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### **MEDIA RELEASE**

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#### **THE CONDUCT OF THE MOSES //GAROËB CONSTITUENCY BY-ELECTION AND THE STATE OF PREPAREDNESS FOR SRV**

The Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) hereby notes that a vacancy has occurred in the regional council seat for the Moses //Garoëb Constituency of the Khomas Region following the untimely passing on of Honorable Aili Venonya, on the 09<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

The ECN, being the exclusive authority responsible for the conducting of all electoral and referenda processes in terms of the Electoral Act, Act no 5 of 2014, on hearing of the vacancy in the Moses //Garoëb Constituency, has taken certain steps in line with its statutory obligations. 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. Accordingly, the conduct of the Moses //Garoëb Constituency By-election is scheduled to take place on **06<sup>th</sup> January 2023**.

The ECN herewith informs the electorate and the Namibian nation at large that the Supplementary Registration of Voters (SRV) for the Moses //Garoëb Constituency by-election are on course. The SRV for the Moses //Garoëb Constituency will be conducted from **31<sup>st</sup> October - 02<sup>nd</sup> November 2022** and registration points will be open from **08h00 until 21h00**. The current voters register for the Moses //Garoëb Constituency stands at **41 206** registered voters.

The purpose of an 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.

### **Stakeholder Engagement**

The ECN conducted a Stakeholder Engagement with the Political Parties Liaison Committee (PLC) on **Friday, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022**. The Commission shared and discussed the provisional schedule for the Moses //Garoëb Constituency by-election with political parties in preparation for the electoral activities over the next three months.

### **Recruitment and Training of Registration Officials and logistical preparations**

The ECN has recruited a total number of ninety (90) registration officials for this process. The training of the registration officials will take place from **24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022** at the Assemblies of God Church in Soweto. The Electoral Act provides for the training of election officials, in order to equip registration and election officials with the requisite skills in preparation for the execution of their duties.

The sensitive registration materials for the SRV process will be dispatched on **30<sup>th</sup> October 2022** under strict security escort of the Namibian police. The ECN has secured a total number of 18 vehicles for this exercise. Eighteen (18) teams have been established to man fourteen (14) fixed and four (4) semi fixed registration points. The teams will be deployed on Sunday, **30<sup>th</sup> October 2022**, 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 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022 to encourage the electorate to register to vote. Face to face education sessions are conducted and these sessions will be supplemented with information on the Namibian Broadcasting

Corporation (NBC) National radio, private radio stations and the ECN social media platforms and website.

**Coordination of electoral process within the Constituency**

The Supervisor of Registrations for the Moses //Garoëb Constituency By-election, Mr. Rakondjerua Kavari, can be reached at +264 812312973 for any queries related to the supplementary registration activities for the Constituency by-election.

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