



ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF SOUTH AFRICA
ENSURING FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS

COLLOQUIUM

THEME: “OUR PERSONAL INFORMATION MATTERS – PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION, AN ESSENTIAL REQUIREMENT FOR FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS IN THE DIGITAL ERA”

DATE: 30 JANUARY 2020

TIME: 08H00

VENUE: PREMIER HOTEL MIDRAND

PROGRAMME

TIME	ITEM	RESPONSIBLE PERSON
08H00-09H00	SESSION 1: REGISTRATION	ALL
SESSION 2: PROGRAMME DIRECTOR: FACILITATOR		
09H00-09H10	Welcome Remarks	Chairperson of the Information Regulator (Regulator): Adv. Pansy Tlakula and Chairperson of the Electoral Commission (Commission): Mr Glen Mashinini
09h10-09h20	The Objective of the Colloquium	Adv. Pansy Tlakula
09h20-09h35	Overview of the relevant provisions of the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013 (POPIA)	Adv. Collen Weapond
09h35-10h00	Discussions	ALL
10h00-10h15	Does section 3(2) (a) of POPIA take precedence over the provisions of the Electoral Act 73 of 1998 (EA)	Regulator and Commission
10h15-10h30	Discussion	ALL

10h30-11h00	Compliance of section 16(1) and (2) of the EA and the Voter Registration Regulations with the conditions for the lawful processing of personal information. Does section 15(1) and (2) of the EA provide a justifiable reason for non-compliance with the conditions for lawful processing of the personal information of a voter in the compilation and maintenance of the National Common Voters' Roll	Regulator and Commission
11H00-11H30	COFFEE BREAK	ALL
11H30-12H00	DISCUSSIONS	ALL
12H00-12H15	Compliance of section 91(2)(b) of the Electoral Act 73 of 1998 and the first part of section 5(1) (e) of the Electoral Commission Act 51 of 1996 with POPIA-	Regulator and Commission
12H15-12H30	DISCUSSIONS	ALL
SESSION 3: PROGRAMME DIRECTOR: FACILITATOR		
12H30-13H00	The use of personal information of voters by political parties for campaigning purpose and the possibility of the compilation and issuance of a Code of Conduct for the lawful processing of personal information of a voter by political parties for campaigning purposes	Regulator and Commission
13H00-14H00	LUNCH	
14H00-14H20	The impact of fake news, misinformation, disinformation and social media bots on the freeness and fairness of elections- measures taken by social media companies	Facebook and Google
14H20-14H45	DISCUSSIONS	ALL
14h45-15h00	The use of cyber security to ensure the protection of personal information of voters information	Regulator
15h00-15h30	DISCUSSIONS	ALL
15H30-16H00	WAY FORWARD AND CONCLUDING REMARKS	Regulator and Commission
16H00-16H15	VOTE OF THANKS	Regulator