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Just City

FES Namibia joined 7 other African countries in strengthening social democratic urbanization through the new working line Project Oriented Approach (POA) "Just City".

The POA, together with (in some cases new) partners and experts, is intended to stimulate a politico-economic discussion that is sensitive, empirically embedded, strategically useful, but also normative about necessary political processes, democratic participation, new national and municipal alliances and political solutions on the way to a 'Just City' in Africa (Namibia).

In this course our (FES Namibia) priorities will be on 3 key aspects;

1. Land use
2. Housing and
3. Access to water



Forum For Experts on Social Protection

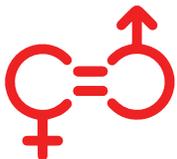
The Forum for Experts on Social Protection was launched in Windhoek. It is an initiative of the German Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) in collaboration with the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Namibia.

The Forum aims to bring together Namibian and regional experts to pool and share ideas on the expansion and improvement of social protection in Namibia. It will promote national dialogue and debate on social protection matters. The long-term goal is to enhance the lives of Namibian citizens by guiding government toward the establishment of a comprehensive social safety net which guarantees universal income and social services whenever there is need caused by ill-health, long-term unemployment, loss of employment and collapse of earnings.



Trade unions

The Trade Union Congress of Namibia (TUCNA) is one of three national trade union centers in Namibia. The TUCNA was formed as a merger between the Namibia Federation of Trade Unions (NAFTU) and the Namibia People's Social Movement (NPSM) in May 2002. The TUCNA was created by unions which rejected linkages with Namibia's ruling party, the South West Africa People's Organization (SWAPO).



Gender Justice

Gender Justice forms an integral part of all FES activities as there cannot be social justice without gender justice. It is with this view that FES Namibia Office has identified two major gender justice lines of work to be addressed in the following years: **Equal access to public goods and meaningful representation.**

Promoting gender equality in partnership with our stakeholders, FES Namibia is working towards the realization of gender equality between men and women, especially within political decision-making structures.



Reconciliation

FES Namibia, through its partners, the National Assembly, Ovaherero/Ovambanderu & Nama Council (ONCD) for Dialogue 1904-1908, Nama German Group Desk for Social Development of ELCRN facilitates inclusive dialogues on the reconciliation process. Through our initiatives, we hope that the legislature, Political Parties and the Civil Society Organizations will develop common position on national reconciliation and reconciliation with Germany.



Co-operation with Parliament (National Assembly)

Strengthening Parliament

FES Namibia's cooperation with the Namibian Parliament is growing year on year. In our bid to strengthen parliamentary democracy, we engage its various standing committees through dialogues, capacity building activities, international and regional exchange programs and research activities. Our support towards a Parliamentary Budget Handbook for the members of Parliament is envisaged to empower them with the ability to fulfil their responsibilities and develop fiscally assertive legislature that can positively impact the lives of people in Namibia.



Strengthening Political Parties

At a national, regional and international level, FES Namibia projects are designed to strengthen the network among political parties in the country. Parliamentary multi-party democracy depends on the existence of strong and sustainable democratic parties. FES Namibia views political parties as an important set of institutions which are key to national development. In Namibia, the South West African People's Organization (The SWAPO Party) is the ruling party.