



PUBLIC NOTICE

15 SEPTEMBER IS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DEMOCRACY **"Democracy 2030"**

The Parliament of Namibia is delighted to inform the Namibian Nation, in particular our Youth, that your Parliament will commemorate the International Day of Democracy on 15 September 2016 from 08:30 to 13:00 in the National Assembly Chamber under the theme "Democracy 2030" focusing on the following elements inherent in the theme:

- Future-oriented: How will our democracy change between now and 2030? Will people vote online in elections? Crowdsourcing laws? Will the role of parliament be the same as it is today?
- Youth-oriented: How can our parliament ensure the political participation of young people and prepare the future of democracy? What progress has been made and what needs to be done?
- Development-oriented: How should we connect the United Nations' 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development with the democratic values of participation, inclusiveness and accountability? How to ensure that democracy and development advance hand in hand?

It is expected that approximately ninety (90) students from the University of Namibia, Namibia University of Science and Technology, International University of Management, learners from high schools in Windhoek and representatives from the National Youth Council will take part in the debate. Hon. Prof. Peter H Katjavivi, Speaker of the National Assembly will officially open the event. Representatives from government, civil society and the youth will give presentations and debates will emanate in a typical "parliament style debate".

Members of the public are welcome to attend this special event and also encouraged to express views and comments on Facebook page Parliament-of-the-Republic-of-Namibia and Twitter under hashtag #DemocracyDayNam2016. Information on the International Day of Democracy can also be found on <http://www.parliament.na>

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