



ELECTORAL COMMISSION

PRESS RELEASE

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STATUS OF THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION

The Commission would like to inform the general public and all electoral stakeholders that it has been formally notified that Commissioner Dr. Jean Mathanga and Commissioner Ms. Linda Kunje applied for and were granted permission to commence Judicial Review Proceedings and an order staying the decision to rescind their appointments as Commissioners of the Electoral Commission.

The effect of that court order is to suspend the decision to rescind the two Commissioners' appointments until the conclusion of the Judicial Review Proceedings or a further order of the Court on this matter. This, therefore, means that our composition reverts to what it was prior to the delivery of those letters on 12th April 2021.

In view of this development the Commission may competently resume the regular discharge of its constitutional and statutory functions.

Meanwhile, the Commission shall convene a formal meeting within the next week to deliberate upon the next appropriate steps in view of this development. Thereafter, the Commission will issue a Revised Calendar of

Events outlining the implementation of its activities which were suspended by operation of the law.

RESIGNATION OF THE MEC CHIEF ELECTIONS OFFICER

Furthermore, the Commission would like to officially inform the general public and all our stakeholders that, on Monday 26th April 2021, it received a Notice of Resignation from The Chief Elections Officer Mr. Sam Alfandika, who has already proceeded on his accrued annual leave pending the effective operation of the resignation.

In the meantime, the Commission shall be meeting to discuss the relevant modalities for filling the vacancy arising from this development, bearing in mind the critical role of this office in the effective discharge of our business at all levels.



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CHAIRMAN