



## Electoral Commission of Namibia

# NEWLY APPOINTED COMMISSIONERS

The Management and Staff of the Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) wish to inform the Namibian nation that the President of the Republic of Namibia, His Excellency, Hifikepunye Pohamba has, in terms of Section 5(1) of the Electoral Act, 1992 (Act No. 24 of 1992), as amended, by way of Government Gazette No. 4787 (Proclamation No 14) of 01 September 2011 appointed, Ms. Notemba Tjipueja, Mr. Barney Karuombe, Mr. Ulrich Freyer, Mr. Rodney Guiseb, and Ms. Alberthina Nangolo as the new Commissioners of the ECN for five years effective 23 August 2011 to 22 August 2016.

The Commission held its first meeting on 08 September 2011 and elected Adv. Notemba Tjipueja as the Chairperson of the new Commission. The Management and staff of the Electoral Commission of Namibia would like to welcome and congratulate the new members of the Commission on their appointment.

### **Commissioner Notemba Tjipueja (Chairperson)**

Adv. Notemba Tjipueja (Bachelor of Laws) University of Papua New Guinea, (Bachelor of Laws) University of the Witswatersrand an admitted Legal Practitioner of the High Court of Namibia and member of the Law Society of Namibia; possess extensive years of experience as an Electoral Commissioner where she served as a Commissioner from 01 August 2000 and has had the opportunity to observe numerous elections on the Continent and internationally and various Electoral forums. She brings with her a vast experience in terms of legal procedures from the Office of the Prosecutor General where she represented the State as a State Advocate in the High Court and the Supreme Court of Namibia for seven years; in the office of the Government Attorney as a State Attorney involved in civil litigation and legal advice for four years.

She also has international law experience as a former Director of the SADC Legal Sector responsible for legal advice to the Southern African Development Community (SADC), and as a Chairperson

of the SADC Committee of Lawyers for SADC Member States, was responsible for the co-ordination and the drafting of the amendments to the SADC Treaty (Protocols), drafting of SADC Protocols in particular the SADC Protocol Against Corruption, and for the establishment of the SADC Tribunal in Windhoek. She has also attended various African Union fora and participated in the Lawyers Committee Meetings held for the drafting of the Rules of Procedure for the African Union and has participated in meetings for various electoral issues at the SADC and AU level. She has experience in company and aviation law having worked as a Legal Advisor at AMCOM and Air Namibia respectively. She is presently working at NSI as Legal Advisor and Company Secretary.

Adv Tjipueja has served on various Boards and Professional Bodies respectively, namely as a Chairperson of Norwich Investment; Member of the New Era Board; Cadbury Schweppes Namibia; Veterinary Council of Namibia; Medicines Control Council; and Board for Legal Education (Secretary).

**Commissioner Barney Karuombe** holds a Masters degree Development Administration and Management, University of Manchester and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Studies and Sociology from the University of Namibia. He has extensive regional experience in the area of integration, governance and parliamentary systems and processes. Mr. Karuombe has practical exposure of observing many elections in the SADC region and is well versed with electoral instruments. He is employed as a Regional Integration Officer at the SADC Parliamentary Forum and is also responsible for parliamentary training.



*Front row sitting from left to right: Commissioner Tjipueja ( Chairperson), Commissioner Freyer and Commissioner Nangolo. Back row standing from left to right: Commissioner Guiseb and Commissioner Karuombe.*

**Commissioner Ulrich Freyer** holds a Masters degree in Administration from the University of Western Cape and is completing a Doctorate in “ Public Policy Formulation and Implementation” from the same institution. He is currently a Senior Lecturer in the Legal Studies Department of the Polytechnic of Namibia.

**Commissioner Rodney Guiseb** hold a Bachelor of Arts in Industrial Psychology, University of Namibia, a Post Graduate Diploma in Law and is currently studying towards his Masters Arts in Business Administration. Mr. Guiseb has vast experience in Administration gained during his tenure as Senior Manager Human Resources at the Roads Contractors Company as well as Acting Chief Executive Officer for RCC International in Zambia. He is currently a managing partner in Guiseb Human Capital Development Consultants.

**Commissioner Alberthina Nangolo** holds a Masters in Social Science from the University of London, a Bachelor of Arts Honours (Education), UNISA and a Higher Education Diploma from the University of Namibia. She is currently employed as a Deputy Director at the Ministry of Education.