. She stated that the electoral Commission has identified two models. single day manual registration and biometric with the latter enshrined in the

electoral law.

Ms. Ismail stated that with limited time remaining and the challenges and constraints ahead as the electoral Commission gears up to conduct the forthcoming one Person one Vote elections, she called on the parliamentarians to speed up the legislations required to enable NIEC conduct its work. She explained that with the adoption of the single day manual registration the electoral Commission will be able to conduct the elections in March 2021. With the biometric system, the elections will be held in August 2021



NIEC and representatives of the International Community / Photo by NIEC

Monthly meeting for NIEC and representatives of the International Community was held in Mogadishu

20, May, 2020, The Chairperson of the National Independent Electoral Commission, Halima Ismail Ibrahim along with the Commissioners of the NIEC held today a monthly meeting with the United Nations Office and the international community representatives in Somalia. The meeting aimed at Electoral information sharing as it's planned this year.

The chairperson said, while the world and our country are struggling to control the epidemic of Covid-19, the Independent National Electoral Commission is committed to fulfill its mandate.

NIEC Chair held meeting with Africa EMBs

May, 28, 2020, NIEC Chair Ms. Halima Ismail held a virtual meeting with Africa's electoral management body's (EMBs). The meeting was facilitated by Africa department of Political Affairs (DPA) of the AU Commission.

The meeting was meant to discuss the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on forthcoming elections with participants to the meeting sharing their knowledge and expertise on how to conduct elections amidst the pandemic.



NIEC Chair held meeting with Africa EMBs / Photo by NIEC

Meeting of NIEC and Somalia's leadership advisory committee

May, 31 The electoral commission and the advisory committee on elections held a virtual meeting to discuss the preparations for the forthcoming elections. The advisory committee requested the electoral commission for an update on the status of the election preparations.

The meeting was meant to take stock on the preparations for the upcoming polls, the challenges and constraints that lies ahead and issues to do with political parties. The NIEC gave an update of its

achievements and its preparedness on the election.

NIEC chair Ms. Halima Ismail discussed the Commission's readiness for the polls and stated that she'll appear before Parliament on 27th June as scheduled, to give an update of the electoral Commission's preparations for the upcoming polls scheduled for 2020/2021.



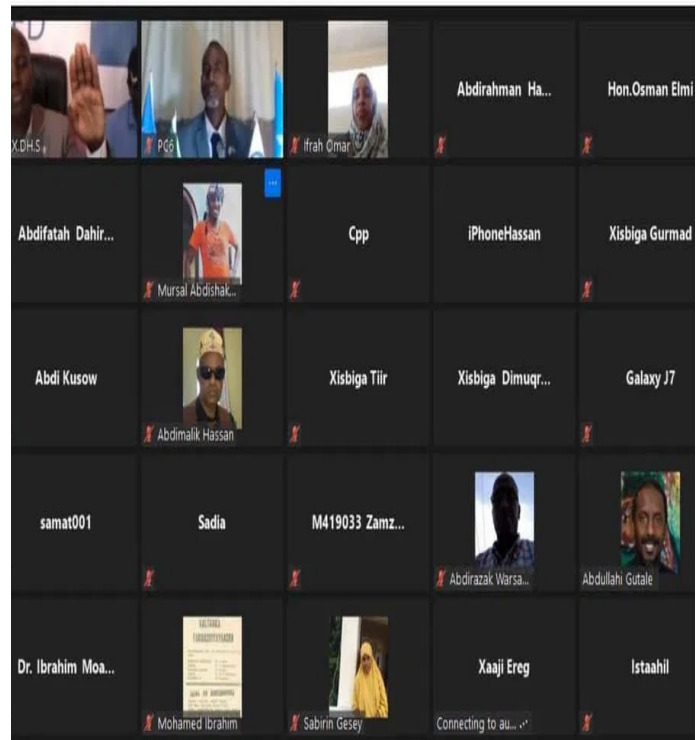
NIEC and Somalia's leadership advisory committee
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Office of the political party registrar OPPR and temporary registered Political parties held a virtual meeting

4, June, ORPP held a virtual meeting with a number of temporarily registered Political Parties. The virtual meeting was a shift from their past face to face meetings given the COVID-19 pandemic.

The registrar of PP Mr. Mohamed Omar Haydar, director of the ORPP Mr. Mohamed Sandheere and senior Planning advisor Mr. Ali Hared shared with the PP the Commission's progress as it gears up to conduct the forthcoming polls.

The registrar also spoke about the second phase of the registration process which shall see parties awarded full certification. The PP applauded the Commission's tough work amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.



OPPR and temporary registered Political parties meeting/Photo by NIEC

NIEC Commissioners and staff members held meeting to discuss election preparations

8, June, 2020, NIEC Commissioners, senior advisors and managers held a three-day meeting in Mogadishu. The meeting focused on the implementation of the political Parties law, preparations for the registration process, finalization of the draft of electoral timetable & budget, the harmonization of other laws, the commission's structure and its functions, the dispute resolution process and election security.

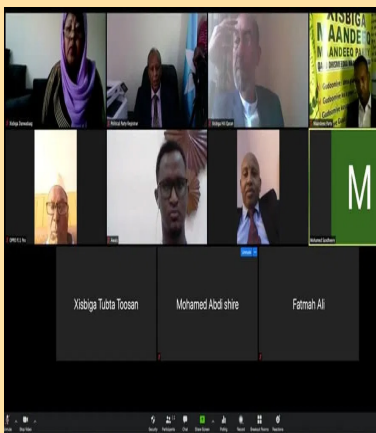
The quarterly Report to be submitted to Parliament was also discussed. NIEC Chairperson Halima Ismail Ibrahim, in her closing remarks commended the staff members for their formidable work.

Temporary certificates awarded to six new political parties

On 10th MAY 2020, NIEC awarded temporary certificates to six new Political parties at a virtual event following the recommendations of the ministry of health and other experts in fighting the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Six Political parties issued with temporary certificates are:

1. Tubta toosan Party
2. Cosmopolitan Democratic Party
3. Maandeeq Party
4. Hilow Party
5. Hiil Qaran Party
6. Somali Social Interest Party



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NIEC Commissioners and staff members / Photo by NIEC

NIEC met with the Parliamentary security and Regional Governments Committee

19.June, The National Independent Electoral Commission met today with the Parliamentary security and Regional governments committee of the Federal Republic of Somalia.

The meeting was to meant to deliberate on the amendments to the Political Parties Law, currently under review by Parliament.



NIEC met with the Parliamentary security and Regional Governments Committee/ Photo by NIEC