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3rd Specialized Training for AU Election Observers and 1st Dialogue-Seminar on Elections and Democracy in Africa: A Crucial Step towards Democratic Advancement

The African Union Commission, in collaboration with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates will organize the 3rd Specialized Training for African Union Election Observers from April 29th to May 3rd 2024, Rabat, Morocco. The Commission will also launch the inaugural Dialogue-Seminar on Elections and Democracy in Africa on May 2nd, in collaboration with the Policy Center for the New South, member of the African Union Network of Think Tanks for Peace (Nett4Peace).

The 3rd Specialized Training for AU Election Observers, jointly organized by Morocco and the African Union Commission, underscores the unwavering commitment of both Morocco and PAPS as trusted partners in promoting democracy and stability in Africa. With over 180 representatives from more than 50 countries participating since it was launched in 2022, this comprehensive training program solidifies AU’s leading role in empowering election observers and enhancing democratic processes on the continent, supported in this endeavours by a founding member state, the Kingdom of Morocco.

Concurrently, the Dialogue-Seminar, themed “Elections and Democracy in Africa: New Perspectives, Lessons Learned, and Best Practices”, represents a crucial forum for stakeholders, notably African Think Tanks and Civil Society Organizations, to engage in meaningful discussions on electoral reforms, civil society engagement, and media integrity. With escalating election costs and heightened demands for increased voter participation, the imperative for sustainable electoral management has never been more pronounced. High-level panellists, heads of African Think-Tanks and experts will converge to explore innovative approaches and necessary reforms for achieving peaceful, transparent, and inclusive elections in Africa.

These initiatives exemplify firm dedication to building a robust database to facilitate election observation across Africa, further underlining commitment to democratic consolidation on the continent. The inclusion of a high-level dialogue seminar enriches this year’s training cycle by providing a platform for academics, think tanks, and practitioners to address crucial issues surrounding elections and democracy in Africa.

As the Dialogue-Seminar and the Specialized Training unfold, they will not only underscore the strategic partnership between the African Union and the Kingdom of Morocco but also highlight the collaborative efforts towards advancing democratic governance and ensuring peaceful electoral processes across Africa.
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