

## MEDIA RELEASE

(NSA dissemination & logo usage)

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For immediate release

### NSA ON STATISTICS DISSEMINATION AND NSA LOGO USAGE ON POLITICAL PARTIES POSTERS

1. The Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA), as per Section 4.1 of the Statistics Act No.9 of 2011, has a mandate of collecting, producing, analysing and disseminating statistics. As per this mandate, NSA releases demographic, socio- and economic statistics on a regular basis. Having recently released the preliminary census results and economic statistics, NSA has been disseminating these statistics to various stakeholders impartially, as per the Statistics Act Section 4. 1 (d).
2. The NSA received a request on 19 July 2024 from the AR party to present at their workshop on 27 July 2024 on the Economic and Demographic data, specifically NSA was asked to present on “Namibia at Glance: Key Demographic and Economic Statistics”
3. The presentation to any data user, including political parties (which is a world wide practice) is in line with the United Nations Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics (UNPOFS), Principle 1 which is about Relevance, Impartiality, and Equal Access that states that “Official statistics provide an indispensable element in the information system of a democratic society, serving the Government, the economy and the public with data about the economic, demographic, social and environmental situation. To this end, official statistics that meet the test of practical utility are to be compiled and made available on an impartial basis by official statistical agencies to honour citizens’ entitlement to public information”.
4. Since the NSA produces data for all data users, as per Section 4 of the Statistics Act, Act No. 9 of 2011, the NSA responded to AR’s request to provide the current available data that was already released before and as such NSA presented to the workshop on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2024 .
5. With regards to new data to be released, those are normally released impartially as per Section 4.1 (d) of the Statistics Act, Act No. 9 of 2011. It is henceforth that the NSA normally release data via Media releases and by placing on the website as well as sharing it with the various stakeholders including those on our mailing list.

6. Given the above background, the NSA hereby clarifies on the NSA logo that was used on a poster about the above-mentioned Workshop of the AR party, which was used without the consent and knowledge of the NSA.
  
7. The usage of the NSA logo on a political party poster might provide an impression as if the NSA has either sponsored or was part of organizing this workshop or an impression as if the NSA is part of the AR party whereas the NSA was only requested to present information on the Economic and Demographic statistics.
  
8. The NSA would also like to inform the nation that the Census Basic report as well as other related Thematic reports such as the Labour Force Thematic Report and the Post Enumeration Survey Report will be released as per the advanced release calendar by 30 October 2024.

I thank you.

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