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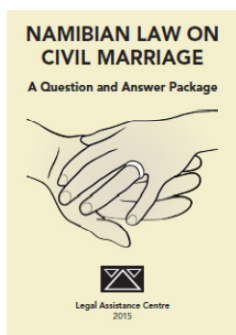
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### LAUNCH OF THE PUBLICATION

#### *NAMIBIAN LAW ON CIVIL MARRIAGE: A QUESTION AND ANSWER PACKAGE*

**FOLLOWED BY TRAINING FOR PASTORS AT THE ELCIN HEAD OFFICE,**

**11 FEBRUARY 2016**



The Gender Research and Advocacy Project is pleased to announce the launch of a new publication, *Namibian Law on Civil Marriage: A question and answer package*, the funding of which has been provided by a grant received through the US Embassy in Namibia.

The guide will be launched as part of a training session for pastors at the **Evangelical Lutheran Church in Namibia (ELCRN) Head Office (6 Church Street)** on **11 February**. Members of the media are invited to join the opening of the workshop and launch of the publication.

Launch		
9.00	Opening with prayer	
9.05	Welcome	Legal Assistance Centre
9.10	Launch of report	Legal Assistance Centre
9.20	Remarks	John M. Kowalski, Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy Windhoek, Namibia
9.30	End of launch	
9.35-10.15	Coffee and departure of guests	

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Marriage is a demonstration of love, but it is also a legally-binding agreement. Marriage is a form of contract, and it is important that couples are aware of the rights and duties that go with marriage. When a couple plan their wedding, the last thing they want to discuss is divorce, domestic violence or death. Every couple hopes that their marriage will last forever, but this is not always the case. So couples need to know at the outset what would happen in the case of separation or divorce. Also, all marriages eventually end when one of the partners dies, and it is important to understand how death will affect the surviving spouse.

This booklet has been designed to assist marriage counsellors to inform couples about the basic legal issues associated with marriage. It may also be useful to other people who work with engaged and married couples. The booklet will also be helpful to couples who are thinking about getting married.

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