



AFRICAN UNION ELECTION OBSERVATION MISSION
TO THE 10 DECEMBER 2014 LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS
IN THE REPUBLIC OF MAURITIUS

ARRIVAL STATEMENT

At the invitation of the Government of the Republic of Mauritius, the Chairperson of the African Union Commission, HE Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma, has sent a mission to Mauritius in order to observe the parliamentary elections of 10 December 10, 2014.

Led by HE Dr. Aminata Toure, former Prime Minister of the Republic of Senegal, the African Union Election Observation Mission (AU EOM) includes 30 observers. It is composed of Ambassadors to the African Union in Addis Ababa, Pan-African Parliamentarians, Officials of Election Management Bodies and members of Civil Society. These observers come from 19 countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Comoros, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Gabon, Libya, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Nigeria, Central African Republic, Democratic Republic of Congo, Senegal, Sudan, Togo and Tunisia.

The mandate of the AU Mission is to assess the legality, fairness and credibility of the elections of 10 December 2014 on the basis of the relevant provisions of the African Charter on Democracy, Elections and Governance, which aims to improve electoral processes in Africa, to strengthen electoral institutions and conducting free, fair and transparent elections; the Declaration of the OAU/AU Declaration on the Principles Governing Democratic Elections in Africa; the AU Guidelines for election observation and monitoring missions; and other relevant international instruments governing election observation. It is also based on the constitutional, legal and institutional framework in force for the organization of legislative elections in the Republic of Mauritius.

To this end, the Mission will meet with political and judicial authorities of the country, the institutions in charge of elections, political parties contesting the elections, civil society organizations and representatives of the international community to be aware of the arrangements for holding credible and fair elections.

The Mission will deploy its short-term observer teams in all nine districts of the Republic of Mauritius namely Flacq Grand Port, Moka Pamplemousses, Plaines Wilhems, Port Louis, Rivière Noire, Rivière du Rempart, Savane and in the region of Rodrigues. It will observe in particular the end of the election campaign, the voting operations on polling day and the counting on the day after the elections.

Following the elections, the Mission will release its Preliminary Statement at a press conference at Hotel Labourdonnais at 17:00 hours on 12 December 2014. At the end of the electoral process, the AU EOM will provide a detailed assessment of the conduct of the process in a final report that will be made available to the authorities of the Republic of Mauritius and the general public.

The Mission is assisted by a group of experts from the African Union Commission, the Pan-African Parliament and the Electoral Institute for Sustainable Democracy in Africa (EISA).

The Secretariat of the Mission is based at the Hotel Labourdonnais, Port Louis. For more information, please contact the Coordinator of the Mission, Ms. Karine Kakasi Siaba, +230 58 55 75 48.

The Electoral Observation Mission of the African Union thanks the Mauritian authorities for the invitation extended to them and all the measures taken in order to facilitate its work on the ground.

Done at Port Louis, 6 December 2014

For the Mission,
H.E. Dr Aminata Toure
Mission Leader