



Electoral Commission of Namibia



Draft PROGRAMME
NAMIBIA 2009 ELECTORAL SYMPOSIUM
'STRIVING FOR FREE, FAIR AND CREDIBLE ELECTIONS IN 2009'
17th to 18th March 2009

TUESDAY

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER(S)	MODERATOR
08:00 – 08:30	Arrival and Registration of Delegates		Ms. N. Tjipueja
08:30 – 08:45	Arrival of Dignitaries and other Guests of Honour		
08:45 – 09:00	Delegates take their sits		
09:00 – 09:15	Welcoming and Introductory Remarks	Mr. Victor Tonchi, Chairperson, ECN	
09:15 – 09:30	Remarks: Friedrich Ebert Stiftung	Mr. H. Schillinger (FES)	
	Keynote Address by Hon. Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab, MP, Speaker of the National Assembly of Namibia		
	Overview and Introduction to the Symposium	Mr. Moses Ndjarakana, Director of Elections & CEO: Electoral Commission of Namibia	
11:00 – 11:30	TEA BREAK AND PHOTO SESSION		
			Mr. L. Shatipamba
12:00 – 12:30	Elections, Democracy and Pluralism: Concept and Practise	Prof. Andre Du Pisani/ Mr. Phanel Kaapama/ Prof Bill Lindique	
12 :30 – 13 :00	Panel Discussion		
13 :00 – 14 :00	LUNCH BREAK		

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14 :00 – 14 :30	Overview of SADC Electoral Instruments: Experiences and Lessons	<i>Mr. Takawira Musavengana</i> , Institute of Security Studies (ISS)/ <i>Mr. Khabele Matlosa</i> (EISA)	Mr. S. Ueitele
14:30 – 15:00	Plenary Discussions		
15:00 – 15:30	TEA BREAK		
15:30 – 16:00	Gender and Elections: The Namibian and SADC Experience	Ms. Rosa Namises	Mr. S. Ueitele
16:00 – 16:45	Plenary Discussion		

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08:30 – 08:45	Recap of Day One	Resource Person	
08:45 – 09:15	Promoting Political Tolerance: Review of Selected Case Studies	Mr. Joram Rukambe, IDEA	Ms. R. Shipiki-Kapolo
09:15 – 10:45	Plenary Discussion		
10:15 – 10:45	Roles and Responsibilities of Civil Society in ensuring Free, Fair and Credible 2009 Elections	Ms. Carola Engelbrecht (NANGOF)	
10:45 – 11:15	Plenary Discussion		
11:15 – 11:45	TEA BREAK		
11:45 – 12:15	Code of Conduct for Political Parties: A Tool to ensuring Free, Fair and Credible 2009 Elections	Mr. John Nakuta (UNAM)	Mr. V. L. Tonchi
12:15 – 13:00	Plenary Discussion		
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH BREAK		
14:00 – 14:45	Symposium Communiqué: Towards Free, Fair and Credible 2009 Elections	ECN Secretariat and Lead Resource Person to present a draft and finalize after input	Ms. N. Tjipueja
14:45 – 15:15	Presentation of Communiqué to the Media	Mr. Victor Tonchi	
15:15 – 15:30	Official Launch of ECN 2009 Elections Calendar	Mr. Victor Tonchi	
15:30 – 15:45	Closing Remarks	Hon. Asser Kapere, MP, Chairperson: National Council	
15:45 – 16:45	COCKTAIL		