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CONDUCT OF THE KATIMA MULILO URBAN CONSTITUENCY SUPPLEMENTARY REGISTRATION OF VOTERS

The Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) herewith informs the relevant stakeholders and the Namibian nation at large that the Supplementary Registration of Voters (SRV) exercise for the Katima Mulilo Urban Constituency will be conducted from today **21st – 23rd June 2021**.

A vacancy occurred on 26th May 2021 in the Constituency after the death of the sitting Councilor, Hon. John Muchila Mukaya. In terms of the Regional Councils Act, if a vacancy occurs in a particular constituency office, the ECN is obligated in terms of the law to conduct a by-election in that particular constituency within 90 days from the date the vacancy has occurred.

The purpose of supplementary registration of voters before holding of an election is to include in the voter's register persons who have since turned 18 years of age after the last registration; persons who have moved from one constituency to another; or persons whose voter registration cards are reported lost or damaged; and any other applicant who qualifies for registration in terms of section 22(1) of the Electoral Act.

RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OF REGISTRATION OFFICIALS AND LOGISTICAL PREPARATIONS

The ECN has recruited a total number of **36** registration officials. The training of the registration officials took place from **15th - 19th June 2021**. The Electoral Act provides for the training of election officials, in order to ensure well trained registration and election officials in the conduct of their duties. The sensitive registration materials for the SRV process were dispatched on 16th June 2021 under strict security escort of the Namibian police. The ECN has secured a total of 6 vehicles for the exercise.

A total of six teams have been established to man seventeen mobile polling points. The teams were deployed on Sunday, 20th June 2021 to their various duty stations to ensure logistical arrangements at registration points are arranged in advance before the registration process commences.

VOTER AND CIVIC EDUCATION

The ECN commenced with its Voter and Civic Education campaign for the SRV from 07th- 23rd June 2021 to encourage the electorates to register to vote. Specific targeted programs with customized messaging for the different population groups was developed. Face to face voter education sessions are being conducted in compliance with the Covid-19 regulations. The face to face sessions are supplemented by information on the registration process on the Namibian Broadcasting Corporation (NBC) National radio and the ECN social media platforms and website.

ECN COVID-19 PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES

Registration officials at all the registration points across the constituency will adhere to strict preventative measures in place to lessen the impact of the COVID-19. The ECN thus encourages all eligible voters to wear their masks, socially distance and wash their hands/sanitize during the registration process.

Finally, the ECN encourages all eligible voters to go and register to vote at designated registration points during the SRV period. The Supervisor of Registration is Ms. Clarina Diaz, she can be reached at 0813885990 for any queries related to the registration process for the Katima Mulilo Urban Constituency.

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