

OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL ELECTION RESULTS OF THE 2014 PRESIDENTIAL AND NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTIONS

BY

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Salutations

- Your Excellency Dr. Hifikepunye Pohamba, President of the Republic of Namibia
- Rt. Honourable Prime Minister, Dr. Hage Geingob, ,
- Hon. Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab, Speaker of the National Assembly
- Hon. Asser Kapere, Chairperson of the National Assembly
- Honourable Ministers and Members of Parliament
- Members of the Diplomatic Corps here present
- Service Chiefs
- Fellow Commissioners
- Prof. Paul Isaak, Chief Electoral Officer
- Distinguished Presidents and Leaders of Political Parties
- Representatives of International and Local Observers
- Members of Civil society and the Media
- Ladies and Gentlemen
- All protocol observed

Preamble

Allow me to warmly welcome you to this important national gathering for which we all have been eagerly awaiting for. On Friday, 28th November 2014, we as the Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN) in terms our mandate which is to organize, direct, supervise, manage and control the conduct of elections and referenda in a free, fair, independent, credible, transparent and impartial manner successfully held the 2014 Presidential and National Assembly Elections.

The 2014 Presidential and National Assembly Elections had a total Voters' Register of **1,241,194 (one million, two hundred and forty one thousand and one hundred and ninety four)**.

It is important to note that on Friday, 14th November 2014, Namibians in Diaspora were afforded an opportunity to cast their votes at designated Namibian diplomatic missions abroad. Sea-going personnel also voted on the same day at Walvis Bay and Luderitz, respectively. The election result for both Foreign Missions and Sea-Going Personnel has been added to the national total results for the Presidential and National Assembly election results. A seventy percent (70%) turnout of voters who voted abroad was realized. It is our considered view that the high voter turnout realised is testimony of the outreach of our voter and civic education and the enthusiasm Namibians had to use the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) for the first time.

Determination and Announcement of the Presidential Elections Results

Your Excellency, Director of Ceremony,

Since the process of determining and announcing election results is clearly prescribed in law, I wish to present and confirm our adherence to the same. In terms of Section 109 and 110 of the Electoral Act no. 5 of 2014, the law prescribes that upon receipt of results from the Chief Electoral Officer, the Chairperson of the Electoral Commission should, - make known the total number of votes counted in the election and, in respect of each candidate.

A total of **Nine (9) Presidential candidates** contested the Elections. It is my pleasure to announce the outcome of the Presidential race which I shall do so in an alphabetic order.

1. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

TOTAL VOTES: 890,738

<u>No.</u>	<u>CANDIDATE NAME</u>	<u>TOTAL VOTES RECEIVED</u>
1.	Geingob, Hage Gottfried	772,528
2.	Hamutenya, Hidipo Livius	30,197
3.	Maamberua, Usutuaije	5,028
4.	Mbai, Asser Ferdinand	16,740
5.	Mudge, Henry Ferdinand	8,676
6.	Mukwiilongo, Jan Epafras Mulinasho	2,514
7.	Shixwameni, Ignatius Nkotonggo	7,266
8.	Ulenga, Ulenga Benjamin	3,518
9.	Venaani, McHenry Mike Kanjonokere	44,271

In accordance with Section 109 (2) of the Electoral Act, I have the honour and privilege to declare **Dr. Hage Gottfried Geingob** who has accumulated a total of **Seven Hundred and Seventy Two Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Eight** (772528) votes in the Presidential race, duly elected as President with effect from such date as determined by the Namibian Constitution. Congratulations Sir!

Determination and Announcement of the Results of Elections of Candidates to the National Assembly

Your Excellency, Director of Ceremonies,

A total of **sixteen (16) Political Parties** contested the National Assembly Elections. We have listed the parties in alphabetical order together with the results each party obtained.

The law in terms of *Section 110 (Subsection: 1, 2 and 3)* of the Act require that the Chairperson of the Commission make known:

1. *The total number of votes counted and recorded for each political party;*
2. *The appropriate quota determined and hence the number of seats obtained in the National Assembly according to paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 of the Namibian Constitution.*

For the purposes of filling the 96 seats in the National Assembly pursuant to the provisions of Article 46(1)(a) the total number of valid votes cast in a general election for these seats shall be divided by 96 and the result shall constitute the quota of valid votes per seat.

Furthermore, where this formula set out yields a surplus fraction not absorbed by the number of seats allocated to the political party concern, such surplus shall compete with other similar surpluses accruing to any other party or parties participating in the election and any undistributed seat or seats shall be awarded to the party or parties concerned in sequence of the highest surplus. In the event of a tie of surpluses, and as a result of such tie the undistributed seat(s) cannot be awarded, then the undistributed seat(s) will be awarded by lot.

Accordingly, the results of the National Assembly Elections are as follows:-

2. NATIONAL ASSEMBLY ELECTION

TOTAL VOTES: 893,643

QUOTA:

9,308

NO.	POLITICAL PARTIES	TOTAL VOTES RECEIVED	SEAT ALLOCATION	SURPLUS VOTES	TOTAL SEATS
1.	All People's party	20,431	2		2
2.	Christian Democratic Voice party	2,606	0		
3.	Congress of Democrats	3,404	0		
4.	Democratic Party of Namibia	1,131	0		
5.	DTA of Namibia	42,933	4	1	5
6.	Monitor Action Group	3,073	0		
7.	Namibia Economic Freedom Fights	3,259	0		
8.	National Democratic Party of Namibia	1,389	0		
9.	National Unity Democratic Organisation	17,942	1	1	2
10.	Rally of Democracy and Progress	31,372	3		3
11.	Republican party of Namibia	6,099	0	1	1
12.	SWANU of Namibia	6,354	0	1	1
13.	SWAPO Party of Namibia	715,026	76	1	77
14.	United Democratic Front of Namibia	18,945	2		2
15.	United People's Movement	6,353	0	1	1
16.	Workers Revolutionary Party	13,328	1	1	2
		893,643			96

Director of Ceremonies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my honour and pleasure to announce that the candidates on the **List of each Political Party** as gazzeted on **7th November 2014** in the **Government Gazzet No. 5609** who in terms of the formula and results stated above obtained a seat(s) are duly elected as Members of the National Assembly with effect from the date as determined in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Namibian Constitution. We congratulate the Members of Parliament (MPs)-elect!

Some Challenges experienced

Your Excellency, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It goes without saying that a national process such as the just ended elections we had cannot go without challenges. Admittedly, some teething problems were observed at the start of the polling process especially on the morning of Friday, 28th November 2014. We particularly experienced challenges with the handling of the Voter Verification Device which resulted in delays in the verification of voters. This problem was mainly with how our officers were handling the device and not necessarily the devices itself.

On the other hand I am delighted to note and confirm that the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) operated very well and accurately recorded the votes. The EVMs equally fast tracked

the time spend at the voting stage. Today, ECN is relieved of the burden of having to announce spoiled or rejected ballot. Every vote cast was indeed counted.

Furthermore, the EVMs has also simplified and improved the results tabulation and counting process. As a result by noon yesterday, the Results Centre had received results from over fifty per cent of the 121 Constituencies.

Since the Electoral Commission adopted an elaborate result verification and auditing process, we required to engage with our Returning Officers and Presiding Officers in the field, which process was tedious. It is the position of the Commission however that we only announce results that are verified and audited to ensure the credibility and integrity of the election.

Vote of Thanks

Your Excellency, Director of Ceremonies,

It was indeed a heart-warming experience to watch as hundreds of thousands of Namibians braced the heat of the sun and patiently waited in queues to cast their votes at various polling stations across the country. Surely, Namibians from all walks of life and of different age demonstrated their unwavering commitment to democracy. This underscored the theme "*Consolidating Namibia's Democracy*" under which we held the 2014 elections.

I wish to express our appreciation to the leaders and supporters of the different political parties for the generally peaceful political environment which reigned before and during the elections and trust that the same will continue as we accept and embrace today's official elections results. It is important that we continue to uphold the Code of Conduct for Political Parties.

The great support we received from the Namibian Police and all other agencies of government cannot go unnoticed. Had it not been for the sacrifices of our Polling Officials who tirelessly worked day and night, the success of these elections would not have been a reality. It will be remiss of me not to recognise the important role played by the media and in particular the Namibian Broadcasting Corporation (NBC).

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Your Excellency, Director of Ceremonies,

It is the undertaking of the Electoral Commission that we have learned the lessons and will meticulously workout strategies to address these in future electoral processes. We are fully aware of the statutory requirement to furnish a post-election report within a period of six months after an election in which report we will surely share more on our experience and proposed solutions to the challenges we experienced.

The ECN will however continue to review and enhance all its business processes with a view to improve service delivery to all its stakeholders. It is clear that the human factor played a role in the problems that were encountered during this particular election. With better training of the operators, the electronic devices have potential to revolutionize the polling process in terms of speed and the provision of valuable information to be used in electoral analysis,

during and after elections. Political parties will find this useful in guiding political strategies and focus.

In conclusion,

The ECN welcome the number of independent observer reports received from many international and regional observers who have indeed declared the 2014 Presidential and National Assembly Elections to have been free, fair and credible. Accordingly and in my assessment as the Chairperson of the Electoral Commission of Namibia (ECN), I have no doubt to confirm that the elections were conducted in accordance with the law and that the Namibians as a result were enabled to elect a President and Members of the National Assembly of their choice.

May God Bless You, and May God Bless the Republic of Namibia

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