

# BRIDGE Workshop Kicks Off for SHECs

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## **Extended Introduction to Electoral Administration (October 1<sup>st</sup> to 04<sup>th</sup> and October 14<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup>)**

Between 22 April and 28 June 2024, UN IEAT conducted 26 BRIDGE (Building Resources in Democracy, Governance and Elections) training workshops in Juba, all ten states and Pibor Administrative Area. The workshops were delivered by 13 accredited international facilitators to members of the National Election Commission, civil society, media, and UN IEAT staff. The training workshops covered a diverse range of electoral topics, including management (Building Excellence in Elections); election standards, electoral cycle, and electoral stakeholders (Introduction to Election Administration); election operations; and voter and civic education; voter rights for persons with disabilities, youth and women (Access to Electoral Processes); and training methods for election stakeholders (Train the Facilitator).

This series of trainings was the largest roll out of BRIDGE in its 25-year history as the leading curriculum for training electoral stakeholders. In total, 679 participants were trained (60% male; 40% female). Nearly half of the participants were from civil society (48%), while others came from the National Election Commission (NEC) (27%), Government authorities (7%), Media (2%), and United Nations (15%).

Following the swearing in of High Committee at a state-level (SHEC) the NEC will partner with UN-IEAT to conduct an **Introduction to Election Administration** module from the BRIDGE curriculum. This will be modified to target election workers, with an emphasis on boundary delimitation, voter registration, civic and voter education, candidate nomination, and election security. The four-day module will be run three times with 25-30 participants per session to accommodate all SHEC members and any new NEC members.

## Schedule

| BRIDGE Module   | Dates     | Participants                                      | Location |
|---|-----------|---|----------|
| <b>Introduction to Election Administration</b> (4 days) | 1-4 Oct   | <b>Group 1:</b> State High Committee members (25) | Juba     |
| <b>Introduction to Election Administration</b> (4 days) | 14-17 Oct | <b>Group 2:</b> State High Committee members (25) | Juba     |
| <b>Introduction to Election Administration</b> (4 days) | 7-10 Oct  | <b>Group 3:</b> NEC plus other stakeholders (25)  | Juba     |

After the completion of BRIDGE training, all SHEC members will be equipped to undergo the first of a series of operational technical trainings. When there is clarity on the modality and regulations for voter registration, UN IEAT and NEC can proceed with an operational training for voter registration and a voter and civic education campaign.







