Signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the African Union(AU) and the Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa (EISA)

The African Union and the Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa (EISA) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) towards renewing joint programmes to enhance credibility in the management of elections and the advancement of good governance, peace and security in Africa. The AU and EISA are partners for more than a decade, working together in this pertinent area within Africa.

The MoU was signed on 27th July by Amb. Bankole Adeoye, AU Commissioner for Political Affairs, Peace and Security (PAPS), on behalf of the Commission, and Mr. Baidessou Soukolgue, Executive Director of the EISA. Speaking at the signing ceremony, Commissioner Bankole Adeoye emphasized the critical need for solid partnerships to build on the modest gains of AU member states in the regular holding and conduct of peaceful and credible elections as part of the larger effort of anchoring a culture of inclusive and impactful governance. Mr. Baidessou on his part said, “This renewal of MoU reflects the excellent collaboration that has always prevailed between the AU and the EISA, working together tirelessly in the field of democratic governance for political and peace processes that contribute to the consolidation of democratic gains.”

The MoU, which aims to renew and strengthen cooperation between both institutions, is a mutual commitment to build on comparative advantages and complement efforts for more transparent and credible democratic societies in Africa.

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