

ELECTION COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN

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Islamabad, the 21st September, 2016: The Election Commission of Pakistan formed 102 District Voter Education Committees (DVECs), with the purpose to motivate the local committees for their active participation in Electoral Process. Considering the gap of 11 million between male and female voter and ongoing voter registration and voters' verification process across the country, the Election Commission of Pakistan has started training of DVEC members i.e. District Election Commissioners (DECs) and Elections Officers (EOs) w.e.f 20th September, 2016 to enhance the voter's participation in the upcoming General Elections – 2018. These DECs will then train the other members of the DVEC. The DVEC will comprise of the following:

- District Election Commissioner (Chairman)
- Representative from DC/DCO office (Member)
- Community Development or Social Welfare Department (Member)
- Representative of Local Government Department (Member)
- Representatives of the Education and health Departments (Member)
- Representatives from Political Parties (Member)
- CSOs (including Youth, Women, Minorities and People with disabilities) (Member)

2. The training will be completed on 20th October, 2016. The DVEC will be responsible for planning and carrying out the voter education activities and will coordinate with District Administration, Local Media, Education Institutes, Civil Society Organizations and Political Parties for their effective execution. Furthermore the DVEC will compile the quarterly report regarding voter education activities and will share the same with the voter education focal persons at Provincial Election Commissioners Offices all over Pakistan.
