

Free Elections Hackathon

Event:



Ushahidi's roots are in [Election Monitoring](#). We are continuing on mission to support those who use our software for the various types of election maps. This is just one event planned in the coming months to connect and expand.

What is it:

[The event link and registration](#)

Bringing together all the latest technology from around the world supporting free and fair elections... and making it better.

The event has 3 main strands:

- Improvements and upgrades to OneWorld's amazing real-time election monitoring system, which they ran successfully in the recent Senegal Presidential elections. If you've not seen this system before, you should definitely [check out the website here](#) and [watch this video](#)
- A number of projects based on the [Ushahidi](#) crowdsourced mapping tools (see below for more details)
- Investigating how technologies such as mobile & cellular communication, crowd-sourced mapping, remote data plotting and covert data transfer can contribute to monitoring of the electoral process in countries where domestic and international observation is restricted. We'll be looking particularly at how to address the key issue of corroboration/verification, and running at least a couple of country specific workshops looking at practicalities - Zimbabwe and Iran look likely topics for those at present. We're also currently in discussions with several other interested organisations about running other projects on the day. More details to follow soon.

Any ideas, questions, requests, email me at dan@thesmallaxe.com

Who should attend:

- mappers, makers
- project idea hackers
- software developers - PHP, Java
- International Development specialists
- Writers, Bloggers, communicators

Ushahidi Hacks

Simple Groups - Election plugin

- During Elections, there are specific administrators work with trusted reporters, crowdsourcing and relationships (partners, organizations)
- This plug-in assign role to administrator(s) and provides for coordination of a sub-set of participants. Simple Groups is setup so that a user can add,edit,delete, and approve reports.
- Plug-in: existing code <http://apps.ushahidi.com/p/simplegroups/>
- Simple Groups plugin https://github.com/ushahidi/Ushahidi_Election.
- Action: review code, test and merge.

Ushahidi Election Toolkit

- Help us Remix Election Monitoring resources

- Update the [Election Monitoring Guides \(Quick and Extended\)](#)
- Review blog for all election monitoring resources, especially the amazing work by the Ushahidi Liberia team
- Add [Election Monitoring - Resources](#)
- Recommend opportunities

Ushahidi Dashboard - Actionable Plugin

- During elections, there are different entities involved. These can include police, election committees, civil societies, UN and International communities. Each group would like to see different reports. For example, reports on violence and riots.
- Goal: create a routing mechanism for reports.
- The Actionable plugin could be tweaked to route to different entities
- Various parties can log and get their own dashboard to get their list of reports
- This makes it easier to get feedback to the right groups. Currently, deployers are using google docs.
- Code: <https://github.com/ushahidi/Ushahidi-plugin-actionable>