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**PROJECT DOCUMENT**  
**UN ELECTORAL SUPPORT**  
**Somalia**

**Project Title:** UNDP/UNSOM Joint Programme for Support to Universal Suffrage Elections in the Federal Republic of Somalia

**Award/ Project Number:** 000107518

**Implementing Partner:** NIEC, UNDP and UNSOM

**Overall horizon:** 1 January 2018 to 31 December 2021

**Phase I:** Start Date 1 January 2018 – End Date 31 December 2018

**LPAC Meeting date:** 20 Dec 2017

**Brief Description**

While a multiple-year horizon is envisaged to assist the Federal Republic of Somalia with the preparation of the first universal nation-wide multi-party parliamentary elections since 1969, the immediate scope of the Phase I "Joint Programme for Support to Universal Suffrage Elections" focuses on the crucial electoral preparatory steps to be taken in 2018, in particular the development of the Electoral Law, the capacity building and institutional development of the National Independent Electoral Commission (NIEC), and support to pre-election operations such as preparations for voter registration, public awareness, political party registration, assessment of voting catchment areas, (sub-)national stakeholder engagement and outreach, as well as the development of electoral procedures and regulations. The Somali Government committed at the International Conference on Somalia, in London in May 2017, to have the Electoral Law developed by the end of 2018. In addition, also in 2018, the NIEC requires an agreed and accepted voter registration methodology, which is scheduled to start in 2019, in accordance with its Strategic Plan. In this respect, by end of 2018, partners will take stock of progress and review the Joint Programme for the next phase in preparation of nation-wide universal elections. As the current legislative term for both houses of parliament expires at the end of 2020, the Mogadishu Agreement on 5 November, 2017, between the Federal Government of Somalia (FGS) and the Federal Member States underscored the commitment to universal elections in 2020, and to support the NIEC in this process.

**Contributing Outcome (UNDAF/CPD, RPD or GPD):** Somali political processes are broadly inclusive and benefit Somali men and women.  
**Indicative Output(s) with gender marker<sup>2</sup>:**  
**Output 1.3:** Somali institutions are enabled to run independent, impartial, transparent and inclusive elections  
**Output 1.4:** Somali women's representation and participation in politics and public sector institutions enhanced

<b>Total resources required:</b>	2018: USD 6,500,000	
<b>Total resources allocated:</b>	<b>UNDP TRAC:</b>	
	<b>Donor:</b>	
	<b>Government:</b>	
	<b>In-Kind:</b>	
<b>Unfunded:</b>		

Agreed by

<b>NIEC</b>		<b>UNDP</b>	
Signature:		Signature:	
Halima Ismail Ibrahim, NIEC Chairperson		George Conway Country Director	
Date:		Date:	15.01.18