



Call for Applications LOCAL / DOMESTIC OBSERVERS

In order to enhance transparency, credibility and impartiality of Local Government Elections to be held in Guyana on 12 November 2018, the Guyana Elections Commission is pleased to invite:

Local/domestic observer groups to be considered for accreditation to observe
Local Government Elections 2018

All local observer groups should ideally fulfil the following minimum standards:

- Familiarity and experience with electoral laws and procedures;
- Previous experience of election monitoring and/or other relevant experience or know-how and specific training, national and/or international;
- Interpersonal skills (e.g. capacity of balanced judgement, ability to work in teams, ability to cope with difficult situations, respect for diverse attitudes, good communication skills, readiness to work in a multi-cultural environment);
- Ability to maintain professional independence and strict impartiality in the conduct of duties;
- Demonstrated commitment to democracy and human rights;
- Guyanese citizenship.

The application for accreditation as Local Observers must contain the following information:

1. Name, address and contact details of the eligible organisation or group.
2. Name of the head of the eligible organisation or group and evidence of similar past experiences.
3. The type of activity covered by the organisation or group and evidence of similar past experiences.
4. Name and contact details for proposed observers.
5. Official/registration documents etc.
6. The proposed Local Authority Area(s) to observe.

Application by local observer group must be in a prescribed form (**Observer Application Form**) which is available at GECOM website (www.gecom.org). This form must be returned to the Chief Elections Officer by **October 11, 2018**.

The final decision to approve or not approve lies with the Guyana Elections Commission.