The BRIDGE Newsletter

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BRIDGE Partner meeting

The BRIDGE Partners will be meeting on 28 June 2017 in New York, USA. The BRIDGE partner representatives from the AEC, UNDP, UNEAD, International IDEA and IFES will be meeting to discuss the progress and status of BRIDGE Version 3 curriculum, the BRIDGE website, BRIDGE and ACE synergies, translations of BRIDGE V3 modules and BRIDGE promotion and outreach. If members of BRIDGE community would like to raise any issues for discussion at the Partners meeting, please contact the BRIDGE Office via: projectoffice@bridge-project.org

BRIDGE Workshops coming up

- CEC Moldova, CCET Moldova and UNDP Moldova will be running 4 workshops in June on Gender and Elections

Keep an eye out for publications to the BRIDGE website and follow us on Facebook.

BRIDGE Version 3 (V3) Curriculum

A few of you have now had a chance to use the new modules and any feedback would be appreciated. The French translations of the Strategic Planning for Electoral Management Module, the Facilitation Manual and the Version 3 structure have now been uploaded to the website. The BRIDGE Partners are working hard with the update of the BRIDGE curricula and are excited to inform the BRIDGE community that several BRIDGE Version 3 modules are in the pipelines and will be launched in the coming months. The next module released will be the new Electoral Education and Information module, the Electoral Education and Information module is a merge of the V2 BRIDGE modules on Voter Information and Civic Education. It examines the definitions, rationale and principles that underpin voter information, civic and electoral education and the considerations that need to be taken into account when developing and implementing electoral education and information programs. The module aims to provide a framework and methodology for EMBs, educational institutions and CSOs to develop focused and cost effective voter information and/or civic and electoral education programs, based on the needs of the participants.

The Electoral Education and Information module will be available on the BRIDGE website in July!

Other upcoming modules are:

- Operational Planning (new module!)
- Media and Elections (updated)
- Boundary Delimitation (updated)

Let us know your thoughts! Email us at projectoffice@bridge-project.org
The BRIDGE Office loves receiving emails and reports advising us of the outcomes of workshops delivered throughout the world. It gives us an opportunity to showcase them on the Website for the BRIDGE Community and anyone who has an interest in elections. Once facilitators complete a workshop please remember to send in your reports and photos to ensure that the whole BRIDGE community gets the opportunity to see the great work that our facilitators do for the countries they are working in.

Email to: projectoffice@bridge-project.org

Note: The number of workshops only reflect 6 months of 2017.
Facilitator profile

Name: Theophilus Dowetin
Organisation: Electoral Leadership Institute
Country: Ghana
Facilitator category: Expert Level

What BRIDGE workshops have you facilitated in, in the last 2 years?
Nigeria: Feb. 3 – 5, 2015

Togo: April 6 – 8, 2015

Burkina Faso: June 23 - 25, 2015

La Cote d’Ivoire: August 11 – 13, 2015

DRC: January 15 - 31, 2016

Mali: March 24 – 25, 2016


Senegal: April 26 – 28, 2016

DRC: May 31 – June 4, 2016

DRC: June 29 - July 20, 2016

Mali: October 14 – 16, 2016

Tanzania: 30th January to 10th February 2017

Nigeria: 19 – 31 March 2017

Somaliland: 22 – 24 May 2017

What do you like the most about being a BRIDGE facilitator?
Meeting people from different countries; getting participants to do most of the work and yet lots of praises are heaped on the facilitator as if he is the most intelligent and knowledgeable person in the elections world.

What are your hobbies and interests?
Traveling to see new places – so I have sometimes facilitated trainings for no fee (pro bono) because it will afford me the opportunity to see new places.

Tell us about a time in your BRIDGE journey that stands out in your memory.
Every BRIDGE training has been very memorable but my best was a training in Malabo where the participants were Supreme Court judges, ambassadors, ministers and chief directors and the training was officially opened by the Vice Prime Minister.

Anything else you would like to share
One character of a facilitator is humility, flexibility and adaptability. A facilitator should not always expect to conduct trainings at or stay in a 5-Star environment. I have facilitated training at places where there was no running water, no air conditioners and no regular electricity but the most important thing for me is when participants and institutions thank me from the depth of their heart for supporting their electoral process.
Fun with BRIDGE
Accomplishments

The BRIDGE partners and the BRIDGE Office would like to congratulate the following people that have completed the Train the Facilitator workshop!

TtF Complete
Ali Nur Hussein
Kaburia Edwin Mwangi
Adan Harar Noor
Justus Mutiso Mbithi
Joel N Onchwati
Benson Esuza
Lilian Okoth
Katitia Melita David
Thomas K Ngetich
Milliam W Gachihi
Elizabeth Aloo Omolo
Festus M Mucheke
Patrick Gatuma
Peter Ndirangu Kuria
Wario Ibrahim Ali
Juliet W Murimi
Alfred K Ronoh
Silas Rotich
Chebet Fridah
Mark Manco Gikaro
Peter Resa
Kerebi Maureen Oyaro
Muthee P Gakuru
Dickson Kwanusu
David Mbu
Gogo Albert Nguma
Evalyn Joyce Asiko
Kassim Kaema
John Cox Lorionokou
Beatrice Muli
Patrick O Wanyama
Moustapha Balde
Mamady Kaba
Georges Zaoro Mamy

Nounkoumba Sy
David Le Notre
Francis Buhendwa Rushinga
Lansana Yansane
Mohamed Chérif Haidara
Mmoh Dopavogui
Aboubacar Sidiki Keita
Sekou Dore
Samouka Berete
Mata Gadjigo
Sekouna Keita
Amadou Tidiane Barry
Ibrahima Beavogui
Lansana Traore
Lansana 2 Camara
Amadou Diakite
Sitan Mamoudou Conde
Michel Jeannette Tolno
El Hadj Sanoussy Dansoko
Kadiatou Diallo
Assiatou Diallo
Kabinet Fofana
Lansinet Magassouba
Mory Toure
Ibrahima Sory Kaba
Aboubacar N'Diaye
Marie Helene Koivogui
David Njoka Warui
Lucy Wachuka Ndungu
Seif Salim Juma
Neema Ferdinand Lusito
Agness Macha
Ndikumana Kiromezi Barnabe
Alice Njimbere
Henry Byomugisha

Jennifer Somali Angeyo
Benoit Bihamiriza
Didacus Kaguta
Patrice Mulama
Ethel Sirengo
Barbara Kaboha
Roselyn Kagaruki
Tereza Tandi Mnondwa
Marie-Madeleine Nkouet-Hoornaert
Bernard Kpongaba
Julius Rufin Ngouade-Baba
Richard Gueret-Gbagba
Rene Sakanga Mourouba
Bernard Voyemakoa
Cecile Bozanga-Koyaga
Dieudonne Gervais Ndjourou
Huguette Ndindy
Serges Christian Dah
Ginette Nathalie Magale
Ruben Mongonou-Ngoya
Erick Kongbo
Guy-Jose Ndarata
Gatien Yamokoy
Alain-Blaise Bissialo
Amelia Eleonore Asshenguy
Clotaire Loutomo
Philippe Dongombe Wilikon
Linet Odilon
Thierry Zeneth
Ndoidet Doungou L. Virginie
Ysoline Rekoundet
Aline-Passiri Berthe
Gerick Natuel Kambi
Princess Dhedet-Lanza
Ibrahim Sallet Nagbia
Bernadette Odile Ngbakongo
Bah Mohamed
Facilitator Accreditations

The BRIDGE partners and the BRIDGE Office would like to congratulate the following people that have become BRIDGE Workshop and Accrediting Facilitators!

**Workshop**
- Kazi Shahidul Islam
- Sanda Oumarou Kadri
- Abdou Marietou Amadou
- Saidou Nourou Dia
- Kanny Soumano
- Nafiou Wada
- Ibrahim Boube
- Raphaelle Jeorveline Barreau
- Meline Lofficial
- Bernatho Colas
- Elias Malima
- Rafiki Kiravu
- Spartacus Kabala Munyemo
- Etienne Soropogui
- Muhammad Sabaar Ghwauly
- Dawood Khudhair
- Imad Mohsin
- Francis Buhendwa Rushinga
- Camille Rouaud
- Shamiso Barbara Chahuruva
- Muhammad Qasim Janjua
- Babar Malik
- Nazar Abbas
- Qayyum Abdul
- Naeem Ahmed
- Salma Hassan
- Yousuf Muhammad
- Nighat Siddique
- Wahid Abdul
- Seray Jah
- Uloma Osualu
- Obaje M Ukeh
- Teboho Nalane
- Thato Patience Moeti

**Accrediting**
- Irfan Kausar
- Asif Ali Yasin
- Lluis Juan Rodriguez
- Alessandra Rossi
- Utloile (Sly) Silaigwana
- Abdoul Latif Haidara
- Rabiatou Diaby
- Roch Mayassi
- Oumoul Khairy Cherif
- Alpha Mamadou Bah
- Mohamed Saidou Bangoura
- Odile Wane Conde
- Constant Robert Belizaire
- Pierre Kourouma
- Ousmane Diarra
- Ekouevi Eucher Eku-Koevanu
- Emmanuel Gnan Keamene
- Mamy
- Abdourahaman Camara
- Mohamed Daye Kaba
- Fatoumata Diaraye Sow
- Abdoulaye Jho Diagne
- Mamadou Lamarana Bah
- Mory Toure
- Kande Hadja Saran Samoura
- Mamadou Thiam
- Fatoumata Yarie Simbaly
- Moise Kasongo Ngoy
- Abdoul Latif Haidara
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Wouldn't it be embarrassing if the Partners did not approve your workshop for some reason and you were unable to proceed? Perhaps you have not allowed enough time (preferably a minimum of 10 days) for the Partner approval process? Remember the BRIDGE rule in regards to time frames allocated for event approvals.

As facilitators and implementers it is your joint responsibility to lodge the event notification to the BRIDGE Office, allowing enough time for BRIDGE Partners to consult with country advisors and each other.

All events, whether or not they have Partner or EMB involvement, are to be registered with the BRIDGE Office. If the BRIDGE Office is not advised, you risk the event not being considered a BRIDGE workshop. We also need to know so that our records are accurate and we can have a clear picture of what is happening in the BRIDGE world over the year. If we are not recording the workshop then we are also not reflecting all the wonderful work that is being done out there by you!