





## **Preliminary Program of the Fifth Plenary Assembly**

October 9 to 11, 2022 Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia

## Main Topics:

- 1) Analysis of the 2022 elections and COVID-19 pandemic phase-out strategies
- 2) Digital media and disinformation in electoral processes
- 3) Strategies to bring electoral justice closer to citizens: transparency, open data, and social collaboration
- 4) Plenary sessions on the three Observatories of the GNEJ: Gender Equality, Judicial Independence, and Social Media
- Cross-cutting focus: gender perspective

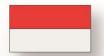
## Work Methodology:

- Day one: Internal meetings
- Day two: Plenary sessions on the three main topics
- Day three: Plenary sessions on the topics of the Observatories of the GNEJ, presentation of the deliverables, proceedings, and closing ceremony











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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8	
DURING THE DAY	ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS
12:00 – 18:00	PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION
18:00 – 20:00	DINNER AT THE HOTEL
20:00 – 22:00	WELCOME EVENT

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9	
08:00 - 14:00	SOCIAL ACTIVITY
14:00 – 18:00	BREAK
18:00 – 20:00	DINNER AT THE HOTEL

MONDAY, OCTOBER 10	
8:45 - 10:30	INAUGURATION AND GNEJ AWARDS CEREMONY

**Objective.** Welcome the participants to the Fifth Plenary Assembly of the Global Network on Electoral Justice (GNEJ). Present the evolution of the Global Network in the last 5 years, as well as the achievements and changes since the last Plenary Assembly. Introduce and summarize the main topics to be discussed.

## Speakers:

- Gianni Buquicchio, President Emeritus, Special Representative of the Venice Commission
- Anthony Banbury, President and Executive Director, International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)
- Rahmat Bagja, Chairman of Indonesia's Election Supervisory Body (Bawaslu) and President of the GNEJ
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- Minister of the Interior TBC
- President and/or Vice President of Indonesia TBC

## **GNEJ AWARDS CEREMONY**

**Objective.** Conduct the presentation of the GNEJ Awards in three of its five categories:

- 1. Access to electoral justice
- 2. Gender equality
- 3. General award (specific progress towards the main objectives of the GNEJ)

**Format.** Each award will be presented, and the winners will be given the opportunity to speak for up to two minutes.

## In person:

- 1. Access to electoral justice
- Muhammad Ihsan Maulana, Director, KoDe Inisiatif of Indonesia
- 2. Gender equality
- Dina Agustina Chuquimia Alvarado, Member, Supreme Electoral Tribunal of Bolivia
- 3. General award (specific progress towards the main objectives of the GNEJ) and special mention as "honorary member and special advisor of the GNEJ".
- Gianni Buquicchio, President Emeritus, Special Representative of the Venice Commission

### Virtual:

- 1. Access to electoral justice
- María Garrote, Professor of Constitutional Law, Complutense University of Madrid (Honorable Mention)
- 2. General award (specific progress towards the main objectives of the GNEJ)
- **Marcelo Ramos Peregrino Ferreira**, President, American Conference of Subnational Electoral Bodies for Electoral Transparency (CAOESTE) (Honorable Mention)

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	10:45 - 11:15	PRESS CONFERENCE	
	11:15 – 13.00	LUNCH	2
	13:00 - 14:15	PLENARY 1. ANALYSIS OF THE 2022 ELECTIONS AND COVID-19 PANDEMIC PHASE-OUT STRATEGIES	







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**Objective.** Discuss the electoral processes that took place in 2022, considering the phase-out strategies of the COVID-19 pandemic. Analyze lessons learned and challenging aspects of electoral processes, aiming to characterize the current state of democracies and electoral justice systems around the globe. Talk about the changes and opportunities that have arisen as a result of the pandemic for jurisdictional-electoral bodies.

**Keywords.** Electoral processes, current jurisdictional practices, sanitary measures, democratic principles

**Format.** Short, 8-minute interventions will be made by each speaker, followed by a 20-minute Q&A session. The president of the panel will guide the discussion.

## Speakers:

- **Jean Philippe Derosier,** Professor of Public Law, Centre for Legal Research, University of Lille, France, and President of the GNEJ's Scientific Committee
- Boissie Henry Mbha, Former President of the Electoral Court of South Africa and Member of the GNEJ's Governing Council
- Jayantha Jayasuriya, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka
- Rahmat Bagja, Chairman of Indonesia's Election Supervisory Body (Bawaslu) and President of the GNEJ
- Amanda Domingues, Senior Program Manager National Democratic Institute (NDI)
- Altus Alejandro Baquero Rueda, Justice of the National Electoral Council of Colombia

	14:15 -14:30	BREAK
N	14:30 – 15:45	PLENARY 2. DIGITAL MEDIA AND DISINFORMATION IN ELECTORAL PROCESSES

**Objective.** Discuss the challenges that disinformation caused by digital media pose to electoral processes. Analyze, from a global approach, the electoral regulation of political parties and candidates in terms of digital media and campaigns, as well as the challenges they face. In particular, the role of the guarantors of electoral rights in this regard will be outlined.

Keywords. Digital media, disinformation, regulation, jurisdictional-electoral competences

**Format**. Short, 8-minute interventions will be made by each speaker, followed by a 20-minute Q&A session. The president of the panel will guide the discussion.

### **Speakers:**

- José Luis Vargas Valdez, Justice of the High Chamber of the Electoral Tribunal of the Federal Judiciary of Mexico (TEPJF) and Honorary Member of the GNEJ's Governing Council
- Patrick Sensburg, Director, Master of Public Management (MPM), University of Police









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and Public Administration and President of the Observatory on Social Media's Board

- Alberto Dalla Vía, Vice President of the National Electoral Chamber of Argentina
- Herwyn Jefler, Commissioner of Indonesia's Election Supervisory Body (Bawaslu)

15:45 – 16:00	BREAK
16:00 – 17:15	PLENARY 3. STRATEGIES TO BRING ELECTORAL JUSTICE CLOSER TO CITIZENS: TRANSPARENCY, OPEN DATA, AND SOCIAL COLLABORATION

**Objective**. Analyze strategies for bringing electoral justice closer to citizens as well as for consolidating democratic systems from a comparative perspective. The interventions will consider concepts such as transparency, inter-institutional collaboration, and evidence-based opening of electoral justice to citizens. Key actions to modernize electoral justice—in support of the institutional strengthening of the authorities linked to the Global Network—will be highlighted.

**Keywords.** Transparency, open data, citizen collaboration, updating of jurisdictional procedures, governance

**Format**. Short, 8-minute interventions will be made by each speaker, followed by a 20-minute Q&A session. The president of the panel will guide the discussion.

## **Speakers:**

- Reyes Rodriguez Mondragon, Chief Justice of the High Chamber of the Electoral Tribunal
  of the Federal Judiciary of Mexico (TEPJF)
- María Luisa Segoviano Astaburuaga, Vice President of the Central Electoral Commission of Spain and President of the Fourth Chamber of the Supreme Court of Spain
- **Dong Nguyen Huu,** International Election Expert
- Totok Haryono, Commissioner of Indonesia's Election Supervisory Body (Bawaslu)

17:15 – 19:00	BREAK
19:00 – 21:00	OFFICIAL DINNER
END OF DAY ONE	







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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11	
09:00 – 10:15	PLENARY 4. GENDER-INCLUSIVE ELECTORAL JUSTICE: EXCHANGE WITH THE OBSERVATORY ON GENDER EQUALITY

**Objective**. Discuss the progress and work of the Observatory on Gender Equality of the GNEJ. Analyze good practices and strategies in this area to strengthen inclusive and equal electoral justice. There will be a presentation of this year's deliverable: "Guide for Judging with a Gender Perspective."

Keywords. Electoral justice, gender equality, parity, gender perspective

**Format.** Short interventions will be made by at least three speakers: the person responsible for the deliverable, the president or a representative of the Observatory's Board, and a commentator. The president of the panel will guide the discussion among the speakers.

## **Speakers:**

- Mónica Aralí Soto Fregoso, Justice of the High Chamber of the Electoral Tribunal of the Federal Judiciary of Mexico (TEPJF), and President of GNEJ's Observatory on Gender Equality
- Roxana Silva, Expert Consultant on Gender Equality and Women's Political Participation
- Anup Chandra Pandey, Electoral Commissioner of India
- Rosa Fior D' Aliza Perez de Garcia, Justice of the Superior Electoral Tribunal of the Dominican Republic
- Lolly Suhenty, Commissioner of Indonesia's Election Supervisory Body (Bawaslu)

10:15 – 10:30	BREAK
10:30 – 11:45	PLENARY 5. INDEPENDENT ELECTORAL JUSTICE: EXCHANGE WITH THE OBSERVATORY ON JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE

**Objective.** Discuss the progress and work of the Observatory on Judicial Independence of the GNEJ. Good practices in this area will be discussed and the factors that threaten the autonomy of electoral authorities and courts around the world will be analyzed. There will be a presentation of the second edition of the study on "Judicial Independence and Due Process in Electoral Justice," which includes national-jurisdictional cases.

**Keywords.** Judicial independence, electoral justice, international judicial standards, political and electoral rights

Format. Short interventions will be made by at least three speakers: the person responsible for







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the deliverable, the president or a representative of the Observatory's Board, and a commentator. The president of the panel will guide the discussion among the speakers.

## **Speakers:**

- Andrea Pisaneschi, Professor of Constitutional Law at the Department of Law of the University of Siena and member of the GNEJ's Scientific Committee
- Miguel Colmenero Menéndez de Luarca, President of the Central Electoral Commission of Spain
- Miriam Suyapa Barahona, Justice of the Electoral Justice Tribunal of Honduras
- **Stefanie Lindquist**, Senior Research Fellow and Professor of Law and Political Science, Arizona State University
- Puadi, Commissioner of Indonesia's Election Supervisory Body (Bawaslu)

11:45 – 13:00	LUNCH
13:00 – 14:15	PLENARY 6. DIGITAL ELECTORAL JUSTICE: EXCHANGE WITH THE OBSERVATORY ON SOCIAL MEDIA

**Objective.** Discuss the progress and work of the Observatory on Social Media of the GNEJ. Analyze the technological factors that strengthen or threaten democratic principles and electoral processes around the world. Gather good practices in this area so that the authorities may issue fair decisions that ensure the delivery of electoral justice. There will be a presentation of this year's deliverable: the second version of the "Glossary: Digital Media and Elections," which includes national cases in which these concepts have been applied.

**Keywords.** Technology, digital media, social media, electoral processes

**Formato.** Short interventions will be made by at least 3 speakers: the person responsible for the deliverable, the president or a representative of the Observatory's Board, and a commentator. The president of the panel will guide the discussion among the speakers.

## **Speakers:**

- Rafael Rubio, Professor of Constitutional Law at the Complutense University of Madrid,
   Spain and member of the GNEJ's Scientific Committee
- Blanca Odilia Alfaro Guerra, Justice, Supreme Electoral Tribunal of Guatemala
- Adhy Aman, Senior Programme Manager of Asia and the Pacific of the International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA)
- Dahliah Umar, Chairperson, Network for Indonesian Democratic Society (Netfid)

14:15 - 16:00

AGREEMENTS OF THE FIFTH PLENARY ASSEMBLY AND CLOSING CEREMONY SIGNING OF THE BALI DECLARATION\*







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**Objective.** The Plenary Assembly will be informed of the agreements and proposals of the Governing Council arising from its previous meeting and will be consulted on proposals for the future work of the observatories, based on the deliberations of the Fifth Plenary Assembly. The following items will be discussed during this final session:

- Sustainability proposals and intermediate meetings between plenary sessions
- Approval of amendments to the Constitutive Act (two thirds of the General Assembly present)
- Approval of new memberships
- Signing of the Bali Declaration by those present (if one is drafted)
- Closing statement (by the Presidency, Bawaslu)
- Closing group photo

**Format.** Moderation and coordination by the Technical Secretariat.

## **Speakers:**

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia TBC
- Rahmat Bagja, Chairman of Indonesia's Election Supervisory Body (Bawaslu) and President of the GNEJ

**Moderator: Alberto Guevara Castro,** Director General of International Relations of the TEPJF of Mexico, Technical Secretariat of the GNEJ

## **END OF ACTIVITIES**



