

NOTIFICATION

WEBINAR

Challenges and Opportunities for Citizen Observation in Adverse Contexts

I. Webinars

Short on-line gatherings that intend to raise awareness of the EU EOM community about emerging issues and also to respond to the high level of interest in receiving more information on areas of rapidly developing methodology. Typically, EODS Webinars will last up to 90 minutes and an expert on the relevant field will be invited as keynote speaker.

This webinar is co-organised with the African Election Observers Network (AfEONet).

II. When

3 September 2025, (3:00 – 4:30 PM CET)

III. Speakers

Dr. Sarah Bireete, *Chairperson of East and Horn of Africa Election Observers Network (E-HORN)*

Mr. Samson Itodo, *Executive Director, Yiaga Africa*

IV. Speakers' Bios

Dr. Sarah Bireete – Chair, GNDEM & EHORN

Dr. Sarah Bireete is Chairperson of the Global Network for Domestic Election Monitors (GNDEM) and the East and Horn of Africa Election Observer Network (EHORN), and Executive Director of the Center for Constitutional Governance in Uganda.

A lawyer and human rights defender, she brings extensive expertise in constitutionalism, elections, civic space, and public interest advocacy. She is a prominent voice on governance across national, regional, and international platforms, with a strong commitment to advancing citizen observation and democratic accountability.

Samson Itodo – Executive Director, Yiaga Africa (Nigeria)

Samson Itodo is a leading voice in electoral governance and civic engagement in Africa, with over a decade of experience advancing democratic reforms. As Executive Director of Yiaga Africa and Convener of the Not Too Young To Run Movement, he spearheads citizen-led advocacy for political inclusion and electoral integrity through initiatives like #WatchingTheVote.

He has led election observation missions across Africa and the U.S., advised parliaments, electoral bodies, and civil society, and serves on the Board of Advisors of International IDEA. Recognized globally for his leadership, Samson is a Gates Foundation Goalkeeper and member of the African Union Advisory Group on AI.

V. Format

Online

VI. Language

English

VII. Selection criteria

Limited places available. Priority will be given to individuals with professional experience as CT or LTO members of EU EOMs. Interested people with experience in other election observation or assistance institutions will also be considered.

VIII. Deadline for the registration

1 September 2025 (end of day, Brussels Time)

A confirmation email with the relevant Webex link will be sent before the event.

IX. Registration procedure

Interested individuals should complete the registration form online at:

<http://www.eods.eu/application>