

Programme
Stakeholder Engagement
on the Information Ecosystem
and Elections in South Africa

28 October 2025



08:30 – 09:00 | Arrival and Registration

09:00 – 09:05 | Opening

Moderator outlines objectives and guides the flow of the day

09:05 – 09:40 | Welcome Remarks by Hosts

Prof Durojaye, Ag Director, Centre for Human Rights (CHR)

Adv Pansy Tlakula, Information Regulator (IR)

Commissioner Nomahlubi Khwinana, South African Human Rights Commission
Representative, European Union (EU)

09:40 – 10:10 | Report Launch

Commissioner Topsy-Sonoo, Special Rapporteur on Freedom of Expression and
Access to Information in Africa

Representative, Information Regulator of South Africa: Report Reflections

10:10 – 10:40 | Report Overview

Presentation by the authors of “Proactive Disclosure of Information and
Elections in South Africa: National and Provincial Elections 2024”



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10:40 – 11:00 | Q&A on Report

Tendai Mbanje, Centre for Human Rights

11:00 – 11:30 | Tea/Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:30 | Panel Discussion: Building Resilient Information Ecosystems for Future Elections

Experts explore proactive disclosure, information integrity, misinformation disinformation, and digital inclusion

Participation: UNESCO ROSA (role in SM4P initiative), MMA, RIA

12:30 – 13:30 | Progress Updates by SAHRC, IEC and IR

Reflections on commitments made in the 2022 Communiqué

13:30 – 14:30 | Lunch

14:30 – 15:15 | Plenary

Open dialogue: reflections, questions, and stakeholder contributions

15:15 – 15:25 | Roundup

Moderator rounds up the conversation

15:25 – 15:35 | Closing Remarks

Prof Durojaye, Ag Director, Centre for Human Rights



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