

By Joseph Sinuva


The concept of decentralization in Namibia has its roots in two major processes that have historically been described as the majority of the Namibian people, namely independence and development. The attainment of the noble objectives of democracy and development center upon the pillar of decentralization, which we committed ourselves to by constitutional provision.

Thus, the challenge of development and participatory democracy in Namibia is incumbent upon us to extend democracy to the people as their right whilst at the same time, ensure rapid economic, cultural and social development. The above process therefore provides an opportunity for people to have access to relevant resources for the development of society and ensure that democracy is formed by people as a right based on national ideas and values.

History has taught us that the only guarantor for democracy is people making it happen through a political, social and cultural development at their own level and the only safeguard of sustainable development is when people participate in setting their own priorities, planning, implementing and monitoring them and evaluating these themselves within the overall national interest.

It follows therefore that such democratic participation leads to ownership and hence sustainability of those development initiatives that result from such participation.

For the purpose of this discussion, decentralization is about division of development initiatives that result from such participation and hence sustainability of those developments initiatives that result from such participation.

The conception and introduction of decentralization in Namibia has its roots in the vision of the South West Africa Peoples Orga- nization (SWAPO), the ruling party, during the peoples’ protracted struggle before independence and was reflected in the 1983’s SWAPO/MPI (United Nations Institute for Namibia) or government officials as it was referred to in 1989 during the imple- mentation of UN Resolution 455 in which the Namibian government was promised in a means of achieving local democ-


Local Tender Board

For the City of Windhoek

Tender Invitation

TENDER NO. FIN 1 2008/2009

Description: FINANCING OF VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

Closing Date: Friday, 28 August 2009 at 11:00

Tender Documents: Available as from Tuesday the 11th August 2009 at 11:00 at the Customer Centre, Rev. Michael Scott Street, Windhoek.

Ley.: NS 150.00 (Non-refundable)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

PERMANENT CLOSING OF PORTION OF SCHAFFNER STREET PIONEERS PARK AND WINDHUK PRESS BUILDING TO THE PUBLIC FOR CONSOLIDATION PURPOSE

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Objections to the proposed closing are to be served on the Secretary: Townships Board, Private Bag 13289, and the Chief Executive Officer, P.O. Box 59, Windhoek, within 14 days after the appearance of this notice in accordance with Article 50(1)(C) of the above Act.

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