



PRESS RELEASE

SADC Organ Chairperson deploys the SADC Electoral Observation Mission (SEOM) to the National Assembly Elections of the Republic of Mauritius scheduled for 10th November 2024

01 November 2024, Gaborone, Botswana: Following Article 3 of the *revised SADC Principles and Guidelines Governing Democratic Elections (2021)*, SADC shall observe all General Elections held in its Member States. As per the standard practice of observing General Elections in the SADC Member States, the Government of the Republic of Mauritius invited the SADC Electoral Observation Mission (SEOM) to observe the country's upcoming National Assembly Elections scheduled for the 10th of November 2024.

The Chairperson of the SADC Organ on Politics, Defence and Security Cooperation, Her Excellency Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania, has deployed the SEOM to the National Assembly Elections in Mauritius and appointed **Honourable Mohammed Othman Chande**, Former Chief Justice of the United Republic of Tanzania, as the Head of Mission. The SADC Organ Chairperson has also mandated the SADC Secretariat led by His Excellency Mr. Elias Mpedi Magosi, SADC Executive Secretary, to coordinate the SEOM, including facilitating in-country deployment of election observers.

The SADC Secretariat personnel arrived in Port Louis on 28th October to commence work. The SEOM will be deployed to all the ten administrative districts of the country, of which nine (9) are located on the mainland of Mauritius, and the tenth district is the Island of Rodrigues. The SEOM will observe the country's pre-election phase, polling day, and post-election processes to assess the conduct of the elections per the principles and guidelines that promote regular, free, fair, transparent, credible, and peaceful democratic elections.

Among the key activities, the SEOM will consult with a broad range of electoral stakeholders to gain a deeper understanding of, among other things, the political and security environment relative to the electoral process.

The following are some of the key activities for the SEOM in the Republic of Mauritius;

DATE	ACTIVITY
28-31 October, 2024	Arrival of the SADC Secretariat and Observers in Mauritius
05 November 2024	Official launch of the SEOM to the National Assembly Elections (Open to the Public and Media)
10th November, 2024	Election Day
12th November, 2024	Release of the SEOM Preliminary Statement on the Republic of Mauritius' 2024 National Assembly Elections (Open to the Public and Media)
15 November 2024	Closure of the SEOM Headquarters

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