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We proudly present the reprint of this publication, issued against the background of growing public demand for its availability in view of its ongoing relevance. The first edition was first published in 2000 and sold out quickly. It soon became a key resource and textbook for students and researchers from a variety of academic disciplines in Namibia and elsewhere, and received attention in political circles.

Since the book was first published on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of Namibia's independence, this reprint could be considered as a contribution towards Namibia's 20th anniversary in 2010. Although certain aspects of some of the contributions may seem outdated, they have remained highly topical.

Through this reprint it has also become possible to publish the book electronically on the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) website (www.kas.de/namibia). In this way, the contents are accessible to a broad international readership, drawing more and worldwide attention to state, society and democracy in Namibia.

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