

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

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IEC Chairperson and Commissioner paid a courtesy call on the Minister of Local Government and Chieftainship

The Chairperson of the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC) Rev. Dr John Maphephe, accompanied by Commissioner Mrs Pontšo 'Mamatlere Matete, paid a courtesy call on the Honourable Minister of Local Government and Chieftainship as part of the Commission's ongoing stakeholder engagement and collaboration initiatives.

The meeting provided an opportunity to strengthen the partnership between the Ministry and the IEC, with discussions focusing on the harmonisation of the National Assembly Elections and Local Government Elections. The proposed reform seeks to enable both elections to be conducted simultaneously, with the aim of improving operational efficiency, enhancing electoral management, reducing election fatigue to the electorate, and reducing costs to taxpayers.

The engagement was productive and resulted in agreement on several key areas of collaboration. Among the immediate priorities is the re-establishment of a Joint Technical Team, which will be tasked with developing a comprehensive roadmap and implementation framework to guide the harmonisation process.

The IEC remains committed to working closely with all its relevant stakeholders to strengthen democratic governance, improve electoral processes, and promote the efficient delivery of elections in the Kingdom of Lesotho.

In keeping with the Commission's practice of documenting official engagements with key stakeholders, a commemorative photograph was taken at the conclusion of the meeting.

