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Welcomes the Hibiscus Contestants

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The Fijian Elections Office hosted the 2018 Vodafone Fiji Hibiscus King and Queen contestants at its Headquarters in Toorak, Suva on 14 August, 2018.

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Confidence, Security & Freedom**



Electoral Commission and Minister responsible for Elections
with the MOG signatories



Terms of Reference Signing for Multinational Observer Group

The Electoral Commission and the Fijian Elections Office have welcomed the signing of the Terms of Reference for the Multinational Observer Group for the 2018 General Election.

Under the Terms of Reference, the MOG will:

- observe and evaluate the functions and operations of the Fijian Elections Office with respect to the 2018 General Election
- observe and evaluate the voter registration process and the establishment of the National Register of Voters and the Polling Station Voter List
- observe and evaluate the voter awareness campaign including voter information provided or authorised by the Fijian Elections Office

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Minister responsible for Elections, Hon. Aiyaz Sayed Khaiyum signs the Terms of Reference with Ambassadors

- observe and evaluate the nomination and registration of candidates and the conduct of political parties as prescribed in the Fijian Electoral Act 2014
- observe and evaluate pre-poll, postal voting and

election day operations and events that facilitate voter operations and compliance with procedures established in the Electoral Act

- observe and evaluate the vote counting, the determination of elections results and the dissemination thereof
- observe and evaluate the resolution of disputes through the Electoral cycle including any mechanism established to hear and adjudicate election related disputes
- assess whether the voting process of the Fijian Elections Office facilitated and assisted voters to exercise their right to freely vote and whether the outcome of the 2018 General Election broadly represented the will of all Fijian voters

Minister responsible for Elections Mr Aiyaz Sayed-Khaiyum has commended Australia, Indonesia and India for agreeing to be co-leads of the Multinational observer Group.

The ToR was signed between the governments of Fiji, Australia and Indonesia.

Deputy Supervisor of Elections Meets Elderly Voters



The Deputy Supervisor of Elections, Ms Karyl Winter has been visiting Area Offices around the country in a bid to assess Fijian Elections Office facilities and services.

In August, Ms Winter visited Levuka on Ovalau Island as part of her national tour.

Ms Winter said she was pleased with the services being provided on the island but expected more awareness once the Election Date was announced.

During the visit to Levuka, Ms Winter also managed to meet two of the oldest voters on the island.

She said that she was impressed with the preparations done at the Area Office in Levuka.



FEO's Director for Operations Ms Anaseini Senimoli and Deputy Supervisor of Elections Ms Karyl Winter with an elderly voter in Levuka



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Supervisor of Elections Mr Mohammed Saneem presents a 21st birthday gift to Ms Candace Veramu



FEO Directors Mr Edwin Nand, Mr Sanjeshwar Ram, Ms Anaseini Senimoli, Deputy Supervisor of Elections Ms Karyl Winter, Supervisor of Elections Mr Mohammed Saneem, Electoral Commission Chairperson Mr Suresh Chandra, Electoral Commissioners Mr Jawahar Lal, Ms Kavita Raniga, Ms Margot Jenkins and Mr Simone Naiduki with His Excellency the President of the Republic of Fiji Major General [Rt'd] Jioji Konrote during his visit to the FEO in July, 2018

His Excellency the President of the Republic of Fiji visits the FEO

His Excellency the President, Major General (Rt'd) Jioji Konrote paid a courtesy call to the Fijian Elections Office [FEO].

Addressing the staff of the FEO, His Excellency commended the work that has been put into preparing for the 2018 General Election.

"I have been personally following your work and I would like to, on behalf of the nation convey my personal gratitude and appreciation for getting our electoral system ready and for regularly informing and updating the members of the public about the progress to date."

Electoral Commission Chairperson Mr Suresh Chandra in his opening remarks also acknowledged the Fijian Elections Office.

"The Fijian Elections Office continues to research and refine our electoral processes to ensure that we are in compliance with internationally accepted best practice as well as implementing principles that are becoming regarded as internationally accepted.

President Konrote was also given a tour of the FEO Headquarters and was also shown material that the FEO has developed for voter awareness and education in the lead up to Election Day.

His Excellency has expressed confidence in the capacity and capability of the FEO to deliver the 2018 General Election.

"I have no doubts that the constitutionally appointed Electoral Commission, the Supervisor of Elections and your staff have spent sleepless nights and left no stones unturned to ensure that the nation is ready for the General Election."

At the end of the event, Supervisor of Elections Mr Mohammed Saneem thanked His Excellency for paying a visit to the Fijian Elections Office.

"Thank you for sharing with us your vision and your words of inspiration which will surely motivate us all to strive towards excellence in preparations for the 2018 General Election."

Following the tour, the President had a private meeting with members of the Electoral Commission where he was provided a comprehensive Election preparation update by the Supervisor of Elections.

President Konrote was also assured that the FEO is well on track with preparations for the 2018 General Election.

"I've been closely following your work and on behalf of the nation, I would like to convey my personal gratitude for getting our electoral system ready"

"H.E. The president of the Republic of Fiji Islands, Rt'd Major General Jioji Konusi Konrote

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Mini recruitment drive held at Vunimono High School, Nausori



Electoral Commissioners with the Indian High Commissioner at the vehicle handover ceremony



Supervisor of Elections Mr Mohammed Saneem with Voter Services Centres staff during their training at JJ's on the Park in August, 2018

FEO Training Programs



The establishment of the Fijian Electoral Education Centre [FEEC] has benefited more FEO staff now, than since the establishment of FEO.

In 2018, the FEEC has developed and facilitated training programs that has brought all FEO employees to a higher level, so everyone is on the same page about everything 'election', having similar skills and knowledge.

17 training programs of 629 sessions were conducted with 602 sessions focused on Election Officials for the 2018 General Election. These are trainings on:

1. Training of Trainers [ToT] for Election Officials [EO] Refresher Training
2. Count Centre Simulation
3. Voter Services Training
4. PrePoll ToTs Training
5. PrePoll Training
6. Postal Voting Training for Administrative Assistants

for General Election 2018

7. Hub Leaders ToT
8. Hub Leader Training
9. Presiding Officers [PO] Refresher ToTs
10. Call Centre Training with Vodafone
11. VAA Training
12. Presiding Officer's training
13. Election Officials training

These trainings have been conducted to ensure that FEO staff familiarize themselves with all Election Day procedures and provide the best customer service to voters on Polling Day.

Most training programs were facilitated by our expert trainers in FEEC; FEO's Technical Advisors; and some have been conducted with assistance from project owners in other Directorates.

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H.E the President of Fiji receives a token of appreciation from Electoral Commission Chairperson Mr Chandra



Supervisor of Elections Mr Saneem shows H.E the President of Fiji FEO's innovation-The Results App

Know Your Elections (KYE 2) Awareness Campaign



After a successful round of the first "Know Your Election" awareness campaign in the first quarter of 2018, the Fijian Elections Office embarked on another round of the KYE awareness campaign in September.

This was done to ensure that every Fijian gets an opportunity to register before the issuance of the Writ for the 2018 General Election.

The FEO sent voter registration teams to maritime areas such as Kadavu, Lomaiviti and Lau; and also set up registration tents in the Eastern Division, the Northern Division, the Central Division and Western Division.

The campaign saw the Supervisor of Elections, FEO Directors and the core staff out in the field to ensure that voters get the best customer service and full access to voter services.

During the registration drives, voters were encouraged to check their Polling Station using the 1500 text platform.

The FEO received positive feedback from voters during this awareness and registration drive.



Voter Registration Drive at Navua



Voters get registered at the Suva Carrier Stand



FEO's registration team at Rups Mega Plaza in Nakasi during the Know Your Election Awareness Drive



FEO staff hands out election information flyers to voters in Valelevu, Nasinu

Photo gallery



Coordinator Command Centre Ms Mereseini Vosa with H.E the President of Fiji, Major General [Rt'd] Jioji Konrote



Electoral Commission staff with the H.E the President of Fiji during his visit to the FEO

FEO Hosts 2018 Vodafone Fiji Hibiscus Contestants

Earlier in August, the Fijian Elections Office hosted the 2018 Vodafone Fiji Hibiscus King and Queen contestants at it's Headquarters in Toorak, Suva.

During the visit, Supervisor of Elections. Mr Mohammed Saneem presented on the role of the FEO and its preparedness for the 2018 General Election.

While addressing the contestants, Mr Saneem encouraged them to promote healthy social media consumption especially since this is election year.

Mr Saneem also urged the contestants to rely on election related information directly from the FEO rather than second hand sources.

During their visit, the staff of the Fijian Elections Office had an opportunity to meet the contestants and take pictures with them.



FEO's Technical Advisors Mr Gordon Webster and Robin Boyd with 2017 Vodafone Fiji Hibiscus Queen Ms Candace Veramu



Acting Director - Strategic Development and Communications Mr Edwin Nand with 2018 Vodafone Fiji Hibiscus Queen Ms Jessica Fong



2018 Vodafone Fiji Hibiscus Contestants with the FEO staff



International Relations Officer Ms Natasha Verma escorts a hibiscus king during their visit to the FEO

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Supervisor of Elections having an interactive session with Political Party Representatives at the FEO Warehouse



Training of trainers at JJ's on the park

Electoral Commission Receives new Vehicle from Government of India



On 7 June, 2018 the Electoral Commission received a vehicle donated by the Indian Government through the Indian High Commission.

In taking delivery of the vehicle, Chairperson of the Electoral Commission, Mr Suresh Chandra told the Indian High Commissioner, Mr Vishvas Sapkal, that it would boost their preparations for the 2018 General Election.

“An election poses to be the largest logistics exercise that any country would conduct in peace time,” Mr Chandra said.

“Such a massive operation must always be supported by the presence of logistics equipment such as vehicles for transport.

“Considering the effort that is required to conduct an election in a day as well as the requirements for the logistics of the Electoral Commission in travelling to and



Electoral Commission Chairperson Mr Suresh Chandra receives key from the Indian High Commissioner Mr Vishvas Sapkal during the vehicle handover ceremony in June, 2018

from other engagements, such an important gesture by the Indian Government will go a long way in facilitating the requirements of elections.”

Read more: <https://www.feo.org.fj/electoral-commission-receives-vehicle-from-government-of-india/>

The Fijian Elections Office receives Vehicles from Indian High Commission



The Fijian Elections Office received \$224,000 worth of vehicles from the Indian High Commission to use in the logistic work for the 2018 General Election.

Supervisor of Elections Mr Mohammed Saneem said the vehicles are strong and reliable to transport election materials to and from interior locations.

“We’d like to acknowledge the tremendous support as well as the friendship that the FEO shares with the High Commission of India in Fiji and credit goes to His Excellency Mr Vishvas Sapkal for his steadfast approach.”

The FEO has personalized the number plates of the vehicles to ‘VOTE’, ‘I VOTE’, ‘MY VOTE’ and ‘WE VOTE’.

More on: <http://fijielects2018.org.fj/statement-by-the-supervisor-of-elections-mr-mohammed-saneem-indian-high-commission-vehicle-handover/>



Supervisor of Elections Mr Mohammed Saneem and Indian High Commissioner Mr Vishvas Sapkal with a new Mahindra vehicle

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Fiji Nursing Student Body Association election



Members of the PIANZEA Advisory Group during their annual meeting in September, 2018

Growth of FEO Social Media

The Fijian Elections Office Facebook page was launched in 2012. The main aspect of the page is to effectively communicate with our stakeholders and engage with voters and members of the public. With 53,000 followers on our page, the FEO has become one of the market leaders for using Facebook in elections in the Oceania Region.

Seventy-percent of our website traffic comes from the Facebook page. We have created a bridge within the two key digital portals. Our content ranges from basic text to High Quality Video and live stream videos. Our graphics posts and shared website links are also very popular amongst the audience.



Range of videos posted on the Fijian Elections Office Facebook Page

To have an engaged public, the FEO always utilizes its latest and trendy content plan. The election news is one of the best performing content we have on our page. The idea behind the e-news is to effectively summarize the key election news and deliver it to the public in the form of simple and easy to understand videos. Our quote of the day is a graphic post which highlights the key message from speeches and press releases.

In preparation for the 2018 General Election, the Fijian Elections Office has also created an alternative Facebook page, Fiji Elects 2018. This page has been specifically designed for updates on the 2018 General Election and has 35000 likes to date. Our posts have been segmented between these two pages and allows the FEO to have wider, more engaging reach with the audience.

Social media competitions have proven to create effective engagement with the general public. FEO has organized various competitions such as Voter Card2.0 Selfie Competition, KYE Video Competition and the KYE weekly quiz competition. Not only did we receive a good response from the public, we were also able to gauge the effectiveness of our awareness materials. We use real data and sentiments from our followers to have an effective listening strategy on both of our pages. Listening first and engaging second is the key to our social media approach.



Deputy Supervisor of Elections, Ms Karyl Winter officiates at the Counting Refresher Training

Presiding Officer's Counting Refresher Training

A refresher training on the counting process was conducted for Presiding Officers and Assistant Presiding Officer's earlier this month.

The training was to ensure that these officers are consistent in reconciling, sorting and counting of ballot papers at the conclusion of polling on Election Day.

A total of 2835 Presiding Officers attended the training held from 15th to 30th June, 2018.



Participants of the International Round table Meeting on Electoral Justice in Indonesia

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Photo Gallery of the FEO Facebook Page

Electoral Commission Chairperson Participates in Electoral Justice Meeting

On May 2 and 3, the Electoral Commission Chairperson Mr Suresh Chandra, participated in a round table meeting on Electoral Justice in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The Election Supervisory Commission of the Republic of Indonesia [Bawaslu RI] and International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance [International IDEA] sought the assistance of Fiji's Electoral Commission on electoral justice with regards to the release of an international toolkit.

Mr Chandra, during the consultation, and group activity participation and presentation, emphasized how Fiji's processes regarding electoral justice was transparent for everyone to see.

"Electoral Justice is not just something for the Electoral Management Body and political parties and candidates to consider, but is something that will quite possibly have an impact on the nation, therefore it is imperative it is transparent for anyone - even the public to see and question," he said.



Electoral Commission Chairperson, Mr Suresh Chandra participating in a group activity during the Electoral Justice Meeting in Indonesia



Supervisor of Elections, Mr Mohammed Saneem speaks at the press conference

"There is no such thing as an official provisional candidate in the law" - Mr Mohammed Saneem

On 4 May, 2018 the Supervisor of Elections, Mr Mohammed Saneem stated that the Fijian Elections Office [FEO] is noting an increased number of announcements by Political Parties as well as expressions by individuals in the interest of taking up candidate positions in the Election.

"We would like to make it clear that until and unless the Writ is issued and Nominations are received, no one is a Fijian Elections Office approved candidate," he said.

"We have noted that various Parties have advertised provisional candidates, however I would like to clarify that there's no such thing as an official provisional candidate in the law."

Read full article on: <https://www.feo.org.fj/political-funding/>



Partnership Agreement Signing between the FEO, International IDEA , USP and Embassy of Indonesia in Fiji



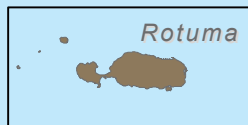
Electoral Security Advisory Group Meeting at the FEO Headquarters, Toorak, Suva

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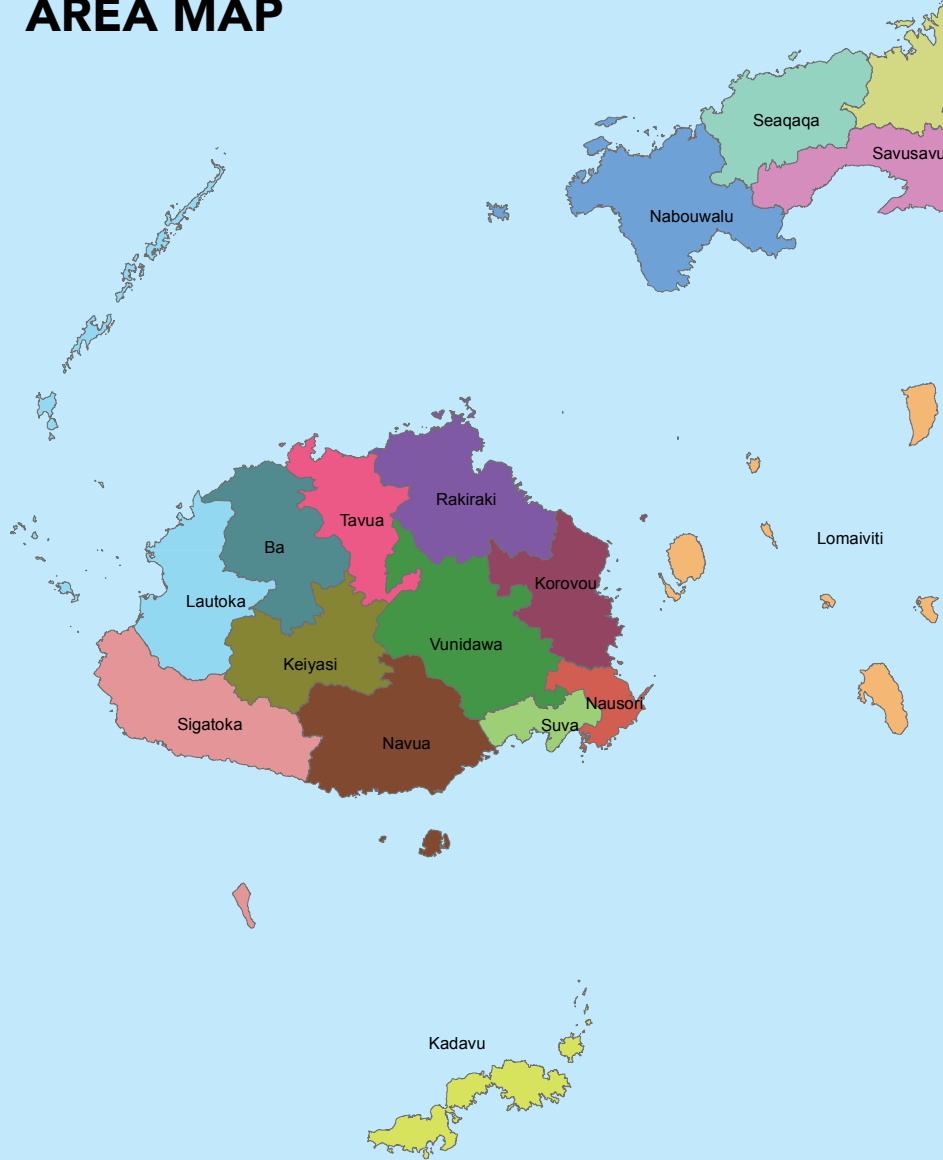
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FIJIAN ELECTIONS OFFICE AREA MAP



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Area Boundaries

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- Keiyasi
- Korovou
- Labasa
- Lau
- Lautoka
- Lomaiviti
- Nabouwalu
- Nausori
- Navua
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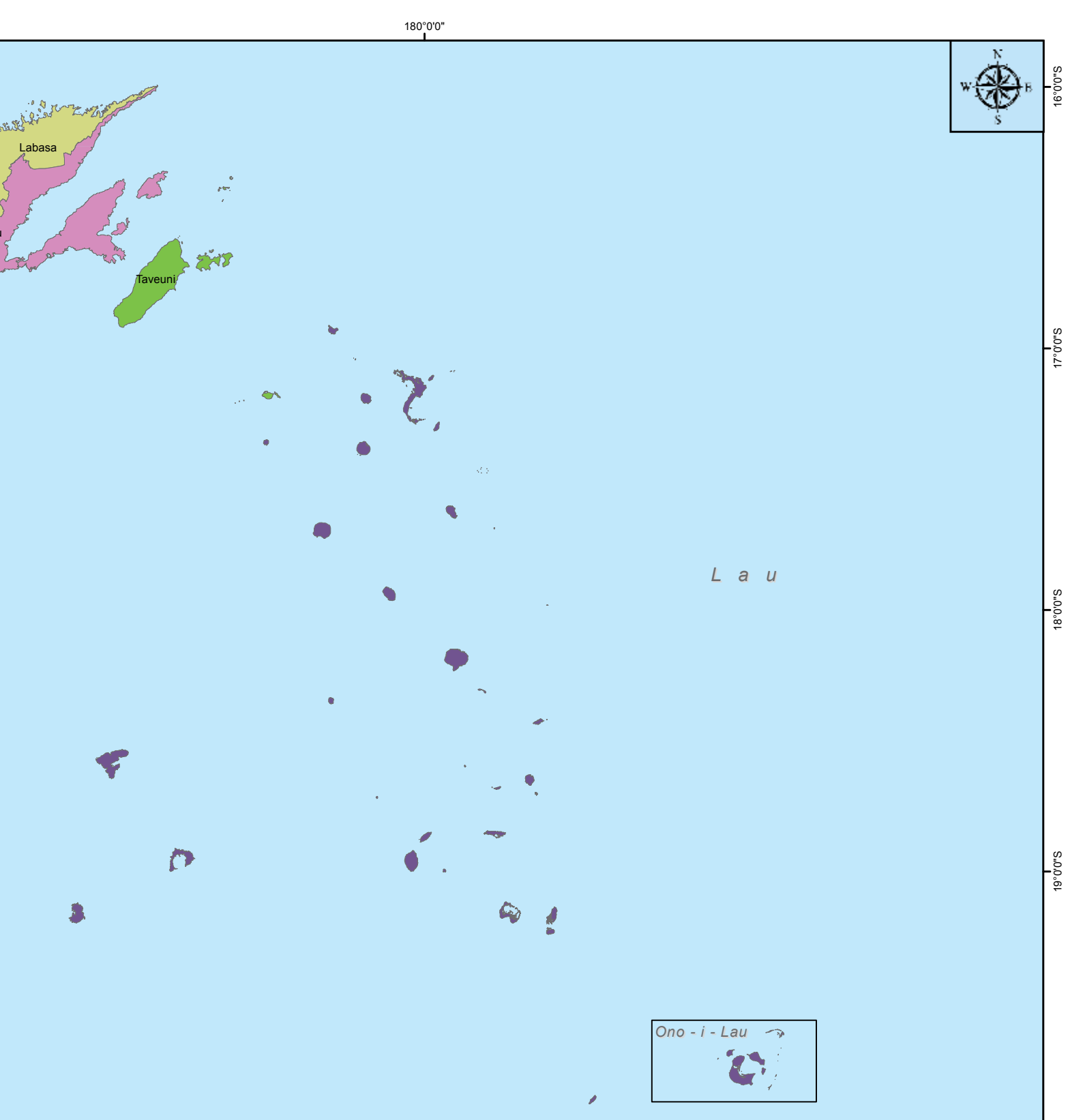
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Mock election at Dudley High School for Year 10 students



Political Party meeting at the FEO headquarters in Toorak, Suva



Deputy Supervisor of Elections Ms Karyl Winter at the VSC staff training



Election Official Refresher Training at Kshatriya Hall in September, 2018



The Supervisor of Elections, Mr Mohammed Saneem signs an MoU with International IDEA- Director for Asia and the Pacific Region, Leena Tamang

FEO renews MoU with International IDEA

The Fijian Elections Office renewed the Memorandum of Understanding with International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance [IDEA] earlier in July to continue collaborations with the institute.

Supervisor of Elections Mr Mohammed Saneem stated that since the execution of that agreement the FEO and International IDEA have collaborated on various fronts to enhance the evolution of election procedures and practices in Fiji

“The most notable aspect we must say has been the participation of International IDEA in the Pacific Electoral Network’s meeting in Nadi wherein was a presentation to all Electoral Management Bodies throughout the Pacific on election best practices.”

“International IDEA is also known as the largest publication house of election literature in the world, and they have kindly agreed to supply the FEO with Election text books that we were able to deliver to ten major libraries around the country.”

Read more on: <https://www.feo.org.fj/speeches-updated/#1537762732839-7f6fb9ee-9419>

FEO Conducts Polling Station Setup Exercise for Political Parties

The Fijian Elections Office conducted a mock polling exercise of the 2018 General Election for Party Agents and the media earlier in September.

The Supervisor of Elections, Mr Mohammed Saneem and Deputy Supervisor Ms Karyl Winter took Party representatives and the media through different processes including Polling Agent Accreditation, voting for voters with disabilities and voters who require assistance from polling day staff.

During the exercise, Mr Saneem also explained the counting process for the 2018 General Election.

The mock exercise was carried out in a polling shed. The same design and set up will be used in locations where there are no venues available for voting to be carried out.



Supervisor of Elections with Political Party Representatives at the Mock Polling Station Setup



A collaborative workshop for stakeholders by the FEO and International IDEA



FEO staff conducting a result simulation exercise in July

Photo gallery

FEO Conducts Packing of Sensitive Material Mock Exercise for Political Parties



The Fijian Election Office conducted a mock exercise on packing of sensitive materials for the 2018 General Election earlier in September, 2018.

Members of the media and Political Party representatives were present to observe the process and understand how materials such as indelible ink and ballot papers will be packed before Pre-Poll and Election day.

Supervisor of Elections Mr Mohammed Saneem pointed out that it's the responsibility of political parties to ensure that an agent is present at the venue to observe packing of sensitive Election material.

Mr Saneem also explained the various mechanisms use by the Fijian Elections Office to monitor the movement of ballot boxes.

Party officials were also briefed that they can make their own records of serial numbers once the ballot boxes are sealed. They can also observe and note down the contents of ballot boxes. However, they will not be allowed to interrupt the packing process.



Election Officials pack sensitive material during the mock exercise at the FEO Warehouse

Disability Participation in the 2018 General Election

Following the enactment of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act by the Fijian Parliament and the ratification of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the Fijian Elections Office is seeking to align itself with these laws to enable every Fijian to participate in the election process.

The FEO has modified its procedures to allow a person with disability to appoint a person of their choice to accompany them into the Polling Venue and help them cast a vote in the 2018 General Election.

This process will be overseen by the Presiding Officer who will record the details of the voter and the person assisting in their record book for reference purposes.

Read more: <https://www.feo.org.fj/speeches-updated/#1537762662153-41dc01aa-74d4>



A presiding officer assists a person with disability during the mock polling station setup

Photo gallery



Director for Fiji Human Rights and Anti Discrimination Commission Mr Ashwin Raj with the Electoral Commission Chairperson Mr Suresh Chandra at the launch of the 'Right to Vote' Brochure



Refresher training at the FEO headquarters in Toorak, Suva



Voter Services Centre Staff during the training session at Suvavou House, Suva



Voter Services Centre Staff Training

The Supervisor of Elections Mr Mohammed Saneem urged Voter Services Centre staff to maintain a high level of professionalism and best customer service practices.

“I want the entire Fijian Elections Office staff to provide the best customer service to the voter when they come to vote. That is their day and that is our job so no questions about this.”

While addressing staff at a training session, Mr Saneem stressed that every voter deserves an easy and comfortable voting experience. This includes services at Voter Services Centres around the country.

More on: <https://www.feo.org.fj/speechesupdated/#1537762618287-b95a2098-7223>

Korean Embassy Visits the FEO

In August 2018, the Fijian Elections Office hosted officials from the Korean Embassy. The Economic Counsellor and Deputy Chief of Mission, Mr Jung In Sang, along with fellow embassy staff met with Supervisor of Elections as well as the Manager EMS to review the assistance provided to the FEO for the official development assistance to support Building electoral transparency through the automation's of voting and counting system in Fiji.

Through this Project, the FEO had received 50 Touch Screen Voting Machines last November. So far, these Machines have been used in 3 Industrial/Trade Union Elections.

The team from the Korean embassy also paid a visit to the Fiji National University, Tamavua Campus to observe trade union elections being carried out and how the Touch Screen Voting Machines are being used by the FEO.



Officials from the Korean Embassy with the FEO staff during their visit to the FEO headquarters earlier this year



Electoral Commissioners with trainers from NZEC

Photo gallery



FEO senior staff Rangeet Chand[right] assists a voter during round two of the Know Your Election Awareness Drive

FEO Staff attend Knowledge Exchange Program

Electoral Commissioner, Mr Simione Naiduki and three staff of the Fijian Elections Office participated in the by-election held at Northcote, New Zealand.

The Knowledge Exchange Program [KEP] organized by the New Zealand Electoral Commission [NZEC] took the FEO team through every detailed aspect of the Northcote by-election process.

Other participants in the KEP were from the Office of the Bougainville Electoral Commission [OBEC] and the PNG Electoral Commission [PNGEC].



FEO staff at the Office of the Registrar of Electors, Manukau during the KEP, 2018



Electoral Commissioner Ms Kavita Raniga [second from the left] with participants at the IEOP



Electoral Commissioner Ms Kavita Raniga at the 7th Nationwide Observation Program, Korea

FEO Participates in Election Observation Program in Korea

The Electoral Commission as well as the Fijian Elections Office participated in an International Election Observation Program in Seoul, Korea from the 7th to the 15th of June, 2018.

The 7th Nationwide Simultaneous Local Elections for Korea was held on June 13, 2018 in order to elect Local Councils and the Heads of Government at various levels.

Electoral Commissioner, Ms Kavita Raniga and FEO's Manager Procurement and Asset Management, Mr Riaz Hanif, participated in the International Election Observation Program [IEOP].

The IEOP consisted of a presentation on the Korean election system with an on-site observation of polling stations during Pre-poll voting and Election Day.

Ms Raniga and Mr Hanif also visited the counting centres and witnessed the counting process. They also participated in the 2018 Seoul International Forum on Elections and had a visit to the National Election Commission of the Republic of Korea.

Photo gallery



Electoral Commissioner Mr Simione Naiduki setting up a voting screen for the Northcote by-Election in NZ, 2018



FEO staff register voters in the United Arab Emirates during the Overseas Voter Registration Drive

Mock Counting Simulation Exercise for Political Parties

The Fijian Elections Office [FEO] has a critical role to play in ensuring the transparency of an elections process. This allows its stakeholders the ability to observe activities such as voting and counting to name a few.

In May 2018, the Supervisor of Elections [SoE] invited registered political parties to observe the counting and results process. The objective was to provide them with the opportunity to better understand the counting and results process and assist them in clarifying any doubts about these processes.

The event involved counting of ballot papers simulated as it would occur at the Count Centre. The exercise also covered the process that would take place after polling closes at 6pm on Election Day [ED].

During the results management presentation by Manager EMIS, political parties were briefed on how the Results Management Information System [RMIS] operates. Political parties also participated in an activity to set up at the Results Centre.

The exercise was held at Patel Samaj Hall, Toorak.



Deputy Supervisor of Elections Ms Karyl Winter with the FEO staff during the Mock Counting Simulation Exercise



Supervisor of Elections Mr Mohammed Saneem briefs political parties during the exercise

FEO Conducts Communications Simulation Exercise

The Fijian Elections Office Strategic Development and Communications Directorate conducted a simulation in preparation for the 2018 General Election.

The Communications Simulation was to test the internal and external communications measures as well as accessibility to information, to ensure that the FEO is able to effectively disseminate information to the public during Election time.

The simulation allowed the Communications team to identify areas which need improvement and take necessary action to rectify any weaknesses.



SDC Staff Anish Narayan puts up information which will be disseminated in the 2018 General Election

The simulation also allowed the FEO to test a number of new initiatives adopted to ensure that all stakeholders have regular access to Election related news.

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Fire Wardens training at FEO



Awareness Session at Navosai, Narere

FEO hosts Civil Society Organisations



On May 24, 2018, the Fijian Elections Office hosted a presentation for Civil Society Organisations regarding the FEO's preparation for the 2018 General Election.

FEO's Legal and Compliance team, as well as the Supervisor of Elections Mr. Mohammed Saneem, conducted the Election Update Presentation which was followed by a presentation on section 115 of the 2014 Electoral Act.

An approval under section 115 of the Electoral Act 2014 will have to be sought by any individual or CSO prior to conducting or being part of any activity relating to the General Election or any other Election matter.

During the presentation, participants were made aware of the current status of FEO in regards to the preparation



Supervisor of Elections Mr Mohammed Saneem presents updates on the General Election

for the 2018 General Election.

The meeting was held at FEO headquarters in Toorak, Suva.



Mr Mose Saitala [middle] with the FEO staff

Solomon Islands Electoral Commission Chief Electoral Officer visits the FEO

On June 5, 2018 the Chief Electoral Officer from the Solomon Islands Electoral Commission, Mr Mose Saitala, visited the Fijian Elections Office on his mission to develop a comprehensive IT Plan for the Solomon Islands Electoral Commission, using the FEO IT infrastructure and capacity as a benchmark.

Upon his arrival, Mr Saitala was introduced to the FEO's Voter Registration process, where he was acquainted on how the FEO uses biometrics for voter registration. He was also briefed by the Supervisor of Elections, Mr Mohammed Saneem about FEO's current IT capacity and online tool.

Further to this, he was briefed by FEO's IT team on effective collection of data, its maintenance and security protection. Mr Saitala was also taken for a site visit of the FEO Voter Services Centre in Suva City.

In addition to the IT infrastructure and capacity of the FEO, Mr Saitala was also introduced to the Communications Strategies of the FEO.

Upon the conclusion of his visit, Mr Saitala commended the FEO on its achievements over the years and congratulated the FEO for the immense growth since the 2014 General Election.



Legal and Compliance Officer Mesake Dawai [middle] at a youth empowerment training

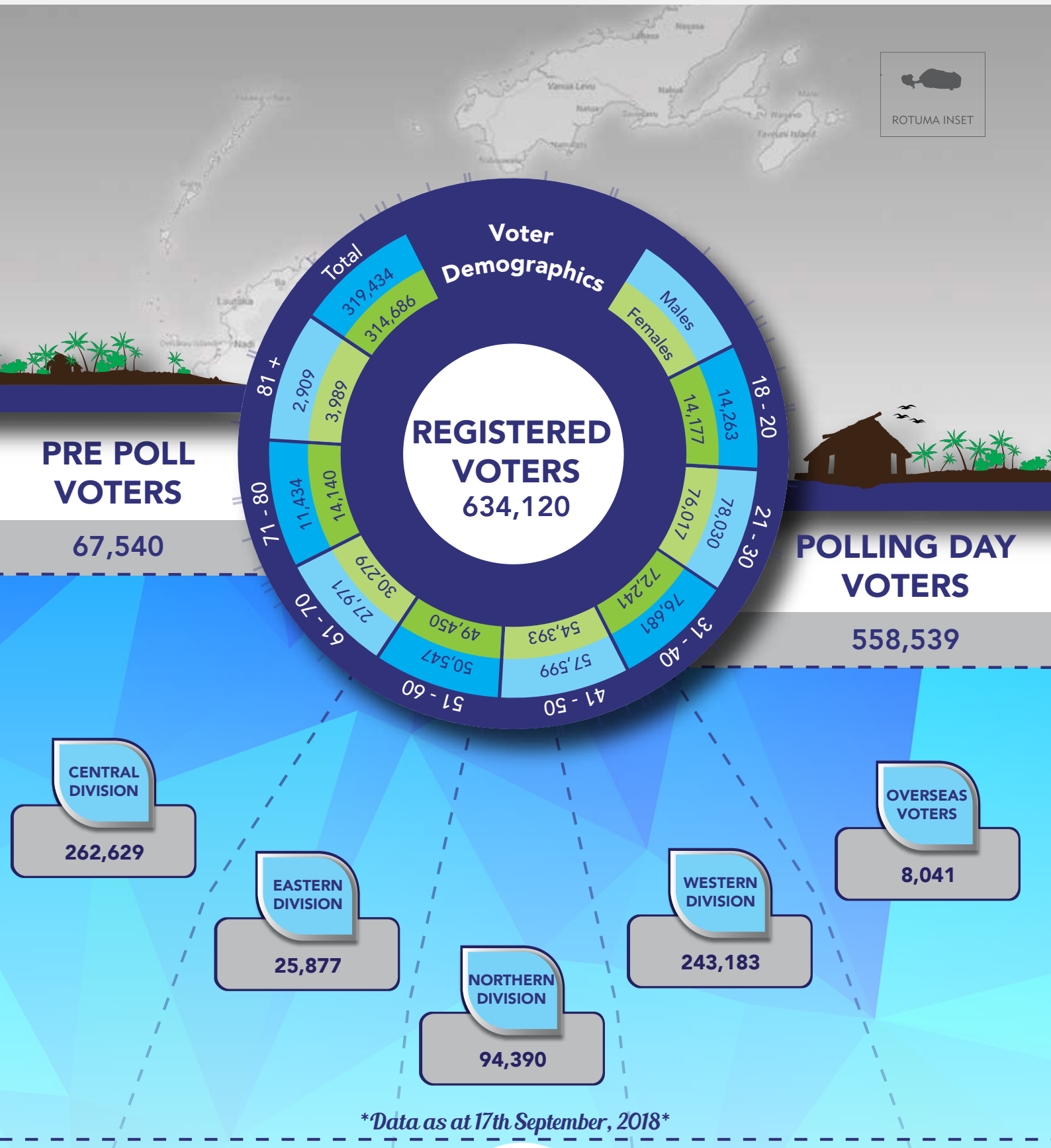
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Deputy Supervisor of Elections Ms Karyl Winter with FEO staff at the staff induction training

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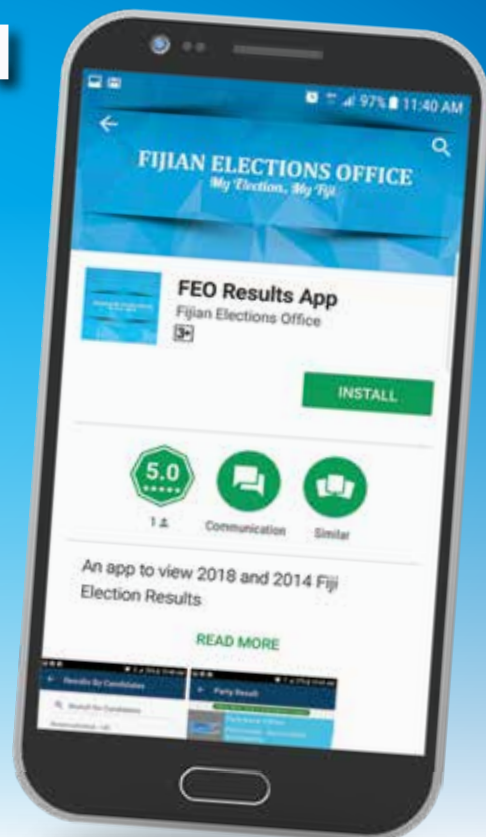
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