



REPUBLIC OF RWANDA
NATIONAL ELECTORAL COMMISSION



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**2003 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS, 2008 PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS
AND 2010 PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS IN PERSPECTIVE
(Main election management features)**

I. BUDGET:

- Budget for the elections : **2.364.124.115 Frs**
- Budget got : **1.927.350.922 Frs (18%)**
- Rwandans through Fundraising Contributed: **664.561.058 Frs (34.5%)**
- Estimated Budget for 2010 Presidential Elections: **6.000.000.000 Frs**

II. REGISTERED VOTERS:

- Registered voter's in 2003 elections : **3.948.749**
- Turn-up for Presidential elections: **96.55 %**
- Registered Voters for 2008 Parliamentary elections: **4.769.228**. Turn-up was 98.7%
- Expected (Projection) voters for 2010 elections : **5.200.000**
- The increase in number of voters is mainly due to youth attaining voting age
(2009 : 204802 and 2010 : 211384)
- For 2010 elections the voters' list shall bear pictures of voters as against the 2003 and 2008 elections

III. ELECTION STAFF INCLUDING VOLUNTEER'S:

- Staff employed for 2003 Elections : **48.584**
- Staff employed for 2008 Parliamentary elections : **64.696**
- Expected staff to be employed for 2010 Presidential Elections: **67.000**
- The increase in number of staff employed goes with the increase in number of voters and number of Polling Centers and Stations.

IV. POLLING CENTERS AND STATIONS:

- Polling Centers and Stations used for 2003 Presidential Elections : **1.882** and **11.545** respectively
- Polling Centers and Stations used for 2008 Parliamentary elections **2.203** and **15.378** respectively.
- Polling Centers and Stations expected to be used for 2010 Presidential elections **2500** and **16.000** respectively.

V. ELECTION OBSERVERS:

- Election Observers for 2003 elections : **2205**
- Election Observers for 2008 Parliamentary elections **1204** and **12796** representing political parties and organizations
- NEC expects more election observers for 2010 Presidential elections. We expect both Local and Foreign election observers to be around **2000**. More Political Parties are expected to be represented throughout the polling process.

VI. PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES:

- 2003 Presidential elections had **04** Presidential elections.

VII. ELECTORAL LAWS:

- For 2003 elections, The National Electoral Commission used a less unified and codified presidential and parliamentary elections organic law.
- A more simplified and user friendly Electoral Code shall be used for 2010 Presidential elections.

VIII. PRINTING OF ELECTION RELATED MATERIALS:

For the 2003 elections, the National Electoral Commission printed most of elections related materials like Ballot papers and voter cards were printed outside. For 2010 elections all these shall be printed in-house using own printery.

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