



## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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### **IEC opens Mohale's Hoek regional office to bring electoral services closer to electorate**

The Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) today officially opened its new Regional Office in Mohale's Hoek, marking another important milestone in the Commission's ongoing efforts to decentralise electoral services and strengthen its presence across Lesotho.

Speaking during the official opening, the Chairperson: Rev. Dr John Maphephe welcomed Commissioners, the Acting Director of Elections, stakeholders, Commission's staff, members of media and invited guests, expressing appreciation for their support and participation in this significant occasion.

The Chairperson emphasised that the establishment of Regional offices demonstrates the Commission's commitment to making electoral services more accessible, efficient and responsive to the needs of citizens. By bringing services closer to communities, the Commission aims to improve service delivery, strengthen engagement with political parties and other stakeholders, and enhance the overall administration of elections.

During the programme, guests toured the new facility, reflecting the Commission's commitment to transparency, accountability and prudent investment in public resources. Rev. Dr Maphephe acknowledged the dedication of management and staff whose efforts ensured that the office was fully prepared for operational readiness.

The Commission reaffirmed its unwavering commitment to delivering credible, inclusive and professionally managed electoral processes, noting that a strong regional presence is essential for building public confidence and supporting democratic governance.

The Chairperson further stressed that maintaining trust in the electoral system requires continuous collaboration between the Commission, political parties, local authorities, Civil Society Organisations and communities. Such partnerships remain fundamental to promoting peaceful, transparent and credible elections.

The Commission formally accepted and opened the new facility and encouraged Regional staff to take ownership of the office by maintaining it properly and utilising it effectively in serving the public.

The Independent Electoral Commission wishes the Mohale's Hoek Regional Office every success as it begins serving the people of Mohale's Hoek and surrounding communities, contributing to the Commission's constitutional mandate of delivering free, fair and credible elections throughout the Kingdom of Lesotho.

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