

# Association of World Election Bodies

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Recently the Chief Election Commissioner, Shri Sunil Arora assumed Chairmanship of Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB) for the term 2019-21 as India takes over the Chair from Romania. India was unanimously nominated to be the Vice-Chair of A-WEB at the last General Assembly held at Bucharest in 2017.

## **About the Association of World Election Bodies (A-WEB)**

It was established in the year 2013 in South Korea. A-WEB is the largest association of Election Management Bodies (EMBs) worldwide.

### **Vision**

To foster efficiency and effectiveness in conducting free, fair, transparent and participative elections worldwide

### **Mission**

- To identify trends, challenges and developments in democratic electoral management and electoral processes
- To facilitate the approximate exchange of experience and expertise among members with the objective of strengthening electoral democracy

### **Composition**

Presently it comprises of 115 members from 109 countries and 21 International Organisations as Associate Members

### **The 4th General Assembly of A-WEB**

- The 4th General Assembly of A-WEB held at Bengaluru welcomed the Election Management Bodies(EMBs) from Somalia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Dominican Republic, Bosnia, and Herzegovina, to the Executive Board.
- EMBs from Burkina Faso, Mauritius and Samoa have been admitted to the Oversight and Audit Committee.
- EMBs from Ukraine, Cambodia, Afghanistan, Political Parties Registration Commission of Sierra Leone, Indonesia and Mauritius joined the A-WEB family as Members and the Association of Asian Election Authorities (AAEA) as an Associate Member.
- The General Assembly also ratified the appointment of the new Vice Chairman of A-WEB – Mr. Glen Vuma Mashinini, Chairperson of Election Commission of South Africa