

**Civil Society Consultative Workshop  
on the  
Legal Framework for Free and Fair Elections in Namibia  
Windhoek, Safari Hotel Conference Centre: Omatako 2  
25 – 26 February 2008**

**Programme**

**DAY 1; WEDNESDAY, February 25, 2009**

- 08h00- 08h30      Arrival and Registration
- CHAIR:              *Mr Mathew Haikali, MISA Namibia*
- 08h30-08h45      *Welcome & Opening Remarks***  
*Mr Ronnie Dempers: Chairperson NANGOF Trust*  
*Mr Hubert René Schillinger, Resident Representative: FES Namibia*
- 08h45-09h00      **Opening Address****  
*Mr Victor Tonchi, Chairperson, Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN)*
- 09h00-09h15      **Introduction to the workshop****  
*Ms Carola Engelbrecht, NANGOF Trust Election Coalition (NTEC)*
- 09h15                      END OF OPEN SESSION FOR THE MEDIA**
- CHAIR:              *Ms Karen Ogle, Electoral Institute of Southern Africa (EISA)*
- 09h15-09h35      **Benchmarks for Free and Fair Elections****  
*Ms Maureen Moloi, Electoral Institute of Southern Africa (EISA)*
- 09h35-10h00      Discussion
- 10h00-10h30      *TEA Break*
- 10h30-10h50      **Independence/Autonomy of Electoral Management Bodies –  
Benchmarks and Good Practice -****  
*Mr Joram Rukambe, International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA)*
- 10h50 – 11h15      Discussion
- 11h15-11h35      **Management of Election-related Conflicts****  
*Mr Takawira Musavengana, Institute for Security Studies (ISS)*
- 11h35-12h00      Discussion
- 12h00-12h20      **Election-related Offences: The Role of the Law****  
*Mr John Nakuta, Faculty of Law, UNAM*
- 12h25-13h00      Discussion
- 13h00 – 14h30      *LUNCH Break*

<u>CHAIR:</u>	<i>Prof Gerhard Töttemeyer</i>
<b>14h30-14h50</b>	<b>Election-related Offences: Punitive Measures / Code of Conduct</b> <i>Prof Nico Horn / Mr John Nakuta, Faculty of Law, UNAM</i>
14h50-15h30	Discussion
15h30–16h00	<i>TEA BREAK</i>
<b>16h00-16h20</b>	<b>Election Monitoring versus Observation</b> <i>Ms Maureen Moloji, Electoral Institute of Southern Africa (EISA)</i>
16h20 – 17h00	Discussion
17h00	END OF DAY ONE

## DAY 2; THURSDAY, February 26, 2009

<u>CHAIR:</u>	<i>Mr Takawira Musavengana, Institute for Security Studies (ISS)</i>
<b>08h30-08h50</b>	<b>Access to Public Media</b> <i>Mr Mathew Haikali, MISA Namibia</i>
08h50-09h15	Discussion
<b>09h15-09h35</b>	<b>Funding of Political Parties</b> <i>Mr Graham Hopwood, Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR)</i>
09h35-10h00	Discussion
10h00-10h30	<i>TEA Break</i>
<b>10h30-10h50</b>	<b>The Electoral Amendment Bill, 2008: Introduction &amp; Comments</b> <i>Prof Gerhard Töttemeyer</i>
10h50-12h00	Comments by participants and discussion
<b>12h00-12h20</b>	<b>Voter Registration &amp; Voters' Roll</b> (including General Registration, Registration Points, Supplementary Registration, Continuous Registration, Electronic & Manual Voters' Roll) <i>Ms Karen Ogle, Electoral Institute of Southern Africa (EISA)</i>
12h20-13h00	Discussion
13h00-14h00	<i>LUNCH Break</i>
<u>CHAIR:</u>	<i>Mr Hubert René Schillinger, FES Namibia</i>
<b>14h15-14h35</b>	<b>Balloting</b> (incl. Printing of Ballot Papers, Tendered Votes, Electronic Voting Machines, Counting of Votes, Announcement of Results) <i>Mr Victor Tonchi, Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN)</i>
14h35-15h15	Discussion
15h15-15h30	<i>TEA Break</i>
15h30-17h00	<b>Civil Society Proposals towards the Electoral Amendment Bill &amp; The Way Forward</b>
17h00	END OF DAY TWO / END OF WORKSHOP