

The Framework for Holding Elections in Yemen

Sana'a, 27 November 2008

Sheraton Hotel

Agenda

9:00 Registration

First Session 9:15 – 10:15 Welcome and Keynote Speeches

9:15 Opening Address by HRITC and DRI

9:30 Keynote Speech Khaled Al-Sharif, Head of the Supreme Commission for Elections and Referenda (INVITED)

9:50 Address by Dr. Michael Reuss, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of the Federal Republic of Germany (Project Donor)

10:00 Explanation of the Agenda and Practicalities (DRI/HRITC)

10:15 Coffee Break

Second Session 10:45 – 13:00 Perspectives for the 2009 Elections

Chairperson: Abdulhakeem Al-Sharjabi President of the Transparency and Good Governance Organization

10:45 Reform Needs and the Timetable for the Upcoming Elections, Presentation by Paul O'Grady

Discussion moderated by Paul O'Grady:

11:00 Election Reform before the Next Elections?

12:15 Possible Impact of the Constitutional Amendments on the Elections

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch Break

Third Session: 14:00-15:00 The Electoral Framework

Chair person: Dr. Abdulbary Dougesh ,Member of Parliament

Presentation: DRI/HRITC overview of findings: By Abdo Osman (HRITC) and Ammar Abboud (DRI)

Discussion moderated by Abdo Osman

Fourth Session: 15:00-16:30 The Electoral Framework continued

Chair person: Ezzadin Alasbahi, Chairman HRITC

15:00 Voting, Counting, Aggregation of Results (introductory remarks by Paul O'Grady)

15:30 Complaints and Appeals, Election Observation (introductory remarks by Ammar Abboud)

16:00 Concluding Discussion and Closing Remarks

16:30 – Coffee Break