

Forum for Experts on Social Protection (FESP) in collaboration with Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) and the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of the University of Namibia (UNAM) will host the following event:

## Public Lecture

### “African Union Agenda 2063 and Social Protection”

- Speaker:** Adv. Bience Gawanas
- Discussant:** Dr. Michael Akuupa
- Date:** Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> of September 2017
- Time:** 17h30
- Venue:** Video Conferencing Room Main Library, UNAM, Windhoek

***All interested persons and stakeholders are cordially invited to participate.***

***Kindly confirm your attendance in advance with Ms. Kahambea***

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Adv. Bience Gawanas is the Special Advisor to the Minister of Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare and was previously the Special Advisor to the Minister of Health and Social Services. During her extensive professional career, she served as a Teacher, a Lawyer, Public Service Commissioner, Ombudswoman, First Executive Secretary of the Africa Ombudsman Association, Africa Union Commissioner for Social Affairs, Chairperson and Member of the Law Reform and Development Commission and Board Member of the Bank of Namibia.

She holds a LLB (Hons), an Utter Banister Degree, and an Executive MBA. Amongst her many awards and achievements, Advocate Gawanas was awarded an Honourary Doctorate in Law (University of Western Cape), in recognition of achievements in the field of human rights and social development, and was named amongst 100 most influential individuals for women's and children's health. She is a recipient of the IPPF Award for Most Outstanding Contribution on Sexual Reproduction Health and Rights in Namibia.

Adv. Gawanas has served on various international commissions and taskforces as well as national community organizations.