



République Démocratique du Congo
**Commission Electorale
Nationale Indépendante**

(Translation: Democratic Republic of Congo Independent National Electoral Commission CENI)

The Chairman

**DECISION No. [handwritten:] 065/CENI/BUR/17 OF [stamp:] NOV. 5, 2017 ON
THE RELEASE OF THE CALENDAR FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL, PARLIAMENTARY,
PROVINCIAL, URBAN, MUNICIPAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS**

The Office,

Whereas, as amended to date, the Constitution of the Democratic Republic of Congo of February 18, 2006, specifically article 211;

Whereas the organic Law No. 13/012 of April 19, 2013, amending and completing Act N° 10/013 of July 28, 2010 on the organization and operation of the Independent National Electoral Commission, in particular articles 9, points 1 and 5, 23h paragraph 2 and 24c;

Whereas Law No. 06/006 of March 9, 2006 on the organization of the presidential, parliamentary, provincial, municipal and local election as amended Law No. 11/003 of June 25, 2011 and Law No. 15/001 of February 12, 2015;

Whereas the Resolution of the National Assembly No. 004/CAB/P/AN/AM/2013 of June 7, 2013 on the ratification of the appointment of the Members of the Independent National Electoral Commission;

Whereas the Resolution of the National Assembly No. 002/CAB/P/AN/AM/2015 of November 9, 2015 and N° 003/CAB/P/AN/AM of November 16, 2015 on the ratification of the Members of the Office, in the position of Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Quaestor of the Independent National Electoral Commission respectively;

Whereas the Resolution of the National Assembly No. 002/CAB/P/AN/AM/2017 of June 15, 2017 on the ratification of the Members of the Office, in the position of Quaestor ad Deputy Quaestor of the Independent National Electoral Commission respectively;

Whereas Regulation No. 13/058 of June 13, 2013 on the nomination of the Members of the Independent National Electoral Commission;

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Whereas Regulation No. 15/083 of November 16, 2015 on the nomination of three Members of the Independent National Electoral Commission;

Whereas Regulation No. 17/023 of June 24, 2017 on the nomination of two Members of the Independent National Electoral Commission

Whereas Internal Regulation of the Independent National Electoral Commission as reported in compliance with the Constitution by the Supreme Court of Justice, in particular article 60, acting as the Constitutional Court in its Decision R.CONST.276/TSR of December 6, 2013;

In view of the Global and Inclusive Political Agreement of the Interdiocesan Center of Kinshasa of December 31, 2017 in its Chapter IV, point 2;

In view of the evaluation meetings held in Kananga between August 28 and 31, 2017 and in Kinshasa between October 14 and 18, 2017 among the Government, the National Council for the Monitoring of the Agreement and Electoral Process as well as the Independent National Electoral Commission;

Whereas the necessity,

Following a debate and deliberations in Plenary Assembly;

DECIDES:

Article 1:

The organization of presidential, parliamentary, provincial, urban, municipal and local elections is agreed upon pursuant to the calendar attached hereto.

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Article 2:

All earlier provisions contrary to the present Decision are repealed.

Article 3:

The Members of the Office, in their individual capacities, as well as the National Executive Secretary, are responsible for the execution of the present Decision which enters into force on the date of its signature.

Done in Kinshasa, on November 5, 2017

[Signature]

Corneille NANGAA YOBELUO

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CALENDAR OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS
PRESIDENTIAL, PARLIAMENTARY, PROVINCIAL, URBAN, MUNICIPAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS

N°	Starting date	Ending date	Duration (Days)	Activities
I	FULL REVIEW OF THE ELECTORAL REGISTER			
1	Nov. 3, 2017	Jan. 31, 2018	90	Completion of the identification and enrolment of voters in the last Registration Centers of Kasai, Kasai Central, Lulu and Kamiji (Last RC open)
2	Nov. 15, 2017	Nov. 30, 2017	16	Adoption of the revised law on the organization of the presidential, legislative, provincial, urban, municipal and local elections
3	Nov. 25, 2017	March 26, 2017	122	Acquisition, Implementation of the legal dispositions and Detection of potential duplicate biometric records
4	Dec. 15, 2017		1	Promulgation of the revised law on the organization of the presidential, legislative, provincial, urban, municipal and local elections
5	Feb. 1, 2018	Feb. 14, 2018	14	Disputes regarding registration on election lists after closing of Registration Centers (articles 40 and 31 LIE)
6	Feb. 15, 2018	Feb. 26, 2018	12	Collection and transmission of final USB Keys to the Branch Offices and to the National Processing Center
7	Feb. 27, 2018	March 12, 2018	14	Data processing and consolidation by the National Processing Center (centralization)
8	March 4, 2018	May 2, 2018	60	Completion of the infrastructure for Registration of Congolese living Abroad and Location of the Registration Centers for Consular and Diplomatic areas (68 consular areas)
9	March 27, 2018	Apr. 5, 2018	10	Validation of the results of duplicate records
10	Apr. 6, 2018		1	The electoral bodies' decision to release voter statistics
11	Jul. 1, 2018	Sept. 28, 2018	90	Registration of Congolese living Abroad
12	May 6, 2018	May 25, 2018	20	Audit of the up-dated electoral register

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II COMBINED DIRECT ELECTIONS: PRESIDENTIAL, PARLIAMENTARY AND PROVINCIAL				
13	Jan. 17, 2018	Oct. 3, 2018	260	Selection of Suppliers, Order, Delivery and Deployment of non-sensitive election materials to the training sites
14	Apr. 7, 2018	Apr. 13, 2018	7	Preparation of draft law on the distribution of seats by the government and submission to the National Assembly
15	Apr. 14, 2018	Apr. 23, 2018	10	Parliament vote of the law on the distribution of seats
16	May 8, 2018		15	Promulgation of the law on the distribution of seats (article 140 Const.)
17	May 9, 2018	May 18, 2018	10	Up-dating the candidates registration software and pilot testing of its operation and Installation of the transmission system
18	May 19, 2018	June 5, 2018	18	Packaging of materials and work equipment for Candidacy Reception and Processing Offices (BRTC)
19	May 27, 2018	Dec. 7, 2018	195	Printing, rollout and posting interim and final voters lists
20	June 6, 2018	June 22, 2018	17	Training agents, deployment of materials and layout of the Candidacy Reception and Processing Offices (BRTC)
21	June 23, 2018		1	Convocation of the electorate (article 11 EA.)
22	June 24, 2018	July 8, 18	15	Opening Candidacy Reception and Processing Offices to up-date candidacies of provincial representatives: Form withdrawal, submission and processing of candidate provincial representatives files
23	July 9, 2018	July 13, 2018	5	Addition, withdrawal and substitution of provincial representative candidacies (article 16 EA.)
24	July 14, 2018	July 24, 2018	11	Transmission of physical files of provincial Representative candidacies and Deliberation by the CENI's Plenary Assembly
25	July 25, 2018		1	Release of the interim provincial representative candidacy lists
26	July 26, 2018	Aug. 5, 2018	11	Disputes (submission and processing of appeals) regarding provincial representatives candidacies (articles 25 and 27 EA)

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27	Aug. 6, 2018	Aug. 12, 2018	7	Notification of Court orders issued in the context of the provincial representative candidacies disputes to CENI
28	Aug. 13, 2018	Aug. 19, 2018	7	CENI taking into consideration the Appellate Courts' assignments
29	Aug. 20, 2018		1	Release of the final lists of provincial representative candidates
30	July 25, 2018	Aug. 8, 2018	15	Opening Candidacy Reception and Processing Offices for the registration of presidential and national representative candidacies: Forms withdrawal, submission and processing of presidential and national representatives candidacy files
31	Aug. 9, 2018	Aug. 13, 2018	5	Addition, withdrawal and substitution of presidential and national representative candidacies (article 16 EA.)
32	Aug. 14, 2018	Aug. 23, 2018	10	Transmission of physical files of national representative candidacies and Deliberation by the CENI's Plenary Assembly
33	Aug. 24, 2018		1	Release of the interim presidential and national representative candidacy lists
34	Aug. 25, 2018	Sept. 4, 2018	11	Disputes (submission and processing of appeals) regarding presidential and national representatives candidacies (articles 25 and 27 EA.)
35	Sept. 5, 2018	Sept. 11, 2018	7	Notification to CENI of Court orders issued in the context of candidacy disputes
36	Sept. 12, 2018	Sept. 18, 2018	7	CENI taking into consideration the Constitutional Courts' assignments
37	Sept. 19, 2018		1	Release of the final lists of presidential and national representative candidates
38	Sept. 20, 2018	Oct. 6, 2018	17	Technical preparations for printing bulletins, reports and result sheets: clean-up and consolidation of the candidates' databases
39	Oct. 7, 2018	Nov. 15, 2018	40	Printing, packaging and delivery of ballot papers, reports and result sheets to the 15 Hubs
40	Nov. 16, 2018	Dec. 5, 2018	20	Deployment of ballot papers, reports and result sheets to the training sites
41	Nov. 8, 2018	Dec. 22, 2018	45	Accreditation of witnesses
42	Nov. 8, 2018	Dec. 10, 2018	33	Accreditation of observers and journalists

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43	Aug. 1, 2018	Sept. 29, 2018	60	Recruitment of trainers and electoral officers
44	Sept. 30, 2018	Dec. 5, 2018	67	Cascade Training of electoral trainers at national, provincial and regional levels
45	Dec. 6, 2018	Dec. 12, 2018	7	Training of Heads of Polling Centers (CCV) and Trainer Chairpersons (PF)
46	Dec. 13, 2018	Dec. 19, 2018	7	Deployment of Heads of Polling Centers and Trainer Chairpersons of Training sites to the Polling Centers
47	Dec. 17, 2018	Dec. 21, 2018	5	Training of the Members of Polling and counting stations (MBVD)
48	Nov. 22, 2018	Dec. 21, 2018	30	Electoral campaign for the presidential election, parliamentary and provincial elections
49	Dec. 22, 2018		1	Allocation of MBVDs and Lay-out of the Polling stations
50	Sunday, December 23, 2018		1	DAY OF COMBINED DIRECT PRESIDENTIAL, NATIONAL AND PROVINCIAL PARLIAMENTARY BALLOTS
51	Dec. 24, 2018	Dec. 29, 2018	6	Collection, Compilation and Centralization of the presidential vote results
52	Dec. 24, 2018	Jan. 22, 2019	30	Collection, Compilation and Centralization of the parliamentary and provincial vote results
53	Dec. 30, 2018		1	Announcement of the interim results of the presidential elections
54	Dec. 31, 2018	Jan. 8, 2019	9	Appeals against and processing of disputes regarding the results of the presidential elections (articles 73 and 74 EA)
55	Jan. 9, 2019		1	Release of the final results of the presidential elections
56	Jan. 12, 2019		1	Oath of office ceremony of the elected President
57	Jan. 23, 2019		1	Release of the interim results for the parliamentary and provincial elections
58	Jan. 24, 2019	Jan. 31, 2019	8	Appeals against disputes regarding the results of parliamentary and provincial elections (article 73 EA.)
59	Feb. 1, 2019	April 1, 2019	60	Processing of disputes regarding the results of parliamentary and provincial elections (article 74 EA.)
60	Jan. 23, 2019	Feb. 11, 2019	20	Pre-selection, Selection and Co-opting of Tribal Chiefs
61	Feb. 7, 2019	March 15, 2019	37	Installation of national and provincial Assemblies' offices
62	March 2, 2019		1	Elections and Installation of the final stations of the National and Provincial Assemblies

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III. INDIRECT ELECTIONS: SENATORS AND GOVERNORS				
63	Dec. 3, 2018	Dec. 17, 2018	15	Up-dating the candidates registration software and pilot testing of its operation and Installation of the transmission system
64	Dec. 18, 2018	Dec. 27, 2018	10	Packaging of materials and work equipment for the Candidacy Reception and Processing Offices (BRTC)
65	Dec. 28, 2018	Jan. 6, 2019	10	Training agents, deployment of materials and layout of the Candidacy Reception and Processing Offices (BRTC)
66	Jan. 7, 2019	Jan. 21, 2019	15	Opening Candidacy Reception and Processing Offices: Form Withdrawal, submission and processing of candidate files
67	Jan. 22, 2019	Jan. 26, 2019	5	Addition, withdrawal and substitution of candidacies (article 16 EA.)
68	Jan. 27, 2019	Jan. 30, 2019	4	Transmission of physical files of Senator and Governor candidacies and Deliberation by the CENI's Plenary Assembly
69	Jan. 31, 2019		1	Release of the interim candidacy lists
70	Feb. 1, 2019	Feb. 11, 2019	11	Disputes (submission and processing of appeals) regarding Candidacies (articles 25 and 27 EA.)
71	Feb. 12, 2019	Feb. 15, 2019	4	Notification to CENI of Court orders issued in the context of candidacy disputes
72	Feb. 16, 2019	Feb. 16, 2019	1	CENI taking into consideration the Appellate Courts' assignments
73	Feb. 19, 2019		1	Release of the final Senator candidate lists
74	March 3, 2019		1	Release of the final Governor candidate lists
75	March 2, 2019	March 4, 2019	3	Electoral campaign for the election of Senators
76	Wednesday, March 6, 2019		1	Ballots Day for Senators
77	March 6, 2019	March 6, 2019	1	Collection, Compilation and Centralization of the Senators vote results
78	March 7, 2019	May 13, 2019	68	Disputes regarding the results of the vote for Senators
79	March 14, 2019	March 16, 2019	3	Electoral campaign for the election of Governors and Vice-Governors
80	Monday, March 18, 2019		1	Ballots Day for Governors and Vice-Governors
81	March 18, 2019	March 18, 2019	1	Collection, Compilation and Centralization of the Senators vote results
82	March 19, 2019	April 2, 2019	15	Disputes regarding the results of the vote for Governors and Vice-Governors
83	April 3, 2019	April 5, 2019	3	Investiture of Governors and Vice-Governors

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IV. DIRECT MUNICIPAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS: MUNICIPAL AND SECTORAL COUNCILORS AND CHIEFTAINCIES				
84	April 7, 2018	April 13, 2018	7	Examination, adoption and promulgation of the act on the distribution of seats for the communal and local elections
85	March 18, 2019		1	Convocation of the electorate for the elections of municipal and sectoral / chieftaincies Councilors
86	March 19, 2019	April 18, 2019	31	Reception and processing of candidacies for the municipal and local elections
87	April 18, 2019	April 22, 2019	5	Addition, withdrawal and substitution of presidential and national representative candidacies
88	April 22, 2019	May 1, 2019	10	Transmission of physical files of municipal and sectoral / chieftaincy councilor candidacies and Deliberation by the CENI's Plenary Assembly
89	May 1, 2019		1	Release of the interim municipal and sectoral / chieftaincy councilor candidacy lists
90	May 1, 2019	May 11, 2019	11	Disputes regarding Candidacies for municipal and sectoral / chieftaincy councilors (submission and processing of appeals): articles 25 and 27 EA
91	May 11, 2019	May 17, 2019	7	Notification of Court orders issued in the context of the candidacy disputes to CENI
92	May 17, 2019	May 23, 2019	7	CENI taking into consideration the Administrative Tribunals' assignments
93	May 23, 2019		1	Release of the final municipal and sectoral / chieftaincy councilor candidates lists
94	May 24, 2019	June 20, 2019	28	Technical preparations for printing bulletins, reports and result sheets: clean-up and consolidation of the candidate databases
95	June 21, 2019	Aug. 7, 2019	48	Printing, packaging and delivery of ballot papers, reports and result sheets to the 15 Hubs
96	Aug. 8, 2019	Aug. 29, 2019	22	Deployment of ballot papers, reports and result sheets to the training sites
97	Aug. 30, 2019	Sept. 8, 2019	10	Training of Heads of Polling centers (CCV) and Trainers Chairpersons (PF)
98	Sept. 9, 2019	Sept. 16, 2019	8	Deployment of Heads of Polling Centers and Trainers Chairpersons of Training sites to the Polling Centers

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99	Sept. 17, 2019	Sept. 21, 2019	5	Training of the Members of Polling and counting stations (MBVD)
100	Aug. 18, 2019	Sept. 16, 2019	30	Accreditation of witnesses
101	Aug. 18, 2019	Sept. 7, 2019	21	Accreditation of observers and journalists
102	Sept. 6, 2019	Sept. 20, 2019	15	Electoral campaign for the municipal and sectoral / chieftaincies Councilor candidates
103	Sunday, September 22, 2019		1	Ballots Day for municipal and sectoral / chieftaincies Councilors
104	Sept. 23, 2019	Oct. 22, 2019	30	Collection, Compilation and Centralization of the municipal and local voting results
105	Oct. 23, 2019	Oct. 23, 2019	1	Announcement of the interim results for the municipal and local vote results
106	Oct. 24, 2019	Oct. 31, 2019	8	Appeals against disputes regarding municipal and local elections (article 73 EA.)
107	Nov. 1, 2019	Dec. 30, 2019	60	Processing of disputes regarding municipal and local elections (article 74 EA.)
108	Nov. 7, 2019	Dec. 13, 2019	37	Installation of Municipal Councilors and Local Councilors
109	Nov. 30, 2019		1	Elections and Installation of the final municipal and sectoral / chieftaincy Councilors' stations

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V. INDIRECT URBAN, MUNICIPAL AND LOCAL ELECTIONS				
110	Aug. 29, 2019	Sept. 12, 2019	15	Up-dating the candidates registration software and pilot testing of its operation and Installation of the transmission system
111	Sept. 13, 2019	Sept. 22, 2019	10	Packaging of materials and work equipment for the Candidacy Reception and Processing Offices (BRTC)
112	Sept. 23, 2019	Oct. 2, 2019	10	Training agents, deployment of materials and layout of the Candidacy Reception and Processing Offices (BRTC)
113	Oct. 3, 2019	Oct. 17, 2019	15	Opening Candidacy Reception and Processing Offices: Form withdrawal, submission and processing of candidate files
114	Oct. 18, 2019	Oct. 22, 2019	5	Addition, withdrawal and substitution of candidacies (article 16 EA.)
115	Oct. 23, 2019	Oct. 26, 2019	4	Transmission of physical files of Senator and Governor candidacies and Deliberation by the CENI's Plenary Assembly
116	Oct. 27, 2019		1	Release of the interim candidacy lists
117	Oct. 28, 2019	Nov. 7, 2019	11	Disputes regarding Candidacies (submission and processing of appeals) (articles 25 and 27 EA.)
118	Nov. 8, 2019	Nov. 11, 2019	4	Notification of Tribunal orders issued in the context of the candidacy disputes to CENI
119	Nov. 12, 2019	Nov. 14, 2019	3	CENI taking Tribunals' assignments into consideration
116	Nov. 19, 2019		1	Release of the final urban Councilors, Burgomasters and Deputy Burgomasters, Sector leaders and Deputy Sector leaders candidate lists
117	Nov. 30, 2019	Dec. 2, 2019	3	Electoral campaign of Urban councilors, Burgomasters and Sector leaders
118	Wednesday, December 4, 2019		1	Date of combined ballots for Urban Councilors, Burgomasters and Sector leaders (articles 179, 203 – 204, 219 – 220 EA)
119	Dec. 5, 2019	Dec. 14, 2019	10	Compilation and Centralization and announcement of interim results
120	Dec. 15, 2019	Dec. 29, 2019	15	Appeals and disputes regarding the results of the election of Burgomasters, Sector leaders (articles 73 and 172 EA.)

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121	Dec. 15, 2019	Feb. 20, 2019	68	Appeals and disputes regarding the results of the election of Urban Councilors (articles 73 and 74 EA.)
122	Dec. 16, 2019	Dec. 18, 2019	3	Investiture of Burgomasters and Sector leaders
123	Dec. 29, 2019	Feb. 3, 2020	37	Installation of Urban Councilors
124	Jan. 21, 2020		1	Elections and installation of final Urban Councilors' stations
125	Jan. 10, 2020		1	Release of the final list of Mayors and Deputy Mayors
126	Jan. 21, 2020	Jan. 23, 2020	3	Electoral campaign of the candidates for Mayors and Deputy Mayors
127	Saturday, January 25, 2020		1	Ballot Day for Mayors and Deputy Mayors
128	Jan. 26, 2020	Jan. 28, 2020	3	Compilation and Centralization and announcement of interim results
129	Jan. 29, 2020	Feb. 12, 2020	15	Appeals against and disputes regarding the election of Mayors and Deputy Mayors (articles 73 and 74 EA.)
130	Feb. 13, 2020		1	Announcement of final results
131	Feb. 14, 2020	Feb. 16, 2020	3	Investiture of Mayors and Deputy Mayors

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EXTERNAL CONSTRAINTS TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 2017 – 2019 ELECTORAL CALENDAR

N°	TASKS	Critical date	RESPONSIBLE
I. LEGAL CONSTRAINTS			
1	Adoption of the law on the organization of the presidential, parliamentary, provincial, urban, municipal and local elections taking into account the calculation of the electoral quotient for the distribution of seats	Nov. 30, 2017	PARLIAMENT
2	Promulgation of the law on the organization of the presidential, parliamentary, provincial, urban, municipal and local elections taking into account the calculation of the electoral quotient for the distribution of seats	Dec. 15, 2017	PRESIDENCY
3	Release and Availability of the up-dated list of approved political parties to the CENI (art. 12 EA)	Dec. 21, 2017	GOVERNMENT
4	Release and Availability of the up-dated list of approved political regroupings to the CENI (art. 12 EA)	March 26, 2018	GOVERNMENT
5	Adoption of the law on the distribution of seats for the national, provincial, municipal and local parliaments	April 23, 2018	PRESIDENCY
6	Promulgation of the law on the distribution of seats for the national, provincial, municipal and local parliaments	Jan. 0, 2000	PRESIDENCY
7	Training and strengthening of operational capacities of magistrates and Courts and Tribunals	June 23, 2018	HIGH JUDICIAL COUNCIL
8	The up-dated list of tribal authorities is made available to the CENI towards co-opting preparations	Oct. 25, 2018	GOVERNMENT
II. FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS (ORGANIZATION OF BALLOTS)			
9	Up-dating of the funds disbursement plan for the organization of the operations for the presidential, parliamentary, provincial, urban, municipal and local elections	Nov. 30, 2017	GOVERNMENT
10	Elaboration of a funds disbursement plan to support the organization of the operations for the presidential, parliamentary, provincial, urban, municipal and local elections	Nov. 30, 2017	FINANCIAL PARTNERS
11	Elaboration of a plan for the disbursement of means for the logistical support of the organization of operations for the presidential, parliamentary, provincial, urban, municipal and local elections	Nov. 30, 2017	MONUSCO
12	Compliance with the Execution of the funds disbursement plan: Making funds available to the CENI following the agreed monthly financial plan	Nov. – Dec. 2017 Jan. - Dec. 2018 Jan. - Dec. 2019	GOVERNMENT

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III. LOGISTICAL CONSTRAINTS			
13	Authorization of the Central's Constitution to purchase materials and equipment for the elections	Jan. 17, 2018	GOVERNMENT
14	Making adequate logistical means available to the CENI for the deployment of materials for the elections	April 12, 2018	GOVERNMENT + PARTNERS
15	Commencement of the Deployment of materials for the elections to the training sites	May 12, 2018	GOVERNMENT + PARTNERS

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