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Abstract: There are several e-participation projects initiated by different actors around the world but sustainability and citizens’ acceptance of online public participation remains a difficult task. Examples of good practice are extremely rare in e-democracy implementation. Most government particularly, in the developing countries, do not have detailed and well established strategy for e-democracy realization, sustainability and citizens acceptance. This work argues that e-democracy implementation, especially in the resource poor countries, should be driven by a strategic approach guided by quality designs that will enhance sustainability and make tools for online engagement accessible to all segments of the society. This work adopts a qualitative approach using Grounded Theory Method (GTM) to develop a strategic framework for e-democracy development, which is largely missing from most national e-democracy strategies. The work introduces a strategic framework which serves as a generic abstraction of existing e-democracy strategies, implementation and best practices.