GOVERNMENT NOTICE

No. 206  Electoral Commission of Namibia: Invitation to fill vacancy

The Director of Elections hereby announces the vacancy of one member of the Electoral Commission and invites written applications from the public in accordance with section 5 of the Electoral Act, 1992 (Act No. 24 of 1992). The successful candidate will be appointed to serve for the remainder of the term of office of the current Commission, which ends on 5 July 2005.

Members of the Electoral Commission are collectively responsible for directing, supervising and controlling, in a fair, impartial, transparent and professional manner, all electoral processes in Namibia.

The member appointed to the Electoral Commission is expected to attend meetings of the Electoral Commission at least once monthly, during the electoral off-season and more regularly during election periods. The member is further expected to undertake trips within Namibia as well as outside of the Namibian borders, whenever required to do so on the business of the Commission.

The appointed member is entitled to sitting and honorarium allowances, subject to certain conditions of service.

The member to be appointed is expected to have the following attributes:
(a) a thorough knowledge and understanding of Namibian politics, history, cultures, issues and trends relating to democracy and elections in Namibia in particular, and generally, in the SADC region and in other parts of the world;

(b) a sense of integrity, independence of mind, and original and critical thinking in the execution of their electoral duties;

(c) a firm commitment to the principles of fairness, political neutrality and equality;

(d) irreproachable professional standing; and

(e) extensive experience and outstanding acumen in conflict resolution, negotiation and mediation.

All applications and interviews with candidates are short-listed by the Selection Committee established in terms of the Electoral Act, 1992 (Act No. 24 of 1992). Such interviews with the short-listed candidates are open to the public, where after such short-listed candidates are recommended in writing to the President for consideration for the appointment.

Applications must be submitted in writing, accompanied by a comprehensive Curriculum Vitae, certified copy of identity document, academic qualifications if any, and any other relevant documentation.

Applicants are to direct their inquiries and forward their applications to:

The Director of Elections,
Old Bank of Namibia Building,
Daniel Munamava Street,
Private Bag 13352
WINDHOEK

Telephone: (061) 236 787; Fax (061) 237 618.

The closing date for all applications is 12 October 2001.

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Windhoek, 21 September 2001