



Action for becoming a credible CSO in Namibian communities (CCSO)

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Press Release

Action for becoming a credible Civil Society Organisation in Namibian Communities

Project Launching Ceremony

19 August 2016

We are pleased to announce the launch of the new project called "Action for becoming a credible Civil Society Organisation (CSO) in Namibian Communities". The project is jointly funded by the European Union (EU) and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) to the tune of €749, 281.00 in total which is equivalent to N\$13 Million and will be implemented in partnership with the Namibia Institute of Democracy (NID) and Institute of Management and Leadership Training (IMLT).

- **Title:** "Action for becoming a credible CSO in Namibian Communities"
- **Overall objective:** Positive contribution to an accountable, transparent and participatory democracy in Namibia in accordance with Namibian Constitution.
- **Specific objective:** reinforcement of CSOs as influential actors and make them develop capacities and skills that lead to an improved dialogue with elected representatives who also will gain knowledge to fulfil their roles and responsibilities in a democratic system more effectively.
- **Result 1:** Increased capacity and efficiency of local CSOs in advocating for better sustainable local economic development in their respective regions. The activities include set up an advisory group, create an exchange platform (monthly meetings per region) and develop the curriculum.
- **Result 2:** Empowerment of CSOs through increased awareness and participation in decision making process both in project and policy level. Activities include train selected CSOs on enhanced strategic thinking, analytical and advocacy skills; lobbying for bills and Law reforms to get a reliable partner in the process.
- **Result 3:** CSO's ability to govern their own affairs has been improved. Training interventions on enhanced organizational, operational, financial and administrative skills

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The project will be implemented during 36 months (April 2016- April 2019) in 5 regions, Oshikoto, Otjozondjupa, Erongo, Omaheke and Hardap respectively. It will directly benefit 10 CSOs per region who will be selected based on their activities in the community, duration of existence and compliance with the law e.g. registration. There is a CSO advisory group (CSOAG) that will serve as a steering committee to follow up and advise on the implementation of the project.

The project launch will take place on:

Date: 19 August 2016

**Venue: Polytechnic Hotel School,
Beethoven Street, Windhoek**

Time: 09:30



H.E. Ambassador Jana Hybascova
Delegation of the European Union to Namibia



Reinhard Willig
KAS Resident Representative



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Master of Ceremonies

Naita Hishoono, Project Officer

| <u>Time</u> | <u>Topic</u> |
|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 09:30 – 09:45 | Arrival and registration |
| 09:45 – 10:00 | Welcoming remarks Mr. Reinhard Willig, KAS-Resident Representative & Project Director |
| 10:00 – 10:40 | Project introduction followed by Q & A Dennis Zaire, Project Manager |
| 10:40 – 11:00 | Skills development and capacity building: Important pillars for economic development Hon. Laura McLeod-Katjirua Governor: Khomas Region |
| 11:00 – 11:20 | EU support to Namibia & official project launch H.E. Ambassador Jana Hybascova Delegation of the European Union to Namibia |
| 11:20 – 11:40 | Questions and Answers |
| 11:40 - 12:00 | Conclusion, followed by Group photo and lunch |

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