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## Second Specialized Training for African Union Election Observers in Rabat, Morocco



The Political Affairs, Peace and Security (PAPS) Department of the African Union Commission (AUC) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates of the Kingdom of Morocco jointly organized the Second Specialized Training for African Union Election Observers from 23 to 26 May 2023, in line with the African Union Election Observation Methodology to enhance the continental institution's capacity to observe and monitor democratic elections in Africa. The 50 participants in the training are drawn from all the five regions of the African continent.

The four-day training, which kicked off at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates, in Rabat, Morocco, is held with the main objective to strengthen observers' capacities by equipping them with the necessary innovative technical, efficient mechanisms and tools on elections in order to further contribute to the consolidation of democracy and the rule of law in Africa, in accordance with national, regional and international standards.

In his opening remarks, H.E Ambassador Bankole ADEOYE, Commissioner for PAPS of the AU Commission appreciated the Kingdom of Morocco for hosting the election observers training which is taking place during the week of the celebration of the OAU/AU anniversary. The Commissioner emphasized on the best approaches that democracy offers in the path of promoting the Peace, Security and Development Nexus.

On his part, H.E Nasser BOURITA, Minister of Foreign Affairs, African Cooperation and Moroccan Expatriates, stressed the readiness of the Kingdom of Morocco to enhance the support to the African Union in terms of capacity building, key factor to succeed democracy and political stability in Africa. The Minister emphasized that Morocco will continue to provide the usual support to the other African countries in order to encourage their multidimensional capacity building strategies.

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