



Fourth Meeting of the Praia Group Task Team  
on Participation in Political and Public Affairs

## Design of a Harmonized Survey Module on Participation:

**REVISED First Question Set  
on Electoral Participation  
Based on Feedback  
Received**

Tuesday, 22 March 2022, 9.00-10:30 EST

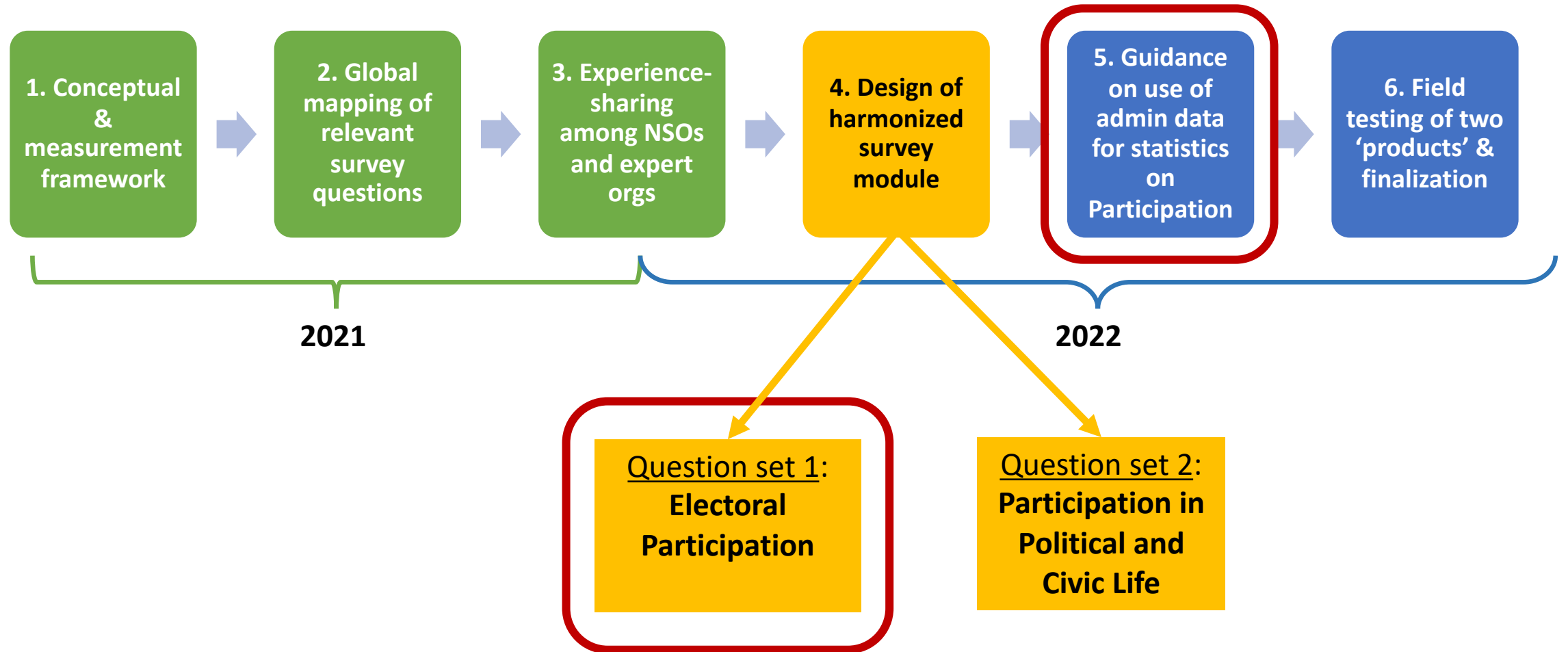
# UN Statistical Commission 2022


## Decision 28: Governance, peace and security statistics (Item 3y)

The Statistical Commission:

- a) Welcomed the report; acknowledged and **supported the work of the Praia Group on Governance Statistics**; and appreciated the products developed, particularly the COVID-19 guidance note;
- b) **Commended the Handbook on governance statistics** to be used for producing national statistics on governance especially for monitoring and implementing SDG 16; noted that there are methodological elements in the production of governance statistics that require more attention; and noted that they should be consistent with the 2030 Agenda.
- c) **Supported the workplan of the Praia Group** for the period 2020–2025 and its three pillars:
  - a) improving and standardizing methodologies to measure governance
  - b) strengthening the capacities of statistical offices to produce reliable statistics on governance, and
  - c) advocacy to increase the demand for governance statistics and to mobilize national and international resources to facilitate producing those statistics;
- d) **Welcomed the establishment of the task teams on non-discrimination and equality, and on participation in political and public affairs**, supported their workplans, encouraged broad participation, especially from African countries, in the work of these task teams, and supported the establishment of additional task teams on other dimensions of governance that require further methodological work while ensuring synergies and coordination with other relevant workstreams.

# Steps taken so far





*Guide on the Use of  
**Administrative Data** for  
Statistics on Non-  
Discrimination & Equality*

## Mapping of national experiences

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Focus on:

- 1. Electoral participation** (data collected by Electoral Management Bodies)
- 2. Representation in public institutions**
  - a. In **Political Office** (in parliaments, local governments, Ministers)
  - b. In the **Public Service**
  - c. In the **Judiciary**





**Today:** REVISED first question set on Electoral Participation

5 discussion points:

1. *Which elections / what timeframe?*
2. *Different types of voter registration systems & implications for questionnaire flow (2 options)*
3. *Wording of (2) questions on voter registration*
4. *Wording of (4) questions on voting*
5. *Wording of (4) questions on voter intimidation / violence*





*1. Which elections / what timeframe?*





*2. Different types of voter registration systems & implications for questionnaire flow (2 options)*

# Voter registration methods

## Active voter registration

### ➤ *Voter-initiated*

- **Voters have the responsibility to register** (i.e. to apply to be included into a voter's register), or to **update** changes to personal information to ensure eligibility (e.g. residency)
- Done either prior to each election (periodic) or on an ongoing basis (continuous)

- **Most common method of voter registration (used in around 150 nations/ territories)**

## Passive voter registration

### ➤ *State-initiated*

- Voters are **automatically registered** by national or local authorities based on civil records or registries (e.g. **civil registries**, **national ID records**, driver's license databases or tax records)

- **Used in 20-30 nations/ territories**



*3. Wording of 2  
questions on voter  
registration*





#### *4. Wording of 4 questions on voting*





*5. Wording of 4 questions on voter intimidation / violence*





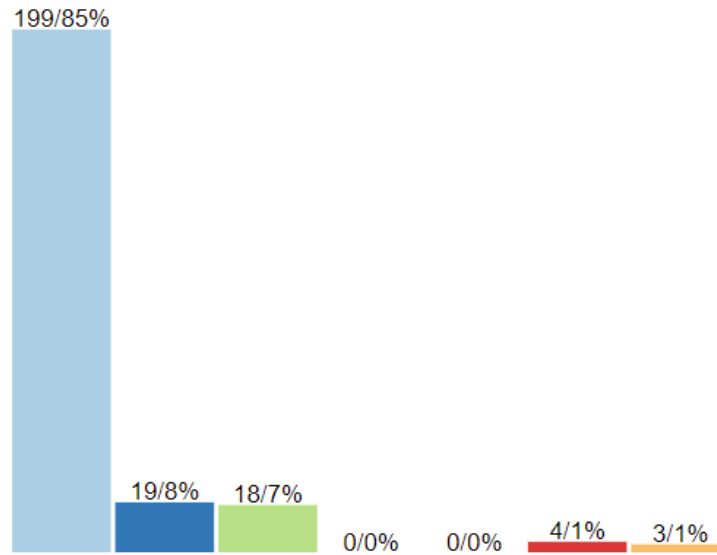
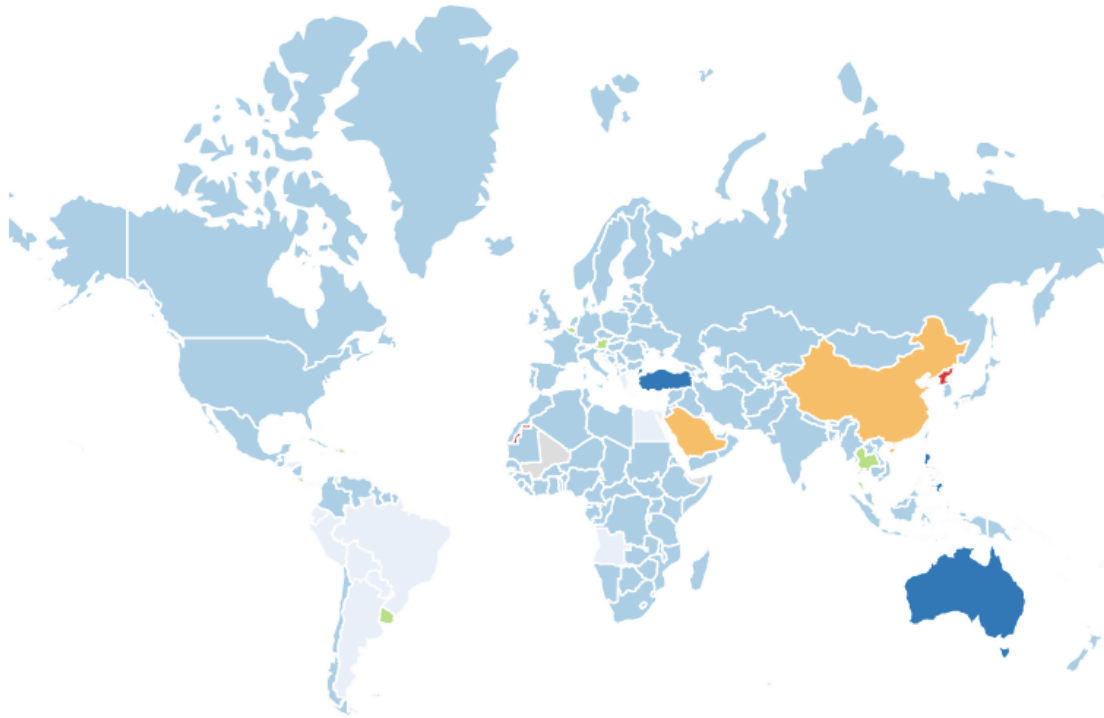
## Next steps

- We will send you an **updated version** which incorporates the feedback received at this meeting
- **Please review it & tell us if anything would not work well in your country: *Consult your country's Electoral Management Body!***
- If need be, we can have another meeting to examine in more depth the diversity in electoral practices (and the implications for a harmonized questionnaire)
- Otherwise, our **next meeting** will focus on the **2<sup>nd</sup> question set**, i.e. on the many other forms of Participation in Political and Civic Life *beyond elections*



Extra slides, if necessary

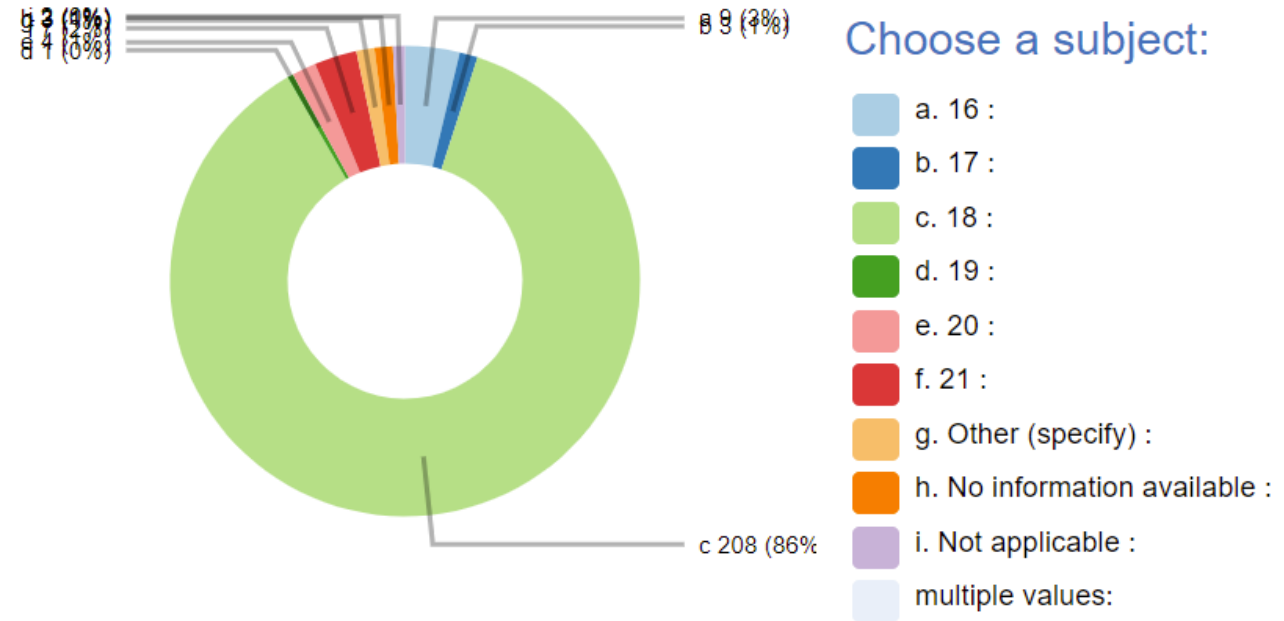
## Is voting on the national level voluntary or compulsory?



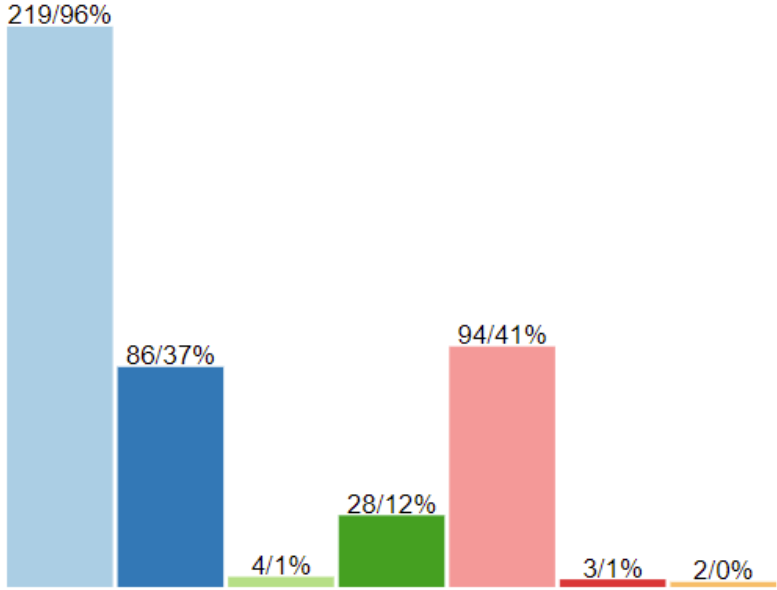
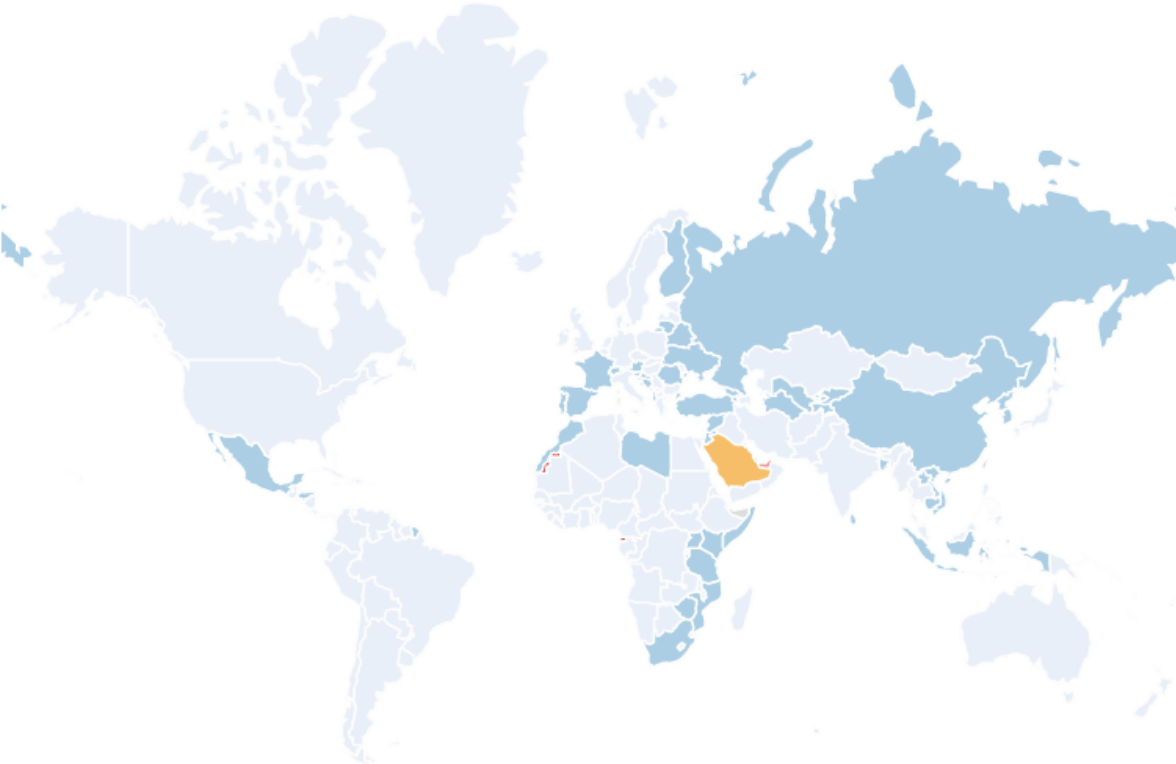
### Choose a subject:

- a. Voting is voluntary :
- b. Voting is compulsory and regulated in the electoral law :
- c. Voting is compulsory and regulated in the constitution :
- d. Voting is compulsory within certain regions of the country :
- e. Other :
- f. No information available :
- g. Not applicable :
- multiple values:

What is the legal voting age in the national elections?



# Beyond age, what other qualifications exist for registering to vote and voting in the national elections?

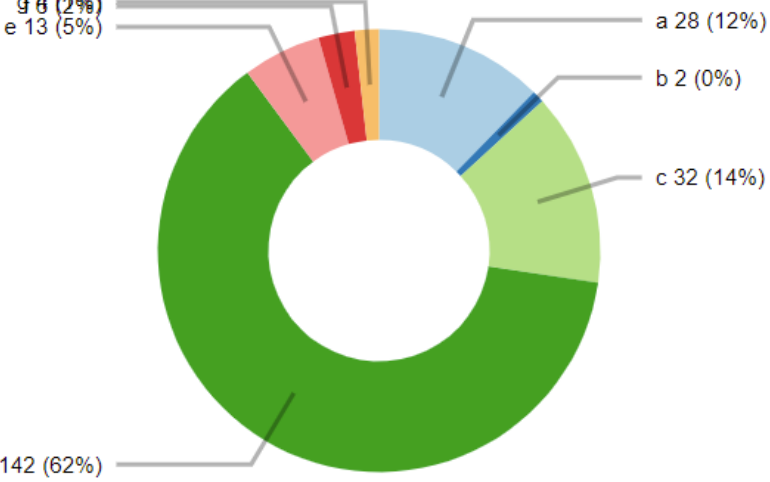
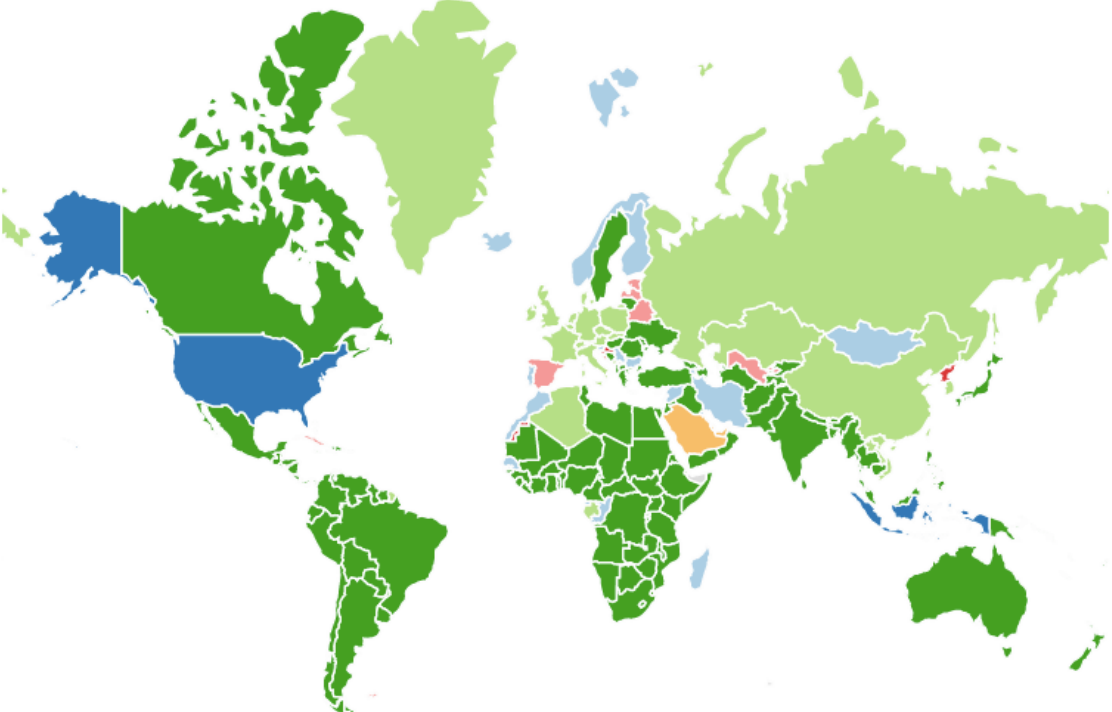


## Choose a subject:

- a. Citizenship :
- b. Period of Residence :
- c. Citizenship of Parents :
- d. Naturalization :
- e. Other :
- f. No information available :
- g. Not applicable :
- multiple values:



# Which is the authority responsible for the registration of voters for national elections?



## Choose a subject:

- a. Central Government Department (specify) :
- b. Regional Government Authority :
- c. Local Government Authority :
- d. Election Management Body (specify) :
- e. Other :
- f. No information available :
- g. Not applicable :
- multiple values:

Is it compulsory to be on the voters register?

