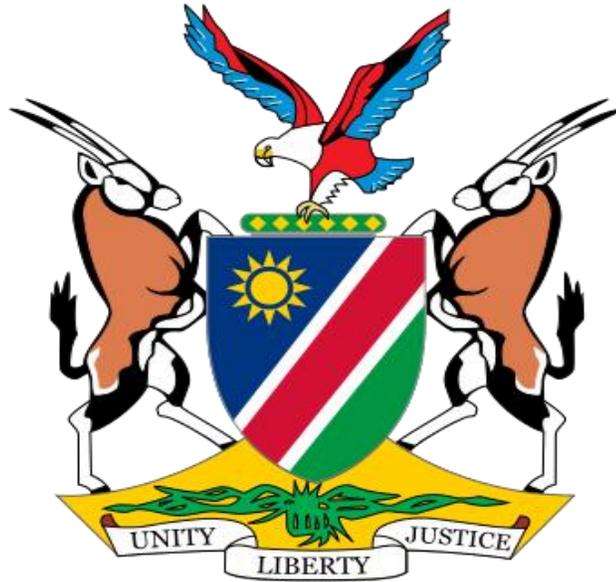


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**MEETING TO DISCUSS THE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
PROCESS IN LAW MAKING HOSTED BY THE HONOURABLE
MINISTER OF JUSTICE, WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA**

22 August 2018

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1. **On 21 June 2018, the Ministry of Justice introduced a draft, amended law making process document which aims to increase public participation in the law making process.**
2. In order to ensure that the public participation is effective and useful, the Honourable Minister of Justice directed that an additional guide be drafted as an annexure to the Administrative Directive, which will be signed by the Right Honourable Prime Minister, once sufficient public and internal consultation was taken place, to set out cost effective, efficient public participation processes that must be followed by Ministries when considering the enactment of an amendment or new law.
3. Such a draft annexure was shared with members of the Civil Society in advance, accompanied by an invitation to discuss the draft at a meeting with the Honourable Minister of Justice.
4. Today, on 22 August 2018, the meeting between the Civil Society Organisations and the Honourable Minister of Justice took place at the Ministry of Justice in Windhoek.
5. During the meeting a timeline was established for finalizing the annexure dealing with the manner and forms of effective public participation which will be expected from each Ministry. Special attention will be directed to the best way to include marginalised communities and how to harness technology in public participation. A list of the most likely stakeholders for each Ministry will be compiled and shared with the Ministries.
6. During the meeting, Mr Dennis Zaire, Project Manager for the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, presented the Honourable Minister with copies of the annotated Namibian Constitution for distribution to regional magistrates

courts or other officials in need of an updated copy of the Namibian Constitution. The Ministry thanks the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung for their generous gift and unwavering support, in terms of time and technical assistance, of Ministry of Justice projects.

7. The Honourable Minister of Justice also announced that as from 31 August 2018, Bills under the sponsorship of the Ministry of Justice will be available on the Ministry of Justice website for public comment.

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8. The Ministry of Justice remains committed to serving the Namibian nation by making access to justice a reality.

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