

Editor position at Namibian newspaper shrouded in secrecy

By Ngagalombe Nekwaya

The media is said to be a fourth estate in every society. It provides a service as a watchdog for government on behalf of the ordinary citizens. Usually it also exposes the wrongs happening in a wider society.

This is a noble responsibility, although for which it has no electoral mandate except of course to make business may be. In Namibia the media plays a very important role too especially for those who work hard in it as journalists or owners of media houses. The question

however to be asked is who is the watchdog for the media especially in matters that are perceived as double standard and hypocritical.

I want to take the example where last year *Namibia Today* ran a story on the disparity of salaries, black and white em-

ployees, at the Namibian newspaper. Not long thereafter there was an advert for editor of the newspaper. It was at the same time as the editor position for Informante, I understand the latter has already filled the positions.

However as for the Namibian newspaper, which is the paper that prides itself for "telling it like it is" has become unwilling to inform its readership about the progress or transparency of the appointment process.

If this were other positions in parastatals or government in general, journalists of the same

newspapers would have been all over the place telling the public who was shortlisted and tipped for appointment etc. The same should be expected for the position of Editor in the Namibian newspaper.

Mrs Gwen Lister has been editor for a long time and she has nobly indicated her intention to retire. Can she glance some light on the process, does she have someone in mind to succeed her and how far is the interviewing and shortlisting process. Why is this process not transparent to the reading public. For me I was thinking that it is time for a black person to take over. Naturally those inside the organisation should be can-

didates to ensure continuity but it can also be any other suitably qualified black Namibian. Is this wrong presumption if so, let us hear from Ms Gwen Lister herself.

The fourth estate really must also be transparent in order for the readership to have some confidence in the words appearing in our media. Specifically, who made it to the shortlisting, interview and eventually selected. Who constituted the interview panel and who was the chairperson of the interview panel. In conclusion, Mrs Lister must be commended for realizing the need to step down and seek for someone to fill her shoes.

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Closing Date: Friday, 18 March 2011 at 11:00.

Site Inspection & Tender briefing: Compulsory site inspection will be held in the Committee Room of the Architecture Division on the corner of Garten and Rev. Michael Scott Streets, on 04th of March 2011 at 09:00.

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TENDER NO. INF 570/2011

Description: Soweto Market Building Renovations for City of Windhoek

Closing Date: Friday, 18 March 2011 at 11:00.

Site Inspection & Tender briefing: Compulsory site inspection will be held at Building Maintenance Division, Noble Streets, on Monday 07th of March 2011 at 09:00.

Tender Documents: Available as from Wednesday 2nd of March 2011 at 14:00, at the Customer Care Centre of the City of Windhoek, Rev. Michael Scott Street, Windhoek.

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Description: Removal and replacement of damaged surface beds and ramps at Katutura Industrial Stalls for City of Windhoek

Closing Date: Friday, 18 March 2011 at 11:00.

Site Inspection & Tender briefing: Compulsory site inspection will be held at the Building Maintenance Division, Noble Street, on 07th of March 2011 at 14:00.

Tender Documents: Available as from Wednesday 02nd of March 2011 at 14:00, at the Customer Care Centre of the City of Windhoek, Rev. Michael Scott Street, Windhoek.

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Description: Chemical control of *Opuntia* sp. Along the Hofmeyr trial in Klein-Windhoek

Site Inspection & Tender briefing: Compulsory site inspection will be held on the 03 March 2011, 09:00 Hofmeyr trial, Orban Street, Klein Windhoek.

Closing Date: Friday, 18 March 2011 at 11:00.

Tender Documents: Available as from the 28th of February 2011 at 14:00, at the Customer Care Centre of the City of Windhoek, Rev. Michael Scott Street, Windhoek.

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Republic of Namibia

MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WATER AND FORESTRY

DEPARTMENT OF WATER AFFAIRS & FORESTRY DIRECTORATE RURAL
WATER SUPPLY AND SANITATION COORDINATION

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EoI): EoI/18/2 – 01/ 2011

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- Construction of pipelines and water points,
- Connection of individuals to established national water works,
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- Construction of Orchard Irrigation System,
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- Rehabilitation of water points
- Construction of Earth Dams, and the
- Coordination of the construction of Sanitation Infrastructure

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