

PRESS STATEMENT

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Attention: News Editors

All Media Houses

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE REGISTRATION POINTS FOR THE 2024 GENERAL REGISTRATION OF VOTERS (GRV)

The Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) herewith announces the registration points for the upcoming 2024 General Registration of Voters (GRV). The Commission has identified 4297 registration points in all 121 Constituencies across the country with 3849 registration officials to be deployed at all the points. The registration points were determined based on various factors, such as the population density based on the preliminary population statistics report released by the Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA). The location of the registration points therefore takes into account accessibility by the populace, distance between registration and previous registration data. The Commission has endeavoured to ensure that the registration points are strategically located to reach a wide range of eligible voters. Some registration points will be fixed at certain places for the duration of the registration period, whilst others will be served on a mobile basis.

The 2024 GRV is scheduled to take place from 03 June 2024 to 01 August 2024 over a period of 52 days. In accordance with section 25 (1) of the Electoral Act, as amended, all eligible voters are required to register afresh during this period within the Constituencies in which they reside. Registration points will be open from 08:00 to 19:00, Monday to Saturday throughout the country and at all Namibian Diplomatic Missions abroad. Depending on the population density, some Constituencies will have more registration points than others.

The preliminary population statistics released by the NSA on 13 March 2024 indicate that the Namibia population has increased to 3,022,401. Derived from the population census, 1,731,790 Namibian citizens are eligible to register as voters. Therefore, based on experiences and lessons learnt during the 2014 GRV period, meticulous planning has gone into the preparations for the 2024 GRV, given the resources invested in the execution of this process.

The Commission will deploy both fixed and mobile registration teams. Although some registration points will only be served for one to three days, eligible voters who might miss to register at the mobile registration points, are encouraged to register at any nearest fixed registration point within the constituency in which they reside. Places where limited number of days have been allocated, i.e. one to three days, are less densely populated areas, such as farms and smaller villages. The

Commission is therefore urging all eligible voters to register during the 2024 GRV period at all established registration points in the Constituencies where they reside.

Most of the identified registration points are churches, community halls, schools as well as farms in some regions. The nation is hereby informed that these registration dates cannot be extended, hence all eligible citizens are encouraged to register within their constituencies from the 03 of June to 1 August 2024.

Annexure 1: Registration Points

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