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PRESS RELEASE

PREPARATIONS OF ELECTIONS OF SENATORS

Kigali, 30 August 2024

The National Electoral Commission is proceeding with preparations for the election of Senators, which will take place on 16 and 17 September 2024.

Campaigns for the candidates are ongoing across the country, with candidates campaigning to every electoral college in each district. A total of 14 senators will be elected, including the following:

- 12 senators elected in accordance with national administrative entities
- 1 senator from public institutions of higher learning
- 1 senator from private institutions of higher learning

The Chairperson of the National Electoral Commission has announced that preparations have reached a satisfactory stage and has encouraged members of the electoral college to participate in the elections.

She said, "The election of senators is crucial because it ensures that Rwandans choose who represents them in Parliament. The Electoral Commission has compiled all the necessary requirements to ensure that the elections proceed smoothly. The campaigns are progressing well, and we thank the candidates for continuing to follow the law. We encourage members of the electoral college to participate in large numbers so that we continue to strengthen the principle of democracy that Rwandans have chosen."

Besides the senators who must be elected, other senators are appointed as follows:

- 8 senators appointed by the President of the Republic
- 4 senators appointed by the National Consultative Forum of Political Organizations

Important dates in this election period

30 July - 11 August 2024

Receiving candidacies

18 August 2024

Announcing the final list of approved candidacies

26 August - 14 September 2024

Campaigning by candidates

16 September 2024

Election of senators elected according to the administrative entities of the country

17 September 2024

Election of senators representing public and private universities and institutions of higher learning

No later than 29 September 2024

Announcing the final results of the elections