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CONCLUSION OF NOMINATION PROCESS FOR THE 2020 REGIONAL COUNCIL AND LOCAL AUTHORITY ELECTIONS

The Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) is pleased to inform the Namibian public and electorate that it has successfully concluded the nomination process for the submission of candidates for the 2020 Regional Council and Local Authority elections which took place from **29th September to 16th October 2020**.

The ECN has received nominations for all 121 Constituencies and 57 Local Authority areas.

The table below reflects the provisional number of candidates nominated for all Constituencies, Independent Candidates and the male vs female breakdown:

Total number of Candidates: Constituencies	of All	Independent Candidates	Males	Females
493		93	423	70

The ECN has received sole nominations for the following four (4) Constituencies. In all four (4) cases the candidates were declared duly elected by the respective Returning Officers in accordance with Section 82 (2) of the Electoral Act, Act No. 5 of 2014.

Kavango West

Nkurenkuru Constituency

Tondoro Constituency

Mankumpi Constituency

Oshana

Uuvudhiya Constituency

Furthermore, eighteen (18) political parties and thirteen (13) associations will contest the various Local Authorities. Further details concerning the local authority election nominations will be provided at a later stage as the verification process is still ongoing.

The ECN is currently busy with integrity checks of all the documentation received from respective Political Parties, Independent Candidates and Associations. A proclamation will be gazetted on 06th November 2020 containing the full names of Political Parties and their Candidates, Independent Candidates and Associations that will be contesting the 2020 Regional Council and Local Authority elections.

The training of Regional Coordinators, Assistant Regional Coordinators and Returning Officers for the 2020 Regional Council and Local Authority is scheduled for **23rd -26th October 2020** and **27th – 31 October 2020** respectively. The other activities on the 2020 Electoral Calendar will entail amongst others; *design and production of sample ballot papers, training of polling officials, determination of polling stations, transport logistics, voter education, observer accreditation and stakeholder's consultation.*

The final voters register will be gazetted on **06th November 2020**. Special voting will be conducted on **23rd November 2020** while Voting Day is on **25th November 2020**.

The ECN would like to applaud all political parties, Independent candidates and Associations for heeding the call to comply with the relevant legal provisions during the nomination period.

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