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Election stakeholders undergo poll integrity trai

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Participants of the ongoing Building Resources in Democracy, Governance, and Elections (BRIDGE) programme in Harare. Pictur

THE Zimbabwe Election Support Network (ZESN) has organised a two-week wo stakeholders with relevant skills to fortify the country's democratic space.

The workshop, which opened in Harare on Monday, is part of ZESN's Building R Governance, and Elections (BRIDGE) programme.

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Jointly funded by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Interna

Participants include representatives from Chapter 12 institutions such as the Z
Commission (ZEC), and civil society organisations (CSOs).

"This workshop represents an invaluable opportunity for us to come together t
understanding, to learn, share experiences, and to build the necessary skills an
complexities of advancing democracy," ZESN chairperson Andrew Makoni said
session.

Makoni also said that the space would serve as a crucial platform for reviewing
conducted its August 2023 general elections, with stakeholders gaining some in
BRIDGE programme.

"At the end of the day it is our hope that we strengthen relationships, improve o
stakeholders as well as improve our management skills going to the 2028 electi

"My view is that this is a train-the- trainer-facilitated workshop (and) my view i
resources will then be deployed in the country and train others so that there is
electoral processes by everyone."

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Since its inception in 2002, BRIDGE has made a global impact, training over 19 (and is renowned for its modular professional development approach, with a las electoral integrity.

UNDP chief technical advisor, Vincent Da Cruz described BRIDGE as a groundb which adds to the institution's past efforts towards peace and electoral justice

"BRIDGE represents a unique initiative where five leading organisations in the governance field have jointly committed to developing, implementing and mair comprehensive curriculum and workshop package available, designed to be use broader capacity development framework," he said.

"We continue this work this year, including through BRIDGE. UNDP is plannin BRIDGE workshops that ZEC (Zimbabwe Electoral Commission) intends to im and we look forward to continuing this work together with all the organisation

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