IGAD Deploys Election Observation Mission for the 10 April 2026 Presidential Election in Djibouti

April 7, 2026 (Djibouti, Djibouti): The Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD) announces the arrival of the IGAD Election Observation Mission (IGAD EOM) in Djibouti for the 10 April 2026 Presidential Election in the Republic of Djibouti. This Mission is at the invitation of the Government and the National Independent Electoral Commission (CENI) of Djibouti.

The IGAD EOM is led by H.E Mulatu Teshome (PhD), a former President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia, and comprises 17 Short-Term Observers (STOs) from Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, and Uganda. These observers represent national election management bodies, civil society organisations, and youth groups.

The observers will be deployed across all regions of Djibouti to monitor election day procedures, including the opening of the polls, voting, closing, and counting at polling stations.

The IGAD EOM will base its assessment on the legal framework governing elections in Djibouti, the IGAD Draft Protocol on Democracy, Governance and Elections, the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance (ACDEG), and the International Declaration of Principles (DoP) for International Election Observation, among others.

The Mission will engage with the state authorities of Djibouti, including the Ministry of Interior, the National Independent Electoral Commission (CENI), political parties, the media, civil society organisations, representatives of the diplomatic community based in Djibouti, and other election observation missions.

The Mission will release a Preliminary Statement of its overall findings and assessment of the conduct of the election on 12 April 2026 at a Press Conference at the Mission's Secretariat located at the Kempinski Hotel, Djibouti. A final report will be issued within one month of the announcement of the final election results

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