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CANADEM Elections

A guide to everything you need to know about CANADEM's electoral observation programme

Funded by Global Affairs Canada

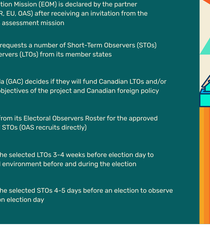
The current project duration is 3 years: 2022 – 2025

In partnership with: OSCE, EU, OAS

CANADEM deploys Canadian citizens to Electoral Observation Missions (EOMs)

Where they go:

- Missions: **35 EOMs**
- Locations: **28 countries**
- Observers: **242 Canadians**



How the process works

- An Election Observation Mission (EOM) is declared by the partner agency (OSCE ODIHR, EU, OAS) after receiving an invitation from the host country and an assessment mission
- The partner agency requests a number of Short-Term Observers (STOs) and Long-Term Observers (LTOs) from its member states
- Global Affairs Canada (GAC) decides if they will fund Canadian LTOs and/or STOs based on the objectives of the project and Canadian foreign policy
- CANADEM recruits from its Electoral Observers Roster for the approved number of LTOs and STOs (OAS recruits directly)
- CANADEM deploys the selected LTOs 3-4 weeks before election day to observe the political environment before and during the election
- CANADEM deploys the selected STOs 4-5 days before an election to observe the voting process on election day

Breakdown of the latest EOMs

Hungary
- Parliamentary Elections
- April 3rd, 2022
- OSCE ODIHR
- 6 STOs

Bosnia and Herzegovina
- General Election
- Oct. 2nd, 2022
- OSCE ODIHR
- 14 STOs, 2 LTOs

Bulgaria
- Early Parliamentary Elections
- Oct. 2nd, 2022
- OSCE ODIHR
- 25 STOs

Kazakhstan
- Presidential Election
- Nov. 20th, 2022
- OSCE ODIHR
- 15 STOs

Kazakhstan
- Parliamentary Elections
- March 19th, 2023
- OSCE ODIHR
- 19 STOs

Montenegro
- Presidential Election
- March 19th, 2023
- OSCE ODIHR
- 4 STOs

Bulgaria
- Parliamentary Elections
- April 2nd, 2023
- OSCE ODIHR
- 10 STOs

Paraguay
- General Elections
- April 30th, 2023
- European Union
- 2 STOs, 1 LTO

Albania
- Local Elections
- May 14th, 2023
- OSCE ODIHR
- 5 STOs, 1 LTO

Türkiye
- General Election
- May 14th, 2023
- OSCE ODIHR
- 21 STOs, 2 LTOs

Montenegro
- Parliamentary Elections
- June 11th, 2023
- OSCE ODIHR
- 3 STOs

Sierra Leone
- General Election
- June 24th, 2023
- European Union
- 2 STOs, 1 LTO

Guatemala
- General Election
- June 25th, 2023
- European Union
- 2 STOs, 1 LTO

Guatemala
- General Election
- June 25th, 2023
- Organization of American States
- 6 STOs

Uzbekistan
- Early Presidential Election
- July 9th, 2023
- OSCE ODIHR
- 2 STOs

Guatemala
- General Election 2nd Round
- Aug 20th, 2023
- Organization of American States
- 4 STOs

Ecuador
- General Election rounds 1 & 2
- Aug. 20th & Oct 15th, 2023
- Organization of American States
- 5 STOs/6 STOs

Zimbabwe
- General Election
- Aug. 23rd, 2023
- European Union
- 1 STO, 1 LTO

Maldives
- Presidential Election
- Sep. 9th, 2023
- European Union
- 1 STO

Liberia
- General Election
- Oct. 10th, 2023
- European Union
- 1 STO, 1 LTO

Poland
- General Election
- Oct. 15th, 2023
- OSCE ODIHR
- 3 LTOs

Moldova
- Local Elections
- Nov. 5th, 2023
- OSCE ODIHR
- 5 STOs, 2 LTOs

Serbia
- Early Parliamentary Elections
- Dec. 17th, 2023
- OSCE ODIHR
- 10 STOs

Azerbaijan
- Presidential Election
- Feb. 7th, 2024
- OSCE ODIHR
- 5 STOs

Colombia
- General Election
- Oct. 29th, 2023
- OAS
- 2 STOs

Senegal
- Presidential Election
- March 24th, 2024
- EU
- 1 STO, 1 LTO

El Salvador
- General Election
- Feb. 4th, 2024
- OAS
- 6 STOs

North Macedonia
- Presidential & Parliamentary Apr. 25th & May 15th, 2024
- OSCE ODIHR
- 10 STOs, 1 LTO

Panama
- General Election
- May 5th, 2024
- OAS
- 2 STOs

Mozambique
- General Election
- Oct. 9th, 2024
- EU
- 2 STOs, 1 LTO

Georgia
- Parliamentary Election
- Oct. 26th, 2024
- OSCE ODIHR
- 5 STOs, 2 LTOs

Moldova
- Presidential Election
- Oct. 20th, 2024
- OSCE ODIHR
- 5 STOs, 2 LTOs

Moldova
- Presidential Election 2nd Round
- Nov. 3rd, 2024
- OSCE ODIHR
- 3 STOs

Ecuador
- General Election
- Feb. 9th, 2025
- EU
- 1 STO, 1 LTO

Kosovo
- Parliamentary Election
- Feb. 9th, 2025
- EU
- 1 STO

Philippines
- General Election
- May 12th, 2025
- EU
- 2 STOs

Albania
- Parliamentary Election
- May 11th, 2025
- OSCE ODIHR
- 2 STOs

CANADEM plans to continue deploying election observers to OSCE ODIHR, EU, and OAS electoral observation missions through 2025 and beyond

CANADEM's EOM Partner Missions

CANADEM has deployed most of its observers to the OSCE ODIHR - but the others are catching up!

- OSCE ODIHR: 18
- EU: 11
- OAS: 6

Why do we do this?

The objective of this programme is to promote democracy and support for electoral rights worldwide, including the rights of women, minorities and Indigenous Peoples, through the deployment of Canadian observers to international EOMs.

Who can be an election observer?

You don't need to be an elections expert to be a **Short-Term Observer**! You just need to be a Canadian citizen, over the age of 18, and have a commitment to democratic values, peace, and human rights around the world.

Long-Term Observers usually have a few STO deployments under their belt.

What are the qualities of a good election observer?

Ideal election observers have:

- An ability to think quickly, adapt to new situations, and live and work in difficult, fast-paced environments
- Cultural and gender sensitivity, and excellent interpersonal skills
- A strong commitment to democracy and free & fair elections for all people
- Domestic election experience is an asset, but not a requirement

Observers are recruited based on these factors and selected observer teams are **gender balanced** and reflect the diversity of Canada across ages, regions, with an emphasis on ensuring the representation of **visible minorities** and **Indigenous Canadians**.

Are election observers paid?

Short-Term Observers are volunteers, but all expenses are covered by CANADEM and the partner agency.

Long-Term Observers are paid a daily fee for their work and their expenses are covered by CANADEM and the partner agency.

Do you want to be an election observer?

For more information on election observation and to register as a candidate click the link below!

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