Naomi Fairbanks

POLITICAL ADVISOR

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SUMMARY

Political Advisor with 6 years in democracy and governance work, including 3 years based in Nairobi during the 2022 Kenyan election. Turns political analysis into practical advice for country directors, writes briefing notes for donors and U.S. officials, and keeps close ties with party, parliament and civil society leaders.

EXPERIENCE

Political Advisor

03/2023 - Present

Atlantic Institute for Democratic Governance — Washington, DC

Nonprofit running governance and elections programs in 25 countries with U.S. government funding.

- Advise **4** East Africa country directors on political risk, coalition dynamics and election timing for $14M in programs.
- Write weekly briefing notes read by senior leadership, donors and U.S. embassy political sections.
- Present to congressional staff and State Department officials 10+ times a year on elections in Kenya, Tanzania and Ethiopia.
- Build stakeholder engagement plans covering 60 party, parliament and civil society leaders before each program cycle.

Program Officer

06/2020 - 02/2023

Atlantic Institute for Democratic Governance — Nairobi, Kenya

Kenya field office of 18 staff running civic education and election programs.

- Ran election observation logistics for **120** domestic monitors across 14 counties in the 2022 general election.
- Delivered 30 donor reports and conflict assessments on time, supporting a $3.5M grant renewal.
- Organized 20 dialogue sessions between rival party youth leaders, with Swahili interpretation at each.
- Tracked county-level political violence reports in a shared database used by 3 partner groups.

SKILLS

Political Analysis | Briefing Notes | Stakeholder Engagement | Political Risk | Election Observation | Conflict Assessment | Donor Reporting | Swahili | Diplomacy | Discretion

EDUCATION

Master of Arts

05/2020

Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies — Washington, DC

International Relations