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**SUBJECT: REGIONAL COUNCIL BY ELECTIONS FOR THE GOBABIS,
KEETMANSHOOP URBAN, KHOMASDAL, OSHIKUKU AND WALVIS
BAY URBAN CONSTITUENCIES**

The Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) today concluded the nomination process for candidates for the upcoming Regional Council by-elections for the Walvis Bay Urban Oshikuku, Keetmashoop Urban, Khomasdal and Gobabis constituencies scheduled to take place on 15th January 2020.

The by-elections for the five (5) constituencies were necessitated by the resignation of the sitting councilors on **18th October 2019** in the respective constituencies in compliance with section 77 (4) of the Electoral Act, No. 5 of 2014 and the article 46 and 47 of the Namibian Constitution in

order to qualify to be nominated as a candidate on a list of candidates for members of the National Assembly.

The ECN is required in terms of section 63 (2) (b) of the Electoral Act to conduct a by-election where a vacancy occurs within a constituency. Furthermore, section 10 (3) of the Regional Council Act states that a casual vacancy in a regional council shall be filled within three months (90 days) after it has occurred.

Supplementary Registration of Voters

In terms of Section 38 (1) read together with Section 25 (2) of the Electoral Act, No. 5 of 2014, a Supplementary Registration of Voters (SRV) process must be conducted before any election. The SRV is aimed at registering persons who qualify to be registered as voters and could not so have registered during the last registration of voters in respect of which that voters register was prepared.

The (SRV) for the Gobabis, Keetmanshoop Urban, Khomasdal, Oshikuku and Walvis Bay Urban constituencies was conducted on 1st and 2nd November 2019.

Provisional Voters Register

The Provisional Voters Register (PVR) was displayed for inspection for the five (5) constituencies on 5th November 2019. This process was conducted in accordance with Section 31 and 32 of the Electoral Act which requires the ECN to prepare, publish and display a PVR for public scrutiny and objections against the names of persons included therein. No objections were received by the Commission during this period. The final voter's registers for Gobabis, Keetmanshoop Urban, Khomasdal, Oshikuku and Walvis Bay Urban constituencies will be published on 20th December 2019 in the Government Gazette.

Nomination Period

The period of Submission of Nominations of candidates for the Gobabis, Keetmanshoop Urban, Khomasdal, Oshikuku and Walvis Bay Urban Constituencies commenced on 21st November 2019 and was completed on 6th December 2019. The last day of submission of nominations in the case of Independent candidates was 4th December 2019, while the last day of submission of nominations of candidates in the case of political parties was today, 6th December 2019.

Below are the candidates that have been duly nominated for each of the five (5) constituencies:

1. Gobabis Constituency

Duly Nominated Candidate	
Binga Sylvester Daniel	Landless People's Movement (LPM)
Kauesa luonga Elvis	Independent Candidate
Modise Ellenterius Braynie	Popular Democratic Movement (PDM)
Tebele Augustinus	SWAPO Party of Namibia (SWAPO)

2. Keetmanshoop Urban Constituency

Duly Nominated Candidate	
/Goagoseb Abraham	Popular Democratic Movement (PDM)
Minnaar Maxie Meliza	Landless People's Movement (LPM)
Shilimela Festus	SWAPO Party of Namibia (SWAPO)

3. Khomasdal Constituency

Duly Nominated Candidate	
Angolo Samuel	SWAPO Party of Namibia (SWAPO)
Baumgartner Mara Bonita	Landless People's Movement (LPM)
Diergaardt Raymond Reginald	Popular Democratic Movement (PDM)
Kauhuma Bartholomeus Tjiunomuinho	SWANU of Namibia (SWANU)

4. Oshikuku Constituency

Duly Elected candidate	
Gabriel Matheus	SWAPO Party of Namibia (SWAPO)

In terms of section 82 (2) of the Electoral Act, if at the close of the sitting for the submission of nominations only one person has been duly nominated in respect of a constituency, the returning officer must forthwith declare the person concerned to be the duly elected

member of the regional council for the constituency concerned with effect from the date on which the declaration is made.

Accordingly, Mr. Matheus Gabriel of the SWAPO Party of Namibia was declared as the duly elected member of the regional council for the Oshikuku constituency by the Returning Officer on 6th December 2019.

5. Walvis Bay Urban Constituency

Duly Nominated Candidate	
Hoab Richard	Popular Democratic Movement (PDM)
Jason Kenneth Ilonga	Independent Candidate
Knowledge Nduge Ipinge	Independent Candidate
Sirie Topulathana	SWAPO Party of Namibia (SWAPO)

The training of polling officials for the by-elections is scheduled for 9th – 13th January 2020, the training venues will be communicated in due course.
