

## Civil Society Organizations Working Group on Land Reform (CSO-WGLR)

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**Re: Workshop to Review progress on implementation of Resolutions of the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Land Conference (October 2018) on Urban Land Reform with special reference to Upgrading of Informal Settlements! – Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021 from 9h00 -12h00.**

Dear civil society organizations and land activist,

*We are pleased to invite you to a “Workshop to Review progress on implementation of Resolutions of the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Land Conference (October 2018) on Urban Land Reform with special reference to Upgrading of Informal Settlements!*

Civil society organizations during their presentations at the 2ndNLC challenged President Dr Hage Geingob to make **the improvement of living conditions in informal settlements a legacy of his Presidency**. In addition, civil society organizations pledged to work with government and in particular the Presidency, line Ministries, the private sector, professional bodies and development agencies to improve the situation in informal settlements.

While closing the 2nd National Land Conference (2ndNLC), **President Hage Geingob declared that the situation in informal settlements to be an “national emergency” and a “humanitarian crisis”**. This was a key recognition that the living conditions in informal settlements requires urgent and concrete action.

**Almost three years after the 2<sup>nd</sup> National Land Conference, this workshop will review progress with implementation of the resolutions and formulate proposals from civil society organizations in terms of the way forward!**

### Objective of the workshop:

- Critically assess the latest progress report from the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development to the High-Level Committee (Chaired by Prime Minister) for the implementation of resolutions of the 2<sup>nd</sup> NLC.
- Review current and ongoing interventions and initiatives (especially after the 2ndNLC) by various stakeholders with regards to upgrading of informal settlements and urban land reform in general.
- Development proposals from a civil society perspective and an advocacy plan to ensure resolutions of 2ndNLC on urban land reform are successfully implemented with a sense of urgency.
- Formulate submission to the next High Level Committee meeting scheduled for **6<sup>th</sup> September 2021**.

### Proposed Program for the Workshop: Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2021 – 9h00 -12h00 – via Zoom Virtual Platform

1. Welcoming, background and introductory remarks by Uhuru Dempers – Convener of the Civil Society Organizations Working Group on Land Reform (CSO-WGLR)
2. Overview of progress with implementation of 2<sup>nd</sup> National Land Conference Resolutions by CSO representatives on the HLC: Royal Mabakeng-National Alliance for the Upgrading of Informal Settlements – Heinrich Amushila – Namibia Housing Action Group (NHAG) and Edith Mbango – Shack Dwellers Federation of Namibia
3. Questions, Comments and general discussions
4. **Break – 10minutes**
5. Rethinking Land and Housing Delivery: Harnessing Local Innovation for Scaleup and Acceleration: Pastor Nathanael Areseb – Namibia Local Authorities Officials Association
6. Discussions and proposals to ensure resolutions of 2ndNLC on urban land reform are successfully implemented urgency:
7. Way forward, immediate steps and closure: Uhuru Dempers: CSO-WGLR

**Please confirm your participation by sending an SMS or WhatsApp message to 0811503508 or 0816044101 with your name, organization and email address or send email to [pjaarsak@gmail.com](mailto:pjaarsak@gmail.com) or [imuhurudempers@gmail.com](mailto:imuhurudempers@gmail.com). All participants after confirmation of attendance will receive a zoom link for the meeting.**



With the kindest regards,

**IM Uhuru Dempers: Convener: Civil Society Organizations Working Group on Land Reform (CSO-WGLR).**