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CONDUCT OF THE NCAMAGORO CONSTITUENCY SUPPLEMENTARY REGISTRATION OF VOTERS EXERCISE

The Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) herewith informs the electorate and the Namibian nation at large that the Supplementary Registration of Voters (SRV) exercise for the Ncamagoro Constituency will be conducted as of today, 12th October 2021 until 14th October 2021.

A vacancy occurred on 19th September 2021 in the Constituency after the death of the sitting Councilor, the late Hon Johannes Kahonzo Sikondo. 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 conduct of the Ncamagoro Constituency by election is scheduled for 17th December 2021.

The purpose of a SRV 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 fifty (50) registration officials for this process. The training of the registration officials took place from $06^{th} - 10^{th}$ October 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 08th October 2021 under strict security escort of the Namibian police. The ECN has secured a total number of twenty (20) vehicles for this exercise. A total of ten (10) teams have been established to man twenty-two semi fixed and twenty-two mobile points. The teams were deployed on Monday, 11th October 2021, to their various duty stations to ensure logistical arrangements at registration points are arranged in advance before the process commences.

VOTER AND CIVIC EDUCATION

The ECN commenced with its Voter and Civic Education campaign for the SRV from 27th September 2021 to encourage the electorates to register to vote. Specific targeted programs with customized messaging for the different population groups were developed. Face to face voter education sessions were held and Information Education and Communication (IEC) materials on the registration process was distributed in the Constituency. Voter information on the registration process was also circulated through the Namibian Broadcasting Corporation National radio, WATO FM as well as 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, social distance and wash their hands/sanitize during the registration process.

The Supervisor of Registration for the Constituency Mr. Bernard Mudumbo can be reached at +264 812004323 for any queries related to the registration process for the Ncamagoro

Constituency.

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