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The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) and Women's Action for Development (WAD) are co-implementing the "Empowering CSOs, Women, Youth and Marginalised Communities as Equal Partners in Democracy" Project (ECSO) for three years (2023-2026) funded by the European Union (EU) and KAS. The project, now in its second year, aims to promote the active participation of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs), youth, women and marginalised communities in building inclusive and democratic societies.

During the first year and a half of implementation, amongst other activities, the project will be handing over 174 certificates to beneficiaries who have successfully completed three (3) modules: Module 1: Operational and Administration Management; Module 2: Financial Literacy; and Module 3: Youth Engagement and Empowerment. It is within this context that a certificate handover ceremony is organised on 28 March 2025 in Swakopmund, Erongo to celebrate 55 participants in receiving their certificates and to reflect on the first year of implementation of the project in the presence of the Ambassador of the EU delegation to Namibia.

With a year and three months remaining, the project will contribute to a vibrant, youthful, inclusive and gendered democracy through the effective participation of youth, women and marginalised communities in civic life in Namibia. By supporting selected CSOs in Kunene, //Karas and Erongo to become agents of greater empowerment and involvement in civic life by strengthening their organisational and technical capacity to act as key interlocutors on gender, youth and Gender-based Violence (GBV) at the local, regional and national levels.

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