# South Sudan Elections

🌐 CSO Roadmap Guide

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# Introduction

This handbook outlines key resolutions from the South Sudan Country Forum, focusing on achieving free and fair elections.

The South Sudan Country Forum (CFO) convened to address critical issues surrounding the roadmap to the next elections in South Sudan. The forum aimed to foster collaboration among civil society organizations (CSOs) and other key stakeholders to ensure a transparent, inclusive, and credible electoral process. This document outlines the key resolutions adopted during the forum, which will guide the collective efforts of CSOs and stakeholders as the country prepares for the next elections.

# Establishment of a CSO Working Platform on the Roadmap to the Next Elections

The forum resolved to create a dedicated platform for civil society organizations (CSOs) to coordinate efforts toward the upcoming elections.

## The Platform Will:

Collaboration
- Knowledge Sharing
- Joint Initiatives

CSO Working Platform for Elections

Inclusivity
- Diverse Voices
- Marginalized Groups

Monitoring
- Progress Tracking
- Election Roadmap
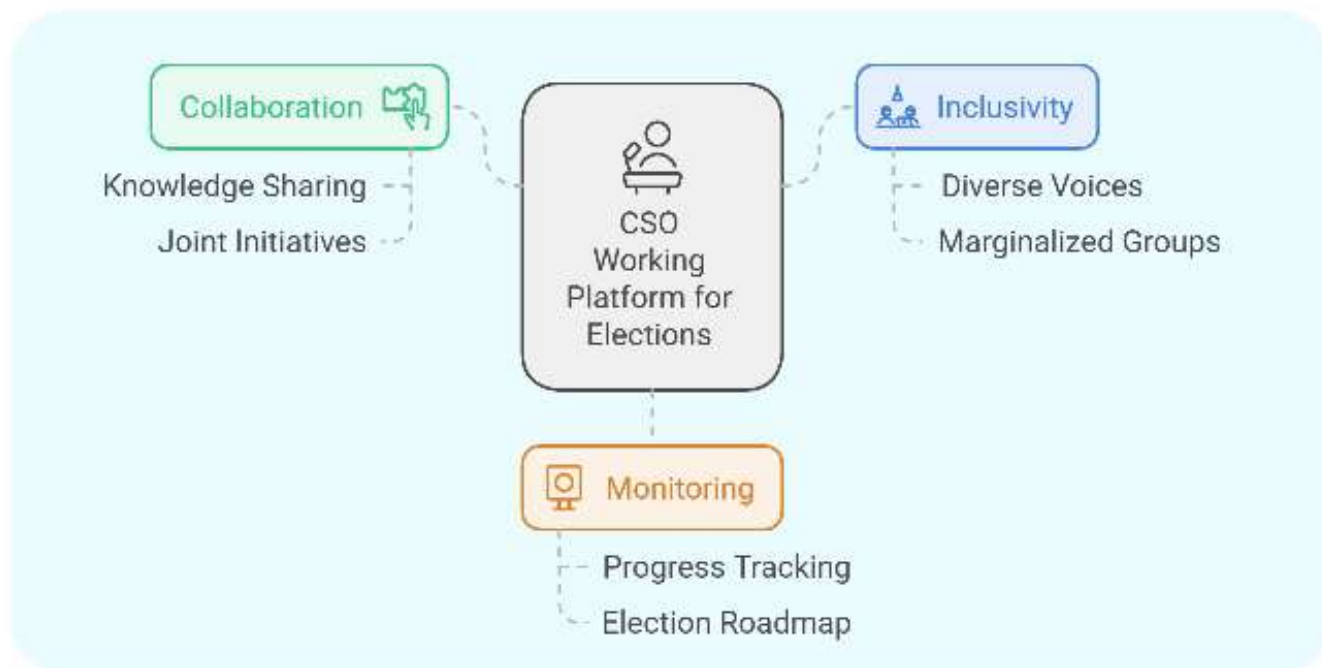
## Continuous Improvement and Alignment in South Sudan

Ensure Alignment

Review Election Road Map

Review the implementation of the 2022/24 Election Road Map to inform advocacy for the development of an alternate roadmap. Use lessons learned to highlight gaps and opportunities for reforms.

Establish Regular Meetings

Convene CSO Working Group

Develop Terms of Reference

# Development of an Alternate Roadmap to the Next Elections

## A Contingency Plan

In response to concerns about the existing electoral roadmap, the forum agreed to draft an alternate roadmap that reflects the priorities and recommendations of civil society. This roadmap will provide a more realistic timeline and highlight necessary steps to ensure credible elections.

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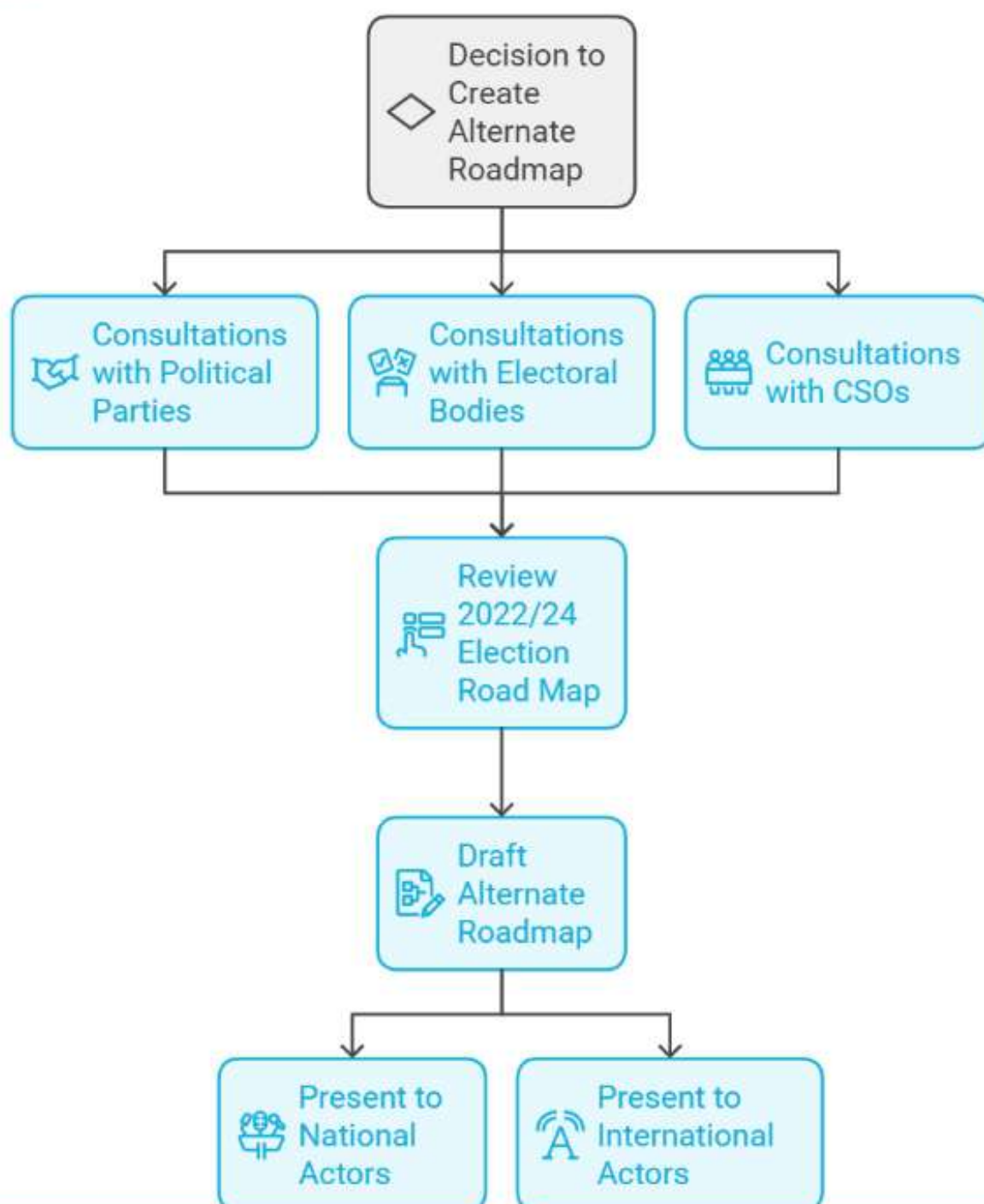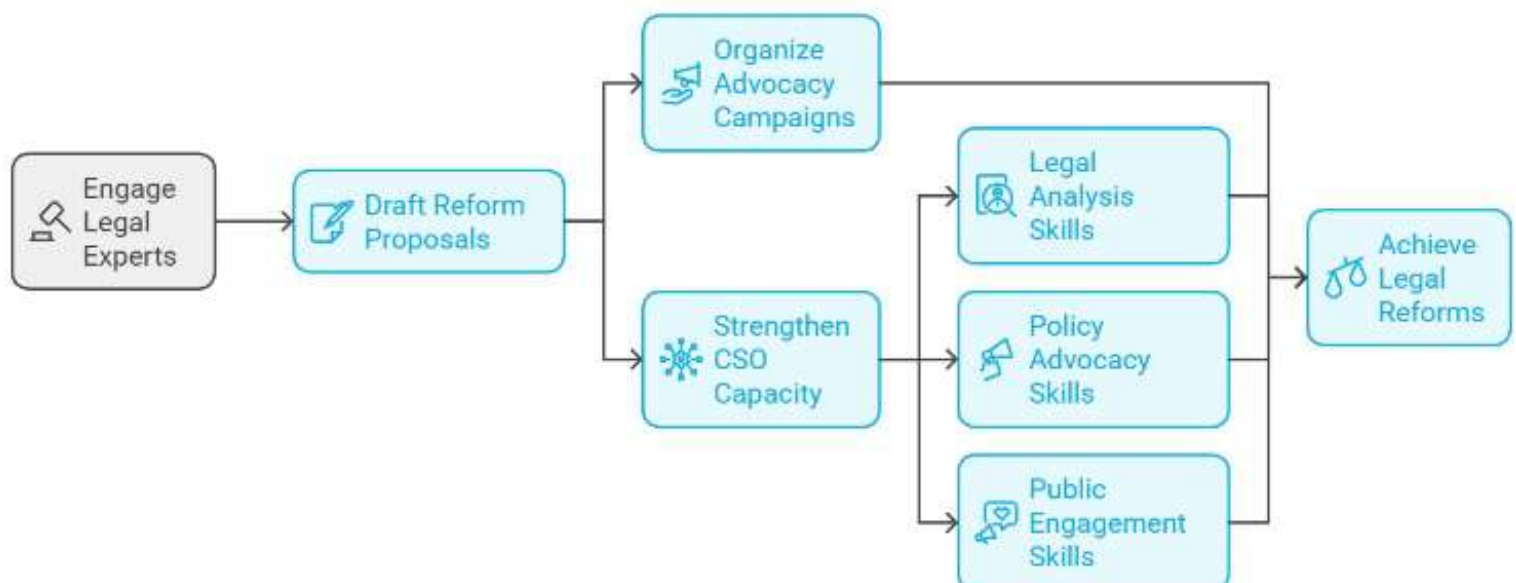
# Setting the Agenda for Minimal Reforms Needed for the Next Elections

The forum identified several key areas where minimal reforms are necessary to guarantee free and fair elections.
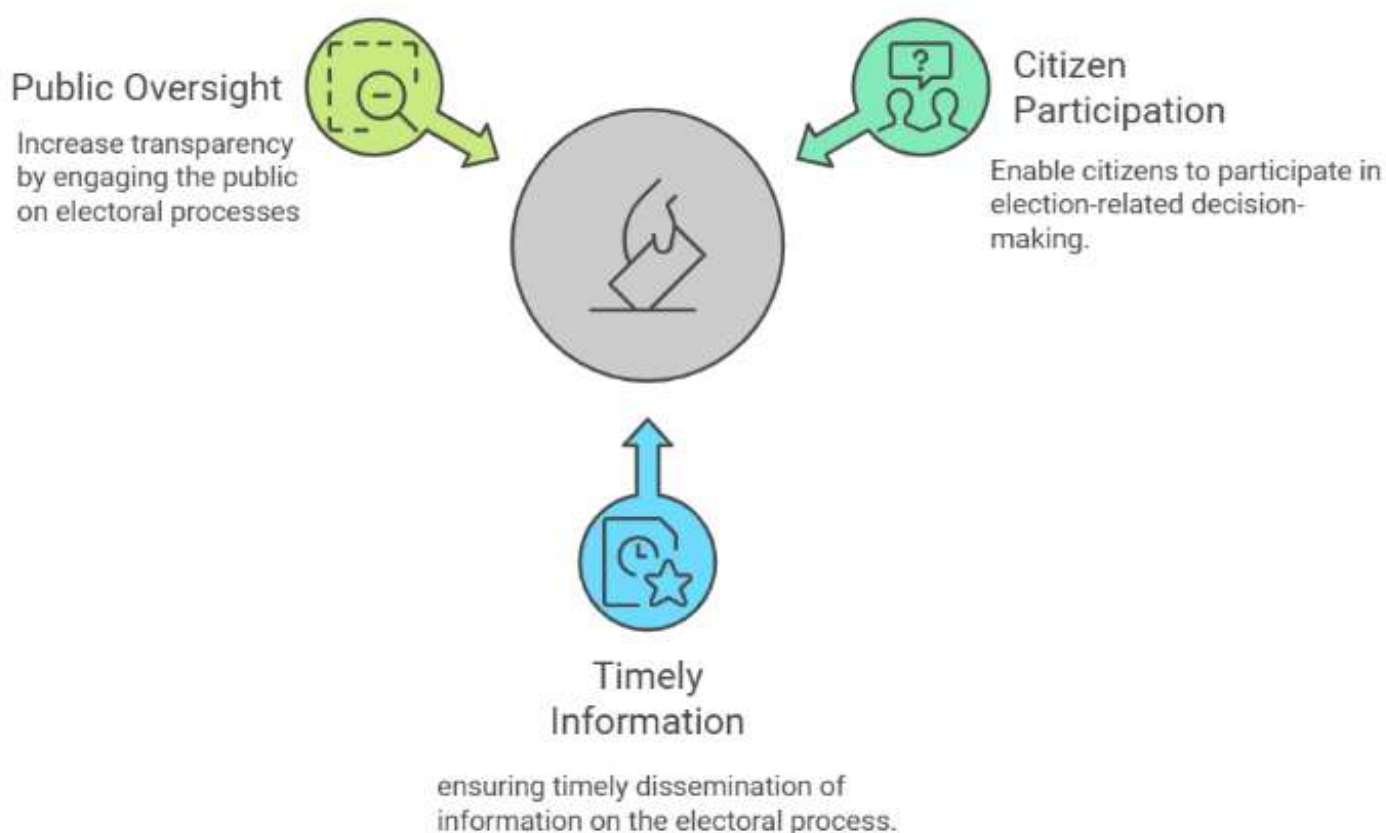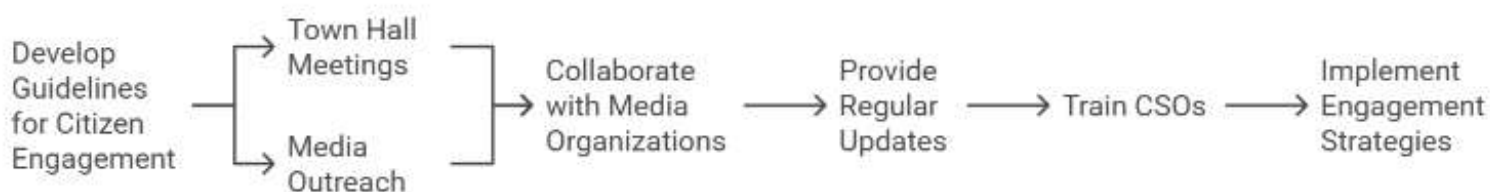
## These include:

**Prioritize reforms for free and fair elections**

**Legal Reforms**

Amend electoral law to ensure fairness

**Administrative Reforms**

Improve EMB efficiency and transparency

**Dispute Resolution Mechanisms**

Strengthen processes for fair resolution

## Action Points:

Engage Legal Experts → Draft Reform Proposals → Organize Advocacy Campaigns / Strengthen CSO Capacity → Legal Analysis Skills / Policy Advocacy Skills / Public Engagement Skills → Achieve Legal Reforms

# Framework for Citizen Engagement and Transparency in the Electoral Process

Framework for Citizen Engagement and Transparency

## Public Oversight

Increase transparency
by engaging the public
on electoral processes

## Citizen Participation

Enable citizens to participate in
election-related decision-
making.

## Timely Information

ensuring timely dissemination of
information on the electoral process.

## Action Points:

Develop Guidelines for Citizen Engagement → Town Hall Meetings / Media Outreach → Collaborate with Media Organizations → Provide Regular Updates → Train CSOs → Implement Engagement Strategies
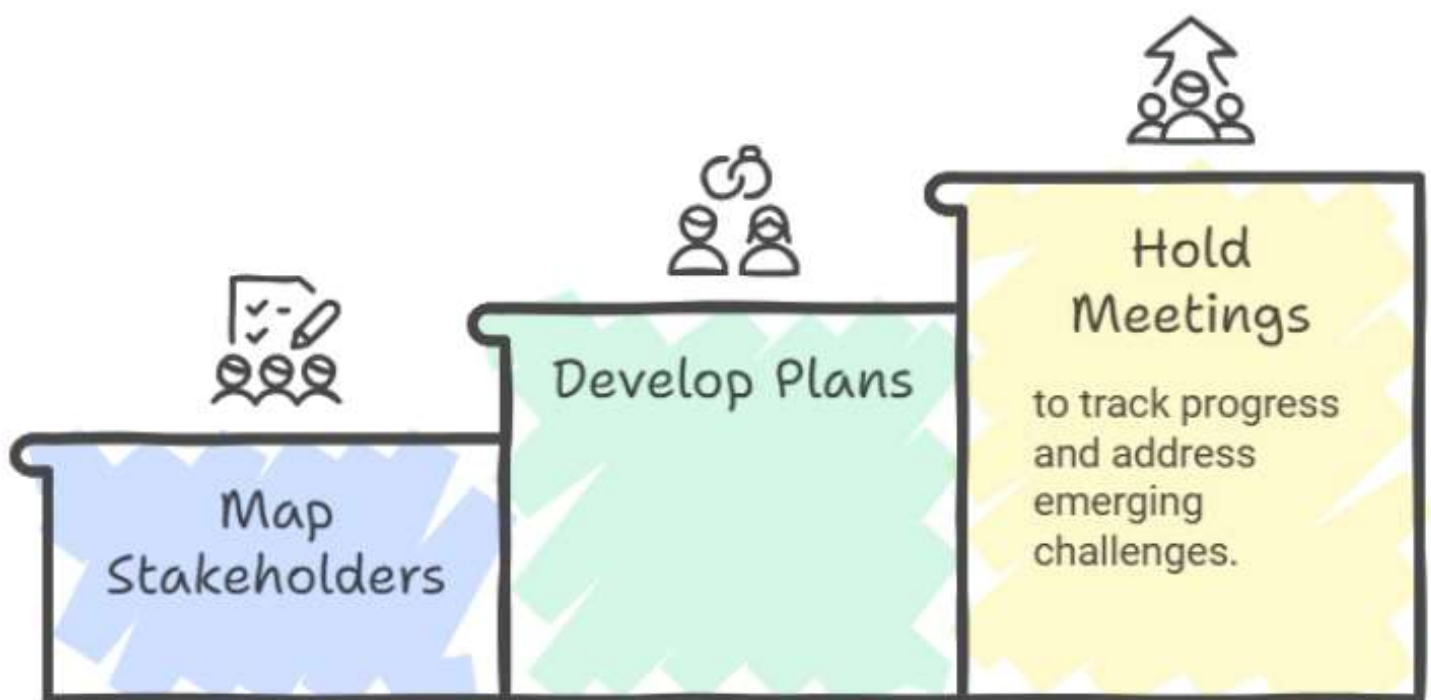
# Strategy for Targeted Stakeholder Engagement with Duty Bearers and Strategic Actors

The forum resolved to develop a targeted strategy to engage key duty bearers, including the government, the electoral commission, and international partners. The strategy will focus on fostering constructive dialogue and ensuring accountability.

## Action Points:

## Strategy for Targeted Stakeholder Engagement

Map Stakeholders

Develop Plans

Hold Meetings

to track progress and address emerging challenges.

# Monitoring and Evaluation of the Process

To ensure accountability and measure progress, the forum will implement a robust monitoring and evaluation (M&E) framework. This framework will track the implementation of the alternate roadmap, electoral reforms, and stakeholder engagement efforts.

## Action Points:

### Monitoring and Evaluation Cycle

Establish M&E Committee

Develop Indicators and Benchmarks

Track Progress

Publish Progress Reports

# Conclusion

The resolutions adopted by the South Sudan Country Forum mark an important step toward ensuring free, fair, and credible elections. The establishment of a CSO platform, the development of an alternate roadmap, and the emphasis on transparency and reforms provide a solid foundation for the electoral process. Continuous monitoring, engagement, capacity building, and collaboration with stakeholders will be critical to the successful implementation of these resolutions.