



Why Sign Languages Matter for Electoral and Political Rights: New Tools to Engage Deaf Communities

Please join the International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES) Disability Rights Team for a brownbag discussion on sign languages as a critical method to engage Deaf voters, highlighting access to sign languages as a fundamental human right to ensure Deaf communities participate in political and public life on an equal basis with their peers.

IFES' Electoral Sign Language Lexicon mobile application, which won an Innovative Practice Award from the Zero Project in 2019, has been used to empower Deaf communities in Libya, Morocco and Tunisia (and soon in Haiti) to discuss electoral concepts. This event will include a walk-through of IFES' new global sign language mobile app, which can be adapted to multiple country contexts.



A screenshot of the new mobile app from Tunisia

PROGRAM

Tuesday, 24 September
9:30 - 11:00am
IFES - 2011 Crystal Drive, Floor 10
Metro: Crystal City

- IFES field office presentations
- Launch of Tunisia app with interactive discussion
- Q&A and audience feedback on app

American Sign Language (ASL) interpretation will be available.

Breakfast will be provided.

RSVP to jting@ifes.org