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PRINTING OF BALLOT PAPERS, FINAL STATISTICS OF REGISTERED VOTERS, NOMINATED POLITICAL PARTIES, ASSOCIATIONS AND CANDIDATES FOR THE 2020 REGIONAL COUNCIL AND LOCAL AUTHORITY ELECTIONS

The Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) is pleased to inform the electorate and the Namibian public that preparations for the 2020 Regional Council and Local Authority elections remain on course. On Saturday, 07th November 2020 representatives of political parties, associations and independent candidates successfully completed the process of verifying and signing off of sample ballot papers for the forthcoming elections. The printing of the ballot papers has thus commenced and progressing well.

The ECN has completed the compilation of final voter register's statistics for the Regional Council and Local Authority elections. Similarly, the ECN is delighted to share the final list of candidates representing political parties and independent candidates contesting in the Regional Council election as well as the names of political parties and associations contesting the Local Authorities election. Five constituencies will go uncontested because, in each case, only one candidate was nominated. These are: **Kavango West region: Nkurenkuru, Tondoro, Mankupi and Kapako** constituencies and in the **Oshana region; Uuvudhiya** constituency.

An addendum on the statistics of registered voters as well as the names of political parties, candidates and associations contesting in the 2020 Regional Council and Local Authority elections is hereto attached for ease of reference.

The ECN is currently busy with voter and civic education activities in all fourteen (14) regions of the country to educate the citizenry on the importance of casting their vote. The objectives of the voter and civic education for the forthcoming elections are to ensure that the electorate is well educated on the correct marking of ballot papers with a view to minimize the number of rejected or spoilt ballots as well as to increase voter turnout. Voter information such as the polling timetable amongst others has been finalized and can be accessed on our social media platforms as well as the ECN website at www.ecn.na. The polling timetable insert will also be placed in major daily newspapers on specific days in the lead up to the forthcoming elections. The same will be shared with all radio stations for regular announcements.

Lastly, the ECN will be conducting training of presiding officers and polling officials from **10th – 14th November** and **18th – 20th November 2020**, respectively. We are currently working on transport logistics as well as preparing materials and equipment for the various constituencies and local authority areas in order to ensure timely delivery.

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