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HIGHLIGHTS

- **NIEC Awards Provisional Certificates To Six Political Parties.**
- **NIEC Chairperson participates in a virtual African Union Security Council meeting.**
- **NIEC Chairperson Halima Ismail met with the Swedish Ambassador to Somalia.**
- **NIEC Field Office Staff attends Party Registration Training workshop in Dhusamareeb.**

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On October 7, 2020 - Six political parties received their provisional registration certificates issued by the office of the Political Parties Registrar (OPPR) at a ceremony on 8 October at the NIEC headquarters in Mogadishu.

The six Political Parties are:

- 1- Security and Justice Party
- 2- Qaransoor Party
- 3- Justice and Reconciliation Party
- 4- Somali Republic Party
- 5- Green Party
- 6- Peace and Unity Party

The ceremony was presided over by National Independent Electoral Commission (NIEC) Chairperson, Halima Ismail Ibrahim, and included Mr. Mohamed Mohamud Hassan Sandere, the Director of the Office of the Political Parties Registrar.

Mr. Sandere welcomed the newly registered Political Parties and praised them for their desire to

participate in developing the political party system in the country and urged the parties to make all necessary preparations to become officially registered once the Amendments to the Political Parties Law receives the assent of the President. He also encouraged Political Parties to work together to ensure democratic elections are held in the country by 2024.

The leaders of the political parties thanked the NIEC for their professionalism during the registration process and expressed the desire for the country to move from the divisive, clan-based power sharing formula to a more inclusive democratic electoral process.

The NIEC Chairperson, Halima Ismail Ibrahim, stated that political parties play a crucial role in the political and economic development of their country and their presence is a good indicator of strong

democratic transition and must be encouraged. The NIEC chairperson stated that the electoral process is a collective responsibility and encouraged the Political Parties to follow the Political Parties Law and obtain their official registration which will enable the political parties to compete in the 2024 direct federal elections.

NIEC Chairperson Participates in a virtual African Union Security Council meeting.

On Sept 24th 2020 - NIEC Chairperson Ms. Halima Ismail participated in a virtual event of the African Union Security Council meeting, where she underlined the long-term activities of the NIEC. She also highlighted the importance of having a timely process to ensure direct elections in Somalia and improve the country's democratization process of conducting a free and fair poll.



NIEC CHAIRPERSON PARTICIPATES IN A VIRTUAL AFRICAN UNION SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING.

NIEC Chairperson Halima Ismail met with the Swedish Ambassador to Somalia

On Sep 30, 2020- NIEC Chairperson Ms. Halima Ismail met with the Swedish Ambassador to Somalia Mr. Staffan Tillander. Mr. Tillander and Ms. Halima discussed the latest developments in Somalia's elections and the changes that have taken place.

They also discussed the country's democratization process and Sweden's support for the institutional capacity building of the National Independent Electoral Commission who will contribute to the democratic electoral process in Somalia.



NIEC CHAIRPERSON HALIMA ISMAIL MET WITH THE SWEDISH AMBASSADOR TO SOMALIA

NIEC Field Office Staff attends Party Registration Training workshop in Dhusamareeb

On 6 September, the National Independent Electoral Commission (NIEC) organized a three-day training program in Dhusamareeb, Galmudug for all its FMS field office staff around the country.

The purpose of the training was to build the capacity of NIEC's electoral field staff to equip them with the knowledge and skills to enable them understand the requirements for the registration of political parties. The training was provided by the NIEC's Office of the Political Party Registrar.

The workshop focused on the rules and regulations that have to be applied to enable political parties achieve official registration. The House of the People recently finalised the Amendments to the Political Parties Law which is now awaiting the signature of the President.

The Speaker of the Parliament of Galmudug, Hon. Mohamed Nur Ga'al and the NIEC Chairperson Halima Ismail jointly opened the workshop in Dhusamareeb.

Mr. Mohamed Nur Ga'al called on the NIEC to diligently work for all Somalis to improve the country's democratization process by conducting free and fair elections.



NIEC FIELD OFFICE STAFF ATTENDS PARTY REGISTRATION TRAINING WORKSHOP IN DHUSAMAREEB