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REGIONAL COUNCIL BY ELECTIONS FOR THE GOBABIS, KEETMANSHOOP URBAN, KHOMASDAL AND WALVIS BAY URBAN CONSTITUENCIES

The Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) is well on course with the preparations for the Gobabis, Keetmanshoop Urban, Khomasdal and Walvis Bay Urban Constituencies on 15th January 2020. The by elections for the four (4) constituencies were necessitated by the resignation of the sitting councilors on 18th October 2019 in the respective constituencies in compliance with section 77 (4) of the Electoral Act, no. 5 of 2014 and article 46 and 47 of the Namibian constitution in order to qualify to be nominated as candidates on a list of candidates for the members of the National Assembly.

The Supplementary Registration of Voters (SRV) for the four constituencies was conducted from 1-2 November 2019, with the Provisional Voters Register (PVR) having been displayed for inspection on 5th November 2019 for public scrutiny and objections against the names of persons included therein. No objections were recorded. The final voters' registers for Gobabis, Keetmanshoop Urban, Khomasdal and Walvisbay Urban Constituencies were published on 20th December 2019. The following are the total registered voters for each of the constituencies:

Constituency	Registered Voters
Gobabis	13 457
Keetmanshoop Urban	11 534

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Khomasdal	25 550
Walvis Bay Urban	23 169

Training of Polling Officials

The ECN has recruited a total number of 260 polling officials. The training of polling officials, political party agents and representatives of independent candidates will take place simultaneously in all four Constituencies from 9th – 12th January 2020.

Polling Stations

The Commission will have 53 polling teams inclusive for all the four by elections, and a total number of 73 polling stations combined.

Election Materials and Equipment

The First Level Check (FLC) of the EVMs was conducted on 6th of January 2020 whilst the setting of candidates was conducted today, the 7th of January 2020 in the presence of political party agents and representatives of Independent candidates

The Commission will be overseeing the dispatch of election materials for the by elections from the 12th January 2020. All voting material and equipment to be used during these by elections, including 104 EVM control units and 68 EVM ballot units will be escorted by the Namibian police and kept in safe custody at designated police stations before and after the polling process.

Voter Education

The ECN is currently busy with intensifying voter education activities in these four constituencies to prepare all eligible voters to take part in the upcoming elections. The ECN would thus like to encourage all eligible voters to go and cast their votes on 15th January 2020 during the by elections in their respective constituencies.

Finally, the ECN would like to assure the electorate of our commitment to the delivery of free, fair, transparent and credible elections in the forthcoming by elections.

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