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SUBMISSION OF CANDIDATES AND DISPLAY OF THE PROVISIONAL VOTERS REGISTER FOR THE 2020 REGIONAL COUNCIL AND LOCAL AUTHORITY ELECTIONS

The Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) herewith informs the Namibian public and the electorate that the preparations for the 2020 Regional Council and Local Authority elections as per the ECNs electoral calendar are progressing well and are on course. Accordingly, the ECN has finalized the preparations for the next phase of the electoral process, which is the nomination of candidates and the display of the Provisional Voters Register (PVR) for the forthcoming elections.

Nomination of Candidates

The period of the submission of candidates for the forthcoming Regional Council and Local Authority elections commenced today, 29th September 2020 and will be concluded on 16th October 2020. The 16th of October 2020 has been determined as the date on which Returning Officers in the 121 constituencies and 57 local authority areas receive the submissions for candidates and party lists for a member of the Regional Council and the members of a local authority as per the proclamation by the President of the Republic of Namibia in Government Gazette no. 7345 of 2020 in accordance with Section 64 (1) (a) (ii) (iii) of the Electoral Act.

The submission of Nomination Forms may be submitted to Returning Officers for a constituency or local authority area at any time from 29th September 2020 between 08h00 – 17h00 weekdays

at the venues indicated by Proclamation by H.E. the President. The last date for submission of nomination of candidates in the case of independent candidates is 14th October 2020 at 16h00. While the last date for submission of nomination in the case of political parties/associations/organizations is 16th October 2020 at 11h00.

The Commission has recruited Returning Officers for each of the 121 constituencies and 57 local authority areas countrywide to receive the submissions by registered political parties/organisations and prospective independent candidates.

Lastly, the Commission held an information session with all registered political parties and associations yesterday to explain legal requirements and practical arrangements regarding the nomination process.

Display for inspection and lodging of objections

The ECN successfully concluded the conduct of the Supplementary Registration of Voters that was held from 7th – 15th September 2020. The Electoral Act, Act 5 of 2014, requires the ECN to prepare, publish and display a Provisional Voters Register (PVR) for public scrutiny and possible objections against the names of persons included therein. For this reason, the PVR for the 2020 Regional Council and Local Authority elections will be displayed for inspection and lodging of objections from 30th September 2020 – 05th October 2020 at designated places across the country.

The objections must be lodged with the Electoral Tribunals designated for the given magisterial geographical area. Registered voters, registered political parties, and political organizations may lodge an objection in writing to the inclusion or non-inclusion of any name in the provisional voter's register.

Objections can be made against a person who:

- a) Is not entitled or qualified by or under Section 22 of the Electoral Act to be registered as a voter; or**

- b) **Is not complying with the requirements in relation to residence as contemplated in that section.**

Copies of the provisional voter's register are available for inspection by the public during office hours at designated venues and at the Head Office of the Electoral Commission, 67-71 van Rhijn Street, Windhoek, Khomas Region. Objections in respect of the names of voters appearing on the provisional voter's registers referred to above may be made from **30 September 2020 to 5 October 2020**, during office hours.

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