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A Multidimensional Participation in CA Election; An Experience of Election Commission, Nepal

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Introduction

- Independent, constitutional body since 1951
- 5 Commissioners including the Chief Election Commissioner
- Secretariat headed by a secretary and other public service staff
- Activities guided by constitution, electoral laws and strategic plan
- Has conducted national and local level elections in different times (1981, 1986, 1991, 1992, 1994, 1997, 1999, 2008 CA and 2013 CA)
- District Election Offices in 75 districts
- Employs over a 100 staff at its HQ and over 500 at 75 districts
- Recently concluded another Constituent Assembly Election with great participation by voters, political parties, stakeholders, security agencies, national and international observers, partners and international community



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Organization Structure of ECN

Five Election Commissioners including the
Chief Election Commissioner



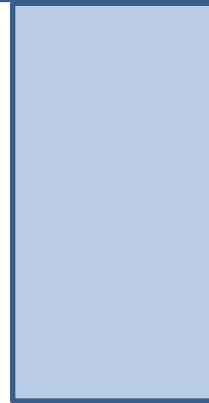
Secretariat led by a
Secretary of the Government of Nepal

Administration
Division

**Three
Sections**

Voter Roll and
Election
Management
Division

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Sections**



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Legal Division

**Two
Sections**

Information
Technology
Division

**Two
Sections**



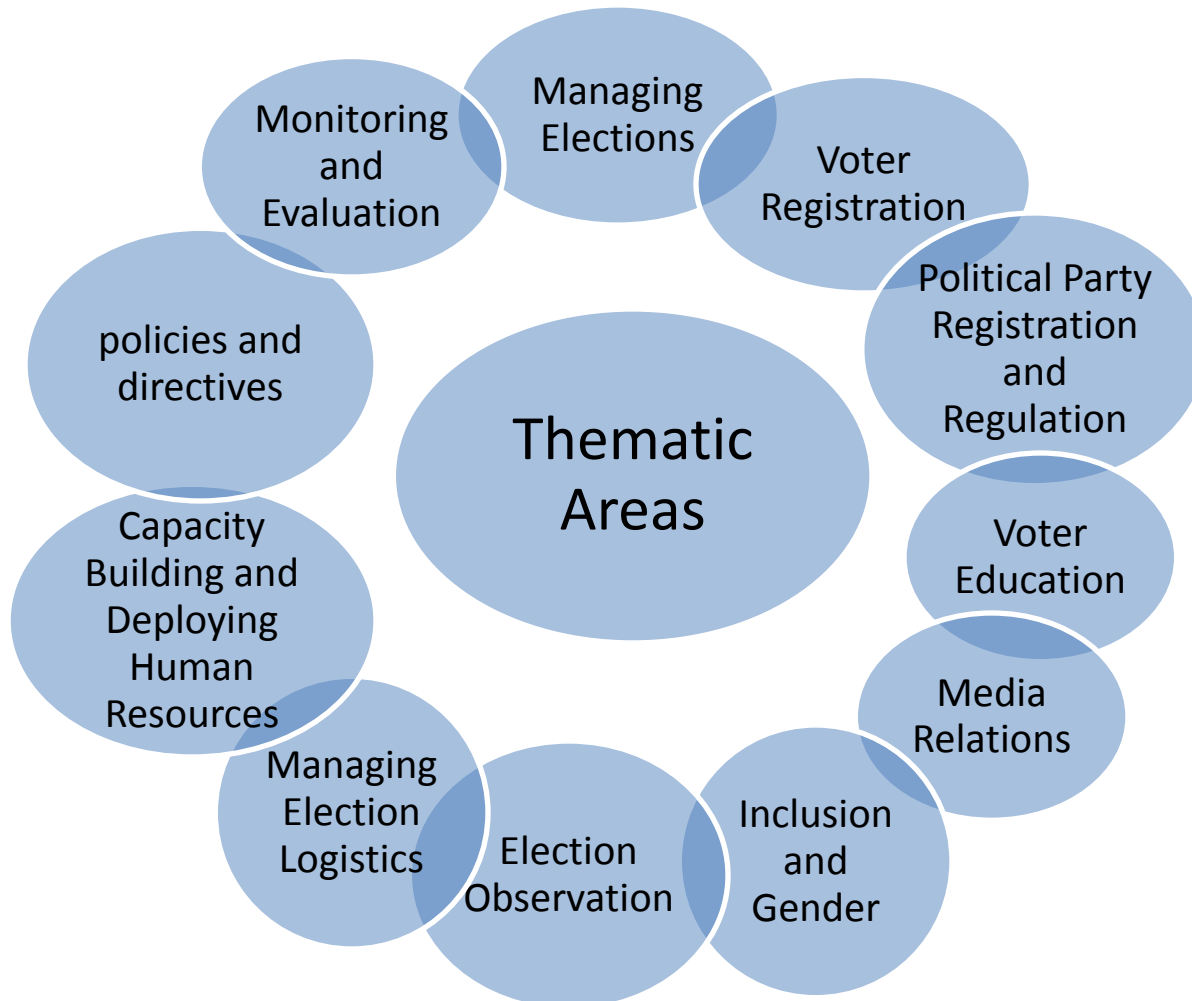
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Legal backing of the ECN

- Election Commission Act, 2007
- Electoral Roll Act, 2007
- Election (Offence and Punishment) Act, 2007
- Constituent Assembly Court Act, 2008
- Political Party Registration Act,
- Local Election Act
- Constituent Assembly Election Ordinance, 2013,



Thematic areas of ECN's functions





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Some achievements of the ECN

- Has a clear set of vision, mission, objectives and principles
- Efficiently conducted two Constituent Assembly Elections in 2008 and in 2013,
- Drastic change in voter registration system
 - From a paper-based, periodic, manual system to the new biometric-based continuous system



Some achievements (continued)

- Adoption of modern technology
 - Digital registration, online checking of voter roll
 - Geographical information system
 - The only public institution in Nepal to have fully computer friendly officials
- Established an Electoral Education and Information Center (EEIC)
 - With a mini-theater, interactive learning rooms, mock-election environment, training, knowledge management
- Social Inclusion
 - Gender Policy
 - Voter education materials in over 30 languages
 - Disabled-friendly voter education and voting.



Voter Registration

- Began new voter registration system (biometric-based) after CAE, 2008
- Voter roll of 12.2 million voters finalized for CAE, 2013
 - Repeated visits to voters' doorsteps (VDC/ward offices) to finalize the voter roll
- Temporary voter ID cards distributed based on this biometric voter roll
- Nepal Government expected to distribute national ID cards



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Glimpses of the voter registration





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The Constituent Assembly Election, November 19, 2013

- 130 political parties registered, 122 contested the PR race
- 12.2 million voters registered, with a turnout of 78.34% (FPTP) and 79.82% (PR)
- Over 217,456 persons trained, about 100,000 volunteers deployed across Nepal
- 64 types of election materials, training and voter education materials delivered across the country
- Voter education at its best
 - Number of voter education materials produced, including in regional languages
 - Human interface utilized in addition to traditional mass media and display media
 - Special voter education program in areas having above 6 % or above invalid vote in CAE, 2008



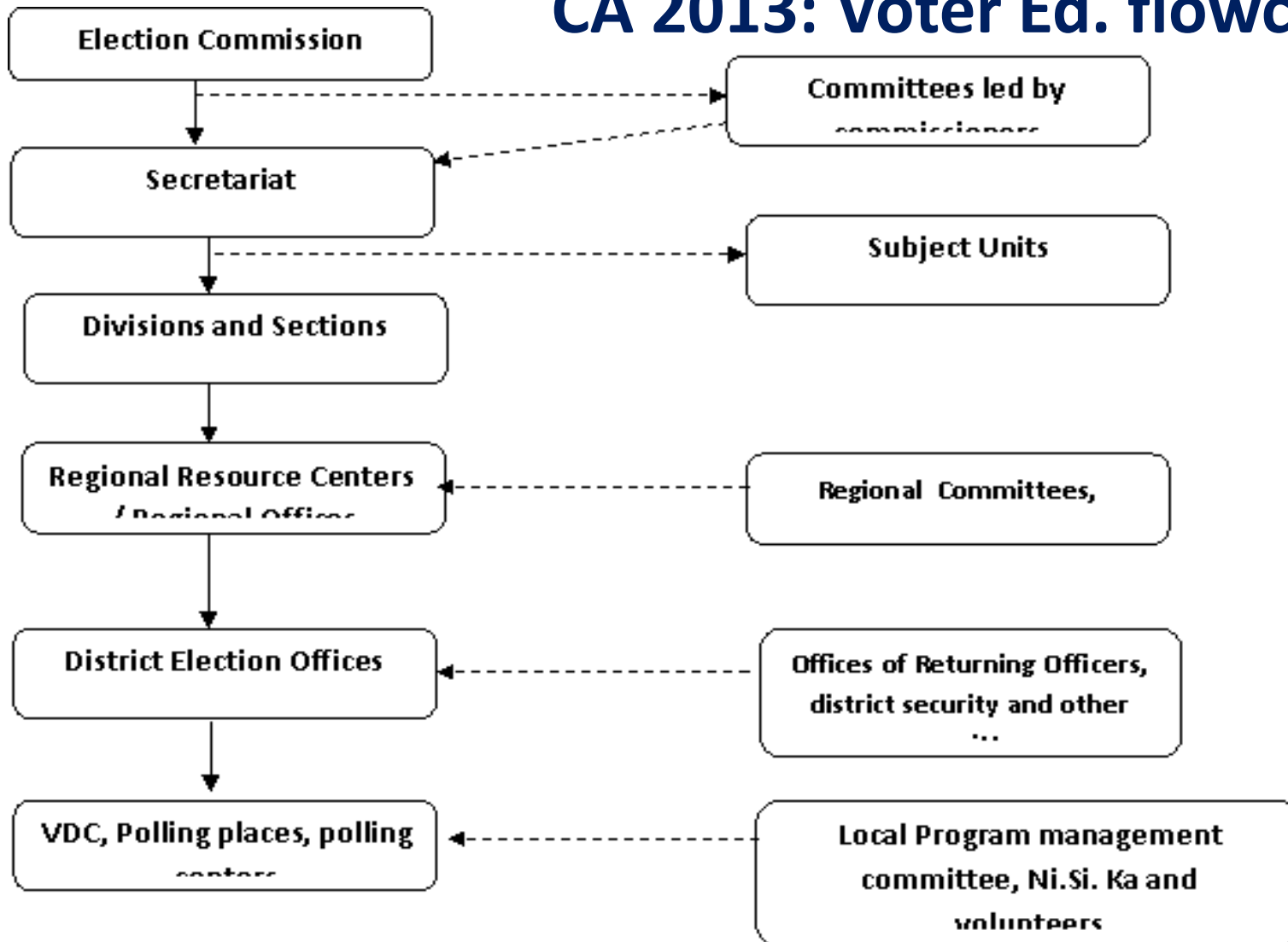
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Structural Set up for participation

- Establish and running of EEIC
- Media Center
- Call Center and social media networking
- JEOC(Joint Election Operation center)
- Observation resource center
- Coordination committees
- Central, Regional, District and Local institutions and Committees



CA 2013: Voter Ed. flowchart





Electoral Stakeholders

- Political parties -130
- Voters-12.2 million
- Security Agencies(Nepal Army, Nepal police, APF,NID)
- Government Agencies-26 Ministries
- Observers-54 institution (3 International)
- Doners /International Community -45 organization










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Stakeholders.....

- Media-840 print, 472 Radios, 43 TVs
- Judges and Ros-240
- Teachers and students-50000 persons
- Civic Society
- NGOs/INGOs
- PWDs, Ethnic minorities and gender
- Corporate Business Houses
- Professionals and Actors











The Model, Method and Technique Applied

-  Interaction
-  Meeting
-  Workshop
-  Seminar
-  Symposium
-  Exhibition
-  Training



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Technique Applied...

-  Concert
-  Outreach
-  Street Drama
-  Movie, Documentary, Tele Drama , Docu Drama
-  Jingle, PSA, Miking
-  Local Cultural program
-  Essay, Quize, Debate,
-  Electoral Education at School and College



Technique Applied...

- Using Science and Technology(GIS, GPS, Event Tracking, Online Checking) to Social Technology(Mobilizing local traditional and religious leader)
- Starting to use Official Social network (Face book, Twitter)



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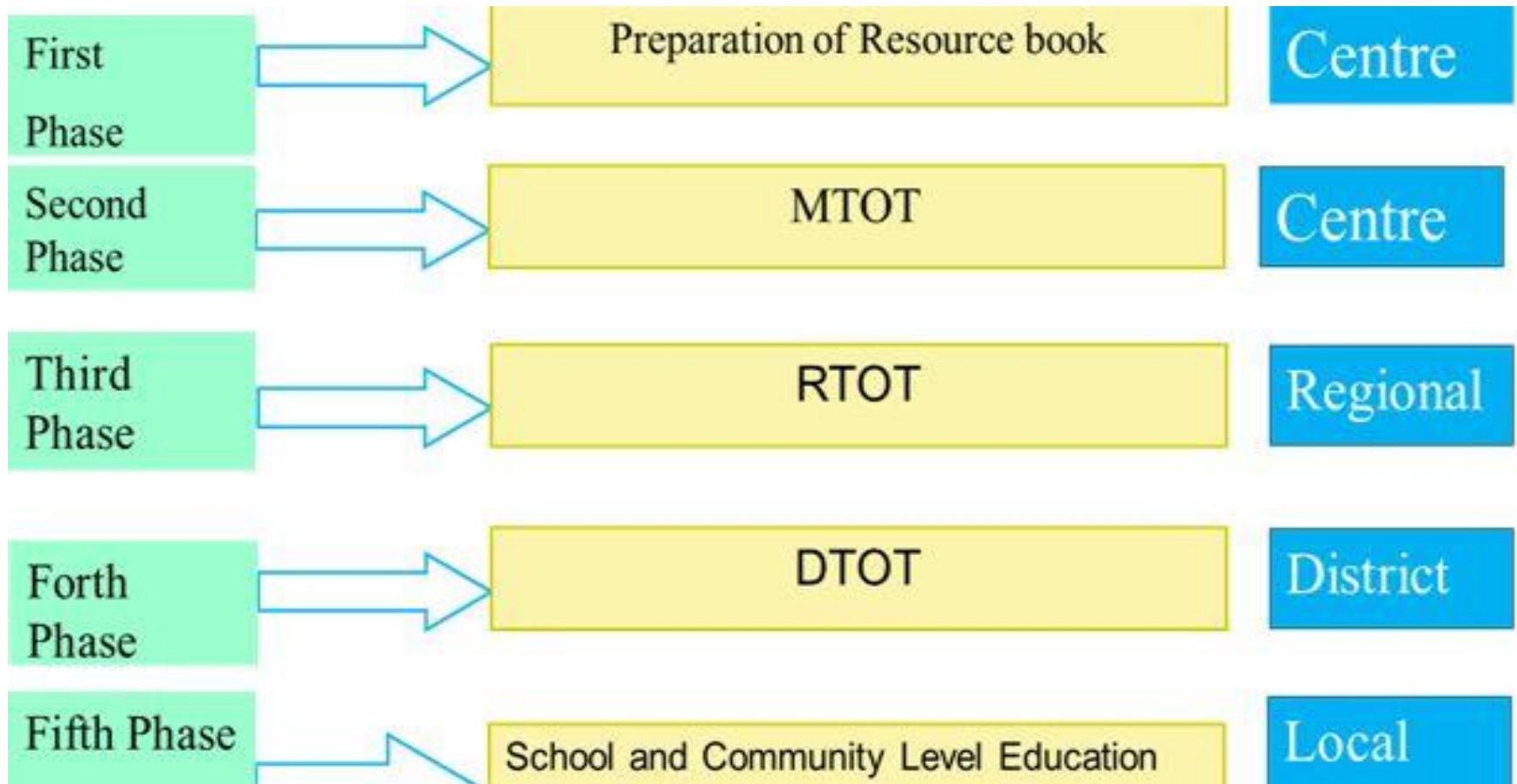
CAE 2013: Capacity Building

- Cascaded/individual training programs on:
 - Election and Media-2667
 - Election Security-188,800 persons
 - Election Logistics and Financial Management-1003 persons
 - Voter Education-31442 persons
 - Election Management-262 persons
 - Polling and Counting-276,948
 - Ballot Paper Production Monitoring-40 persons
 - Election Observation-31506 (International 249)



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CAE 2013: Cascaded training model





CAE 2013: Voter Education

- ❑ Human interface utilized
 - ❑ 15,000 VE volunteers & 15,000 supervisors and coordinators deployed
 - ❑ Street drama and special programs (in places showing high invalid vote: 6 % and above) in 71 Constituencies
- ❑ Extensive use of Print Media
 - ❑ Flip chart, posters, FAQ, Volunteer's Guidebook, Volunteer's Resource book, voter education handbook, PSAs on dailies, use of various regional languages
- ❑ Extensive use of Electronic Media
 - ❑ TV PSAs, Radio PSAs and jingles, documentary, TV series, bill boards, LED displays, ATM displays, Cinema advertising, Shopping mall displays, SMS and drama on national and local radio and TV stations



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CAE 2013: Voter Education





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Voters queuing to vote in the hilly district of Mustang





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What Next ?

- ❑ Continue of VE, CE, EE
- ❑ Mobile Van
- ❑ Out reach Education
- ❑ VE through political party leader



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