

# Acknowledgements

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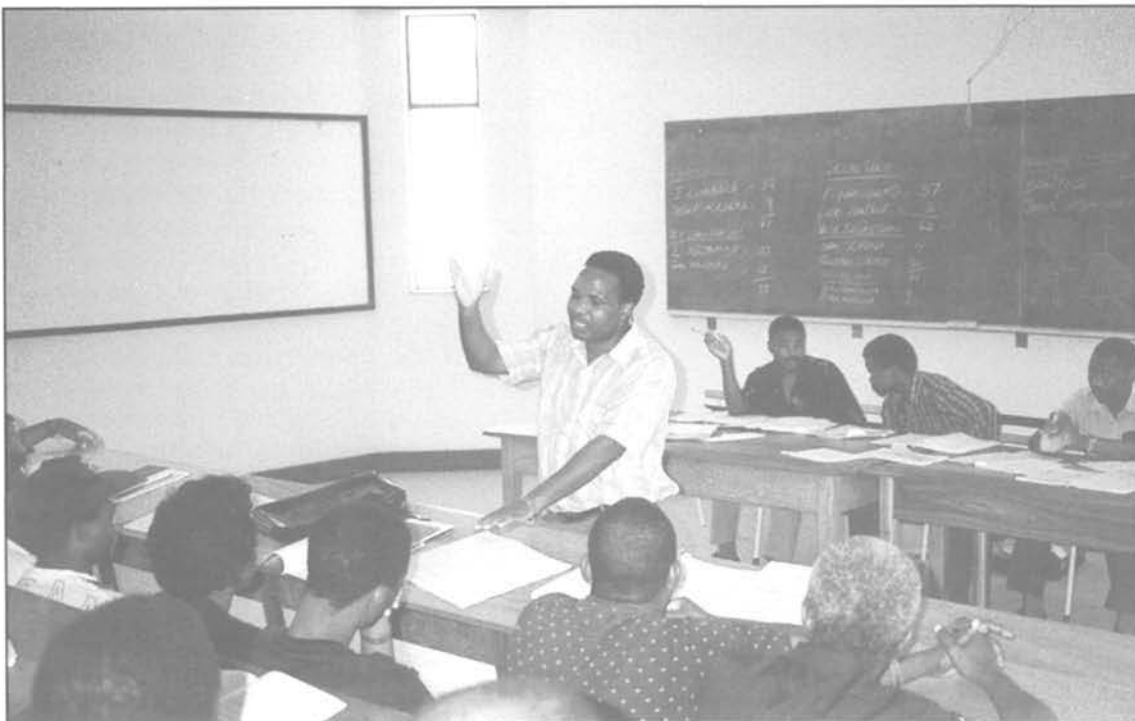
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## Images of the Elections



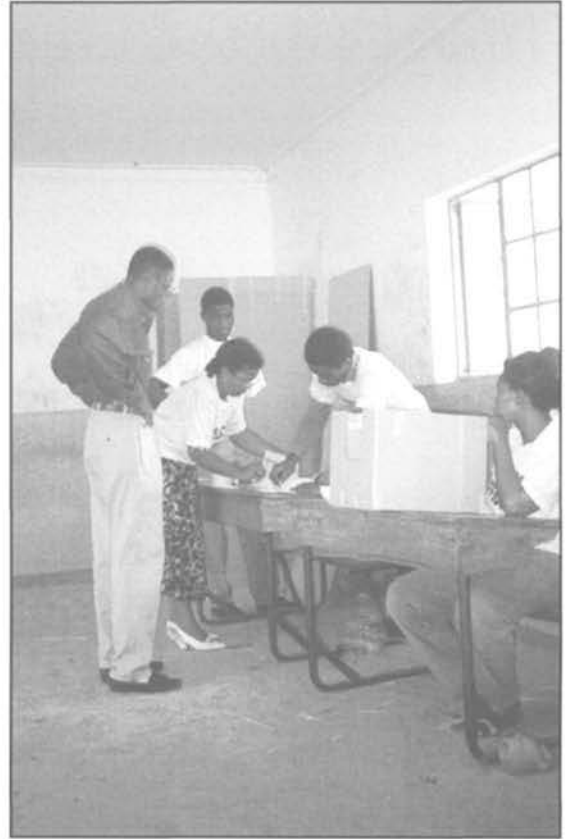
*Discussing election procedures ... Director of Elections, Professor Gerhard Töttemeyer (left), and Mrs Justice Anastasia Msosa, Chairperson of the Commonwealth Observer Group*



*Election officers undergoing training*



*Poster Politics ... a telegraph pole in Windhoek with a poster of Mishake Muyongo, DTA Presidential candidate, and a voter education poster produced by the Directorate of Elections*



*Election officers at an Oshakati polling station making final preparations before voting begins on 7 December 1994, the first day of polling, with a polling booth in the background*



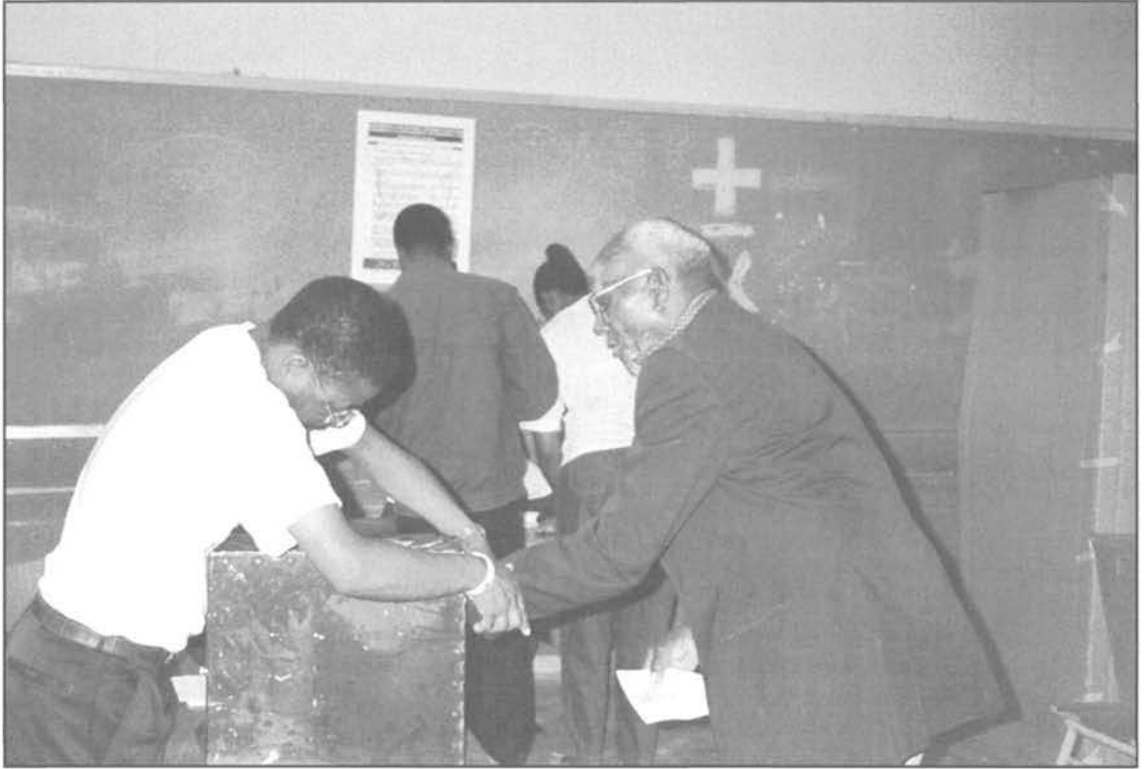
*Commonwealth Observer Diane Bigelow (right) watching pre-election preparations at a polling station in Oshikoto Region*



*Voters wait patiently and with good humour, even when queuing in the hot sun for a long time*



*An elderly voter in Oshana Region waits in the shade before entering the polling station. Younger voters allowed their elders to vote in the morning when it was not so hot*



*Above :*  
*Voters' hands are checked under an ultraviolet light to ensure that they have not already voted*

*Below :*  
*Ballot papers are issued after the voter has provided the necessary documents, had his/her hands checked under the ultraviolet light and fingers marked with indelible ink*





*President Sam Nujoma casts his vote at a polling station in Windhoek*



*Ballot boxes are gathered in central counting centres – as here in Okavango Region*



*Party agents scrutinise the count at a counting station in Karas Region*