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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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## **ECN PREPAREDNESS FOR THE CONDUCT OF THE SWAKOPMUND CONSTITUENCY BY-ELECTION**

The Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) hereby notifies that preparations for the conduct of the Regional Council by-election for the Swakopmund Constituency scheduled to take place on 12 August 2022 are well on course. The period for nomination of candidates for the by-election commenced on **17<sup>th</sup> June 2022**. The last date for nominations for Independent candidates is the **30<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 16h00** whilst the last date for nominations in the case of political parties is **02<sup>nd</sup> July 2022 at 11h00**.

Nomination forms may be submitted to the Returning Officer, Mr. Amos Nguaike at the Swakopmund ECN Voter Education Office, located at Meeresruh CC Building, c/o Woermann and Hendrik Witbooi Street. The ECN hereby calls on interested political parties or persons intending to contest as independent candidates to submit their nominations within the stipulated deadlines.

### **The requirements for nomination of candidates for regional council elections are as follows:**

- (1) A person nominating a person as candidate for election as a member of a regional council must nominate such person on Form 21.

(2) A candidate for election as a member of a regional council who is required to consent to his or her nomination in terms of section 80(3)(b) of the Act or who desires to withdraw his or her nomination in terms of section 80(7) of the Act, may do so by completing the applicable section of Part D of Form 21.

(3) A political party which submitted a nomination of a candidate and which desires to withdraw that nomination, may do so by completing the applicable section of Part D of Form 21.

(4) The list containing the names and other particulars of the persons supporting the nomination of an independent candidate in an election for a member of a regional council contemplated in section 80(3)(e) of the Act is annexed to Part E of Form 21.

### **Training of Polling Officials and Party Agents**

Training of polling officials for the by-elections will be conducted between the **06<sup>th</sup> – 08<sup>th</sup> August 2022**. The training of political party agents and police officers will be conducted on the **04<sup>th</sup> – 05<sup>th</sup> August 2022**.

### **Voter Education**

The voter education campaign for this by-election have been ongoing in the Constituency and intensify as from **18<sup>th</sup> July** in the build up to Polling Day. Materials have been developed explaining the voting process on how to vote using ballot papers and the correct marking of ballot papers in different languages, in the effort to increase confidence in the electorates and increase voter turnout in the upcoming Swakopmund Constituency by-election. Face to face education sessions will be conducted in compliance with the Covid-19 regulations. These sessions will be supplemented with information on the Namibian Broadcasting Corporation (NBC) National radio and the ECN social media platforms and website.

### **Supplementary Registration of Voters (SRV)**

The Supplementary Registration of Voters exercise was successfully conducted from **06<sup>th</sup> – 08<sup>th</sup> June 2022** in terms of Section 38 (1) of the Electoral Act, Act 5 of 2014. The voters register for

the constituency prior to the conduct of the SRV stood at **35 281**, while during the SRV a total number of **1 716** eligible voters registered consisting of new applications (**713**) and change of address (**1003**), bringing the provisional voters roll to a number of **36 997**. A total number of **911** duplicate cards were issued during the SRV period.

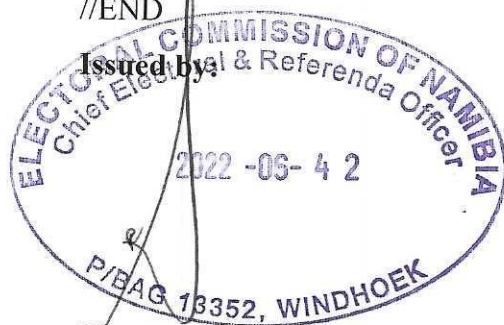
In terms of the Electoral Act, the Provisional Voters Register (PVR) was displayed for public scrutiny and objections on 13<sup>th</sup> June 2022, and no objections were recorded. The final voters register will be available on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022 as the due diligence processes are currently being undertaken in order to remove all duplicates and deceased voters.

Finally, the ECN would like to assure the electorate of the Commission's unwavering commitments to the delivery a free, fair, transparent and credible by-election herewith implore all registered voters in the Swakopmund Constituency to take part in this important democratic exercise.

The Returning Officer may be contacted at mobile +264 812403234, for further details or clarifications and can be visited at the above cited office location between 08h00 – 17h00 weekdays.

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