



NANGOF Trust

27 JUNE 2023

AREBUSCH LODGE, WINDHOEK



Overview

Objectives

Introductions

Objectives of the meeting

Presentation: Historic dictates and civic space nuances, experiences and dynamics: opportunities – Mrs. Pauline Dempers and Mr. Ivin Lombardt

EU Waiver position

Discussions

Way forward and next steps

Closure

Objectives

- ❑ To update civil society members/non state actors to have a clearer understanding of what transpired to NANGOF Trust during the EU funded cycle and the
- ❑ To discuss the future of NANGOF Trust and agree on a shared responsibility toward future reforms
- ❑ To discuss the funding modalities of EU and its implication to the domestic civic space

Assuming that the meeting want to develop a future, less fragmented with less competition in the sector, it will be prudent to openly have this uncomfortable discussion

Lean umbrella organization

Facilitator not implementing organization

Historic background

The Namibian NGO Forum Trust (NANGOF Trust), founded in 2007, as an umbrella organization of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) constituted by Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs), Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), and Faith-Based Organizations (FBOs) in Namibia.

NANGOF Trust exists to create with and through its members an enabling environment for CSOs with an emphasis on democracy, poverty eradication and human rights promotion by:

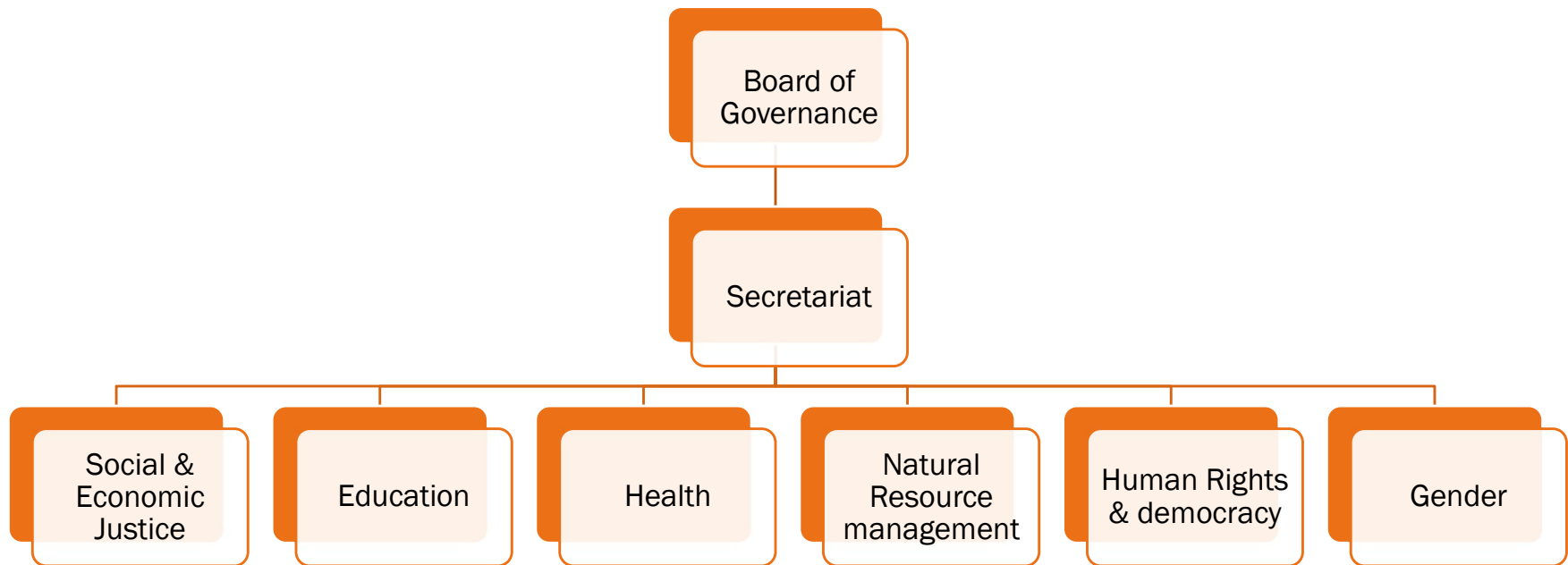
- Advocating and lobbying for a conducive legal framework;
- Facilitating access to funding;
- Facilitating capacity building, and enhancing service delivery;
- Managing and coordinating information generation and sharing;
- Building and strengthening stakeholder relations and strategic partnerships.

Primary Goals of NANGOF Trust

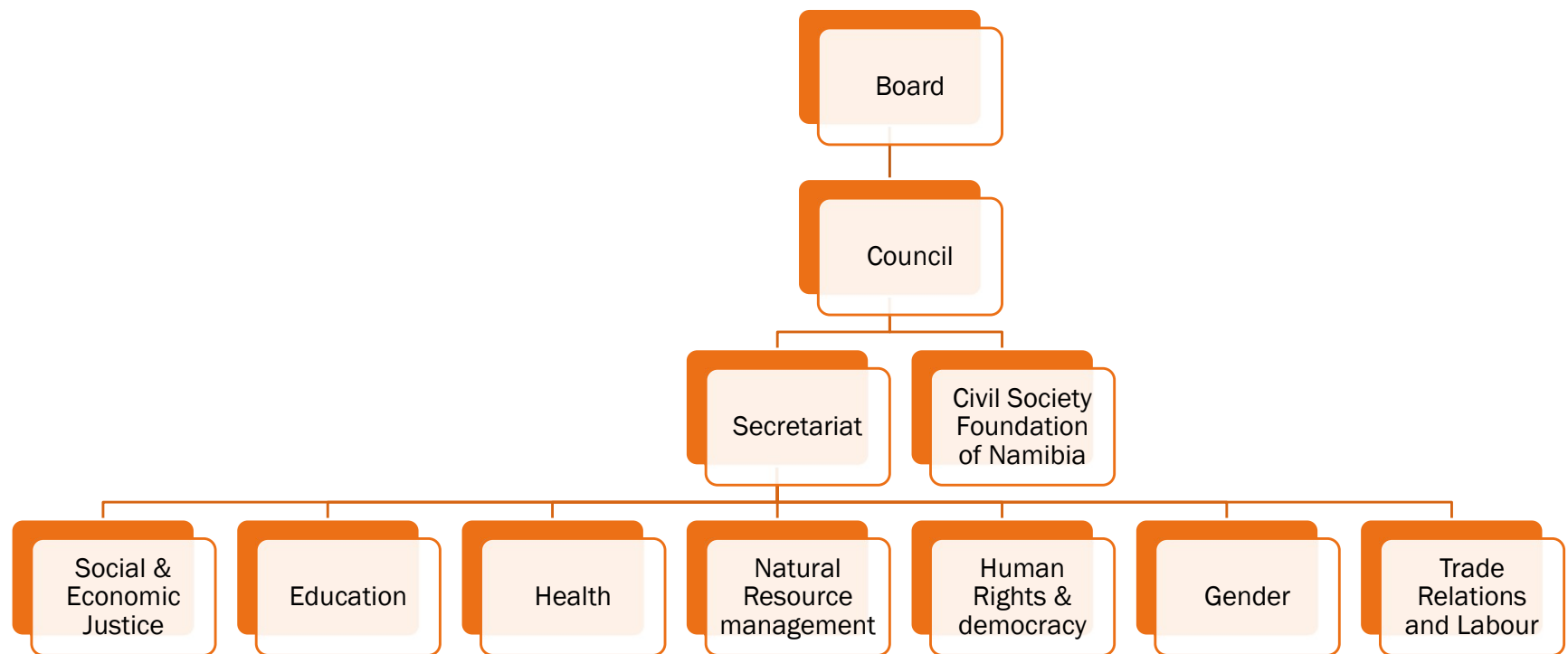
Three key goals:

- **Advocacy** - NANGOF aims to facilitate the development of policy formulation with increased participation of Civil Society. It aims to co-ordinate the efforts of NGOs to ensure that the development needs of the poor and marginalized are addressed
- **Networking and Information** - NANGOF aims to provide a platform for wide interaction and experience sharing among member NGOs, civil society actors and international development agencies. NANGOF aims to further promote greater collaboration with NGO networks internationally, within the Southern African Region in particular
- **Capacity Building Programmes** - NANGOF aims to co-ordinate the combined resources of its membership to facilitate the strengthening of NGOs in order to ensure delivery of development services to their constituencies and thus contribute to the effectiveness of Namibian Civil Society. Where relevant and on behalf its members it undertakes actions and activities that collectively assist in the development of Namibian Civil Society.

Governance Structure - Originally



Restructuring to comply with funding environment



Closure of physical office 2016

Rental overdue

‘Vehicle impoundment’ by landlord

Take-over by NPC including voluntarily offering space to store furniture

On-going negotiation with EU and CERET for closure and institutional memory on both NANGOF Trust and EU

Responsibility to account and hold a dented credibility of an organization and filling the gap

Managing negative toxic publicity

UNFOLDING OF EVENTS PRIOR AND POST 2016

Behind the scenes

- ❑ Advocacy; various development partners including fielding members to government ministries and the UN partners such as UNESCO
- ❑ Formation of Civic +264 as an information Centre
- ❑ Engaging the EU
- ❑ Some key members continue to meet to seek solutions (Carola, Ronny, Tony, Nelson, Pauline, Sandie)
- ❑ Fatigue due to limited capacity
- ❑ Engagement with EU continued and final letter seeking audience was written in May 2023

Debit Note

Debit Note: Nr 4940200058

N\$1,257,291.66

Letter from EU dated 13 June 2023



EUROPEAN UNION

DELEGATION TO THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

Windhoek, 13 June 2023

To Whom It May Concern

The European Union concluded a grant agreement with Nangof Trust in August 2012 and the implementation of the activities ended in February 2016. This is to confirm that Nangof Trust does not have any outstanding financial liabilities towards the European Union Delegation in Namibia.



Opportunities at national, regional, continental and international levels

- ❑ Ministry of Defence on arms trade, Ministry of Justice on legal instruments and policy reforms
- ❑ Human Rights defence
- ❑ SADC ELECTORAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SEAC)
- ❑ SADC C-NGOs
- ❑ AU
- ❑ EU

Way forward

Meeting of 23 June at office of the Ombudsman

Negotiation with landlord on outstanding rental dues to agree on the way forward – 13 July 2023

Shared responsibility

Interim structure – Pauline Dempers to continue coordinating with Mama Rosa Namises;

Fragmentation and negative must be managed by members

Transformation/revolution

- ❑ How do we proceed seeking a solution to a polarized environment
- ❑ Membership based vs. facilitation agency