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LCN to convene training on constitutionalism and democratisation processes in Lesotho for CBOs in Matsoku Community Council (04/07/16)

Lesotho council of NGOs (LCN) will hold a four (4) day training on constitutionalism and democratisation processes in Lesotho at Ha Lejone in Leribe from 17th to 21st July, 2016. The training will be attended by Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) from whom we are partners and Associates in ***Building Capacity of NSAs for Constructive Engagement in Local Government.***

This training seeks to enhance participation of electorate to issues related to decentralisation process by equipping CSOs to appreciate the two concepts which form part of effective participation of non-state-actors in democracy at local level.

It is expected that knowledge and skills gained from this training will contribute towards building the organisational and institutional capacity of CSOs. This training will further ignite their capacity to influence inclusive development agenda and to facilitate a more productive interaction between Non-State Actors (NSAs) and the local government structures through policy dialogue. Specifically, this training strives to deliver the following: -

- Strengthen the ability of civil society actors to effectively engage in decentralisation process in Lesotho,
- Increase institutional capacity of NSAs and local authorities in implementing and influencing local agenda,
- Enhance accountability, responsive and transparency of local authority to members of local authorities.

This comes against a background where the two interlinkage of concepts are not usually fully understood by the electorate. It is important to note that the notion of power resides within both legal and political frameworks, in this context constitutionalism and democratisation

processes. Though there is a general understanding that constitutionalism refers to restrained and separation of power while democratisations refers to a process by which democracy expands, within a state or across the world.

The expected outcome of this intervention in the long run include:

- Strengthened ability of civil society actors to effectively engage in decentralisation process in Lesotho,
- Increased institutional capacity of NSAs and local authorities in creating linkages of their constitutional and democratic mandate when implementing and influencing local agenda,
- Enhanced accountability, responsive and transparency of local authority to members of local authorities.

LCN is implementing the activity through a grant funded by the Delegation of European Union to the Kingdom of Lesotho under the title called ***Building Capacity of NSAs for Constructive Engagement in Local Government***. This Project aims at enhancing participation of NSAs in contributing to poverty reduction at the community level and within this Project.

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