

SES to provide satellite broadband services for parliamentary elections in Burkina Faso



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November 26, 2012, 9:05 am -- /[EPR NETWORK](#)/ -- SES (Euronext Paris and Luxembourg Stock Exchange: SESG) has announced its 100% owned affiliate SES Broadband Services will provide satellite broadband services for the parliamentary elections in Burkina Faso.

As part of the agreement with the Independent National Elections Committee (CENI) in Burkina Faso, SES [Satellite Broadband](#) Services and its partners Newtec, Access Sat and Unicom will provide satellite equipment and bandwidth to enable connectivity between the 45 electoral district offices, which serve as the hubs for 14,698 polling stations across the country, and the central election office in the capital, Ouagadougou. The system will be used for video conferencing, surveillance, Internet access and fast and secure communication of ballots.

SES Broadband Services will use satellite capacity on an SES satellite located at 5 degrees east and hardware and hub-infrastructure provided by Newtec. Installations of the VSAT

terminals are carried out by Access Sat and the video and the LAN network equipment is supplied by Unicom.

"Satellite technology ensures connectivity for the remote sites in Burkina Faso and has the advantage of quick deployment and immediate coverage and availability. The deployed infrastructure can also be available after the electoral process to provide Internet access to schools, public offices and remote villages," said Patrick Biewer, Managing Director, SES Broadband Services.

"The selected SES technology will facilitate a transparent electoral process, providing rapid and highly reliable data transfers. A series of innovations will also be introduced, including the use of biometrics for the voter registration. The selected satellite VSAT platform gives the advantage of quick deployment for fast transmission of electoral data from remote locations," said Mr Barthelemy Kéré, President of the CENI.

Advantages of satellite technology include rapid, secure data collection, aggregation, transfer and verification; a stable, sustainable communication system between all the sites resulting in the improved security of the electoral process, plus the legacy of a top-tier communication system which can be re-used or redeployed.

About SES

SES is a world-leading satellite operator with a fleet of 52 geostationary satellites. The company provides [TV satellites](#) to broadcasters, satellite services to content and internet service providers, mobile and fixed network operators and business and governmental organisations worldwide, including [hybrid TV](#).

SES stands for long-lasting business relationships, high-quality service and excellence in the broadcasting industry. The culturally diverse regional teams of SES are located around the globe and work closely with customers to meet their specific satellite bandwidth and service requirements.

SES (Euronext Paris and Luxembourg Stock Exchange: SESG) holds participations in Ciel in Canada and QuetzSat in Mexico, as well as a strategic participation in satellite infrastructure start-up O3b Networks. [Satellite footprint maps](#) can be found at ses.com.

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