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## PRINTING OF BALLOT PAPERS FOR THE 2020 REGIONAL COUNCIL AND LOCAL AUTHORITY ELECTIONS

The Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) herewith informs the Namibian public and the electorate that preparations for the 2020 Regional Council and Local Authority elections remain firmly on course.

In this regard, UNIPRINT a Durban based South Africa printing company was selected to print ballot papers for the forthcoming Regional and Local Authority Elections. This company was selected for having submitted the most responsive bid that met all technical requirements following a competitive public procurement process.

UNIPRINT has printed ballot papers for more than 20 Electoral Management Bodies (EMBs) at various points in time in the SADC Region including Botswana, Tanzania, Zambia, Zanzibar, Lesotho and recently in 2019 for the South African and Mozambique Electoral Commissions.

The ECN has full confidence that UNIPRINT will ensure that all ballot papers are delivered on time and to the ECNs requirements and specifications. Furthermore, all contesting political parties, associations and candidates will be offered an opportunity at own their cost to inspect the printing facility in South Africa and to monitor the printing of ballot papers for the forthcoming elections.

Furthermore, the training for Regional Coordinators, Assistant Coordinators and Returning Officers commenced on 23<sup>rd</sup> October and was completed yesterday in Otjiwarongo.

Meanwhile, the ECN has finalized and published the polling timetable which provides a detailed outline of all polling stations and operating hours for all the 14 regions. The polling timetable can be accessed at <a href="https://www.ecn.na">www.ecn.na</a> as well as on the ECN's social media platforms.

Lastly, the ECN will convene a major briefing session of the Political Party Liaison Committee (PLC) on Wednesday, 04<sup>th</sup> November 2020 in order update all contestants on election preparations as well to discuss the Code of Conduct for political parties, candidates and associations in the context of the ongoing political campaign activities.

The ECN will soon share with the Namibian nation the complete list of all contesting political parties, associations and candidates for both the regional and local authority elections.



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