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40 YEARS
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**OBSERVING
ELECTIONS
SINCE 1980**

*40 Years of Commonwealth Election
Observation: Evolving, Responding, Innovating*

Democracy Day Symposium

2020 marks 40 years of Commonwealth Election Observation. This milestone presents a unique opportunity to review and commemorate the Commonwealth's work in international election observation and how it contributes to the promotion of democracy in member countries.

The Symposium, held over two days, offers a space to reflect on the Commonwealth's electoral history and the trends that have influenced elections, and to strengthen this key area of work.

Panel I

Reflecting on the Commonwealth's Electoral History and Evolution: Personal Perspectives

15 September 2020, 2:00 pm BST

Keynote Address: The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland QC
Commonwealth Secretary-General

Speakers

Dr Lawrence Gonzi

Prime Minister of Malta (2004-2013)

HE Dr Goodluck Jonathan

President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria
(2010-2015)

HE Bruce Golding

Prime Minister of Jamaica (2007-2011)

Zainab Bangura

Director-General of the United Nations
Office at Nairobi

HE Mmasekgoa Masire-Mwamba

Deputy Secretary General of the
Commonwealth (2008-2014)

Dr Rajen Prasad QSO

Commonwealth Special Envoy to Lesotho
(2014-2016)

Moderator: Stuart Mole OBE

Director, Commonwealth Secretary-General's Office (1990-2000)



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Panel II

Key Electoral Trends Influencing the Last 40 Years

16 September 2020, 12:00 pm BST

Speakers

Dr Kwadwo Afari-Gyan

Chairman, Electoral Commission of Ghana
(1993-2015)

Olufunto Akinduro

Senior Programme Officer, International
Institute for Democracy and Electoral
Assistance (International IDEA), Nigeria

Hon Sana Ullah Baloch

Member of the Balochistan Provincial
Assembly, Pakistan

Lomcebo Dlamini

Human Rights Lawyer, Eswatini

Dr Eric Kwa

Secretary of the Department of Justice and
Attorney General, Papua New Guinea

Dr Lisa Ann Vasciannie

Lecturer, University of West Indies, Mona,
Jamaica

Moderator: Amitav Banerji

Director and Head, Office of the Commonwealth Secretary-General (2000-2008), Director of
Political Affairs, Commonwealth Secretariat (2009-2015)

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