Preparation for Elections

Despite slow, if not debilitating, progress toward the establishment of an adequate electoral environment, in May 2009 the Ivorian government announced plans to hold the long delayed presidential polls on 29 November 2009.

The voter registration process was launched in the final months of 2008 and completed on 30 June 2009. A total of 6.5 million Ivorians registered to vote. Subsequent to the completion of voter registration, the Ivorian government’s independent electoral council adopted several pieces of legislation that detailed the electoral timeline, including publication of a provisional electoral list by 29 August, publication of the final electoral list between 15 and 21 October, distribution of voter cards by 26 November, and commencement of electoral campaigns from 13