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## **Global Practices in Context of Managing and Monitoring Elections**

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## **Editor Submission**

Elections are the cornerstone of democracy, serving as the most effective means of political control. They empower individuals to shape their government by selecting from a pool of political candidates who will chart the course for their collective future. Furthermore, elections enable significant decisions to be made through referendums. The pivotal role of elections in shaping the political landscape has generated substantial global interest. While elections were once solely viewed as a mechanism for determining political power, their significance has evolved significantly. This transformation has been particularly evident since the 43rd American Presidential Elections in 2000, which brought about significant developments. As a result, elections have shifted from the periphery of political and academic discourse to its very core. Their prominence continues to surge, garnering ever-increasing attention worldwide.

In virtually all countries around the world, governments are established through elections, except for those under dictatorships. The world's diverse political and historical backgrounds, along with unique political traditions, have led to the acceptance of various election systems. These differences have resulted in the adoption of different methods and models for conducting elections.

The aim is to ensure that voter preferences are accurately and freely reflected in the results. Therefore, elections require autonomous and institutional structures specific to each democratic country. These structures should be established using democratic methods, equipped with technological infrastructure, and staffed with experts selected based on merit. Importantly, they must operate independently from political influence, safeguarding their social reputation. To achieve truly fair and free elections, it is imperative that the institutions and boards responsible for managing and overseeing elections possess effective mechanisms for management and supervision. The nature of election management and supervision activities varies from one country to another, primarily due to differences in the election management and supervision models adopted by these countries.