“How Can I Register to Vote?”

Sudan’s National Elections Commission, or NEC, has provided a registration process to help all eligible voters participate in Sudan’s 2010 National Elections. It may be a bit unfamiliar to you, however, if you have not voted before. Follow these simple steps to get yourself registered:

1. Find the Registration Center closest to you
2. Know the date of voter registration in your area
3. Go to your Registration Center. You must go in person. Men and women must be present to register.
4. Bring a form of identification with you. If you have a National ID, passport, driver’s license, birth certificate, or military identification, bring it with you. If you don’t have one, don’t worry—the NEC has provided ways to register without one.
5. Verify your eligibility. At the Registration Center, the Election Official will ask you the following questions to verify your eligibility:
   - Are you Sudanese? You must be a Sudanese to register to vote
   - Are you 18 years of age? You must be at least 18 years of age to register to vote
   - Do you live here? You must be a resident in the place of registration for at least the last three months
   - Did you register in any other Constituency or any other place? You can only register in one registration center
6. If asked, confirm your identity.
   - The Election Official may ask you to confirm your age, citizenship and residency by providing a piece of identification or by bringing someone to be a witness.
   - Members of the registration team, traditional leaders, religious leaders, sheiks or umdas, or heads of people’s committees can be witnesses.
7. Your registration will be written down. The Election Official will write down your information in the registration book. The information written in the book will include:
   - Your name (4 names)
   - Your age
   - Male or female
   - Your place of residence
8. Get your receipt! The Election Official will also write down your name (4 names) on a piece of paper called a registration receipt. The Official will hand you the registration receipt.
   - Keep your receipt in a safe place as proof that you have registered
9. Check your name and details! When the registration period is finished, the NEC will show the Voters Register in public. Find out when this will happen in your area and then go to check your name and details. Be sure to carry your registration receipt with you.
10. “What if my name does not appear?” If your name is not on the list or if there is a mistake, talk to the Election Official for assistance. Present your registration receipt to the Official.

Take care of your registration receipt and carry it with you to check the Voters Register and to vote on Election Day!

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