



A participant of the DTA Women's Congress studies the campaign materials. The congress took place in Windhoek in October 2003, and was attended by representatives from all 13 regions of Namibia. Participants welcomed the 50/50 Campaign and stocked up with posters and pamphlets to take back to their regions.

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Reaching all corners of Namibia with the 50/50 Campaign

Despite the postponement of the Local Authority elections, which were due to be held at the end of 2003, the 50/50 Campaign for gender balanced 'zebra-style' party lists and gender policies for local government is in full swing. During October and November a second round of workshops and campaign activities took place in 30 towns and villages across the country. Participants of the workshops distributed thousands of pamphlets and posters to schools, churches and other institutions, met with political parties and local government leaders, spoke on the radio and held panel discussions on the need to engender local government.

The campaign will continue up to the elections in June 2004, and will then refocus for the regional and national elections to be held at the end of next year.



The local workshop in Katima Mulilo took place in November. Women from all major political parties attended and enthusiastically supported the aims of the 50/50 Campaign. They established a committee that will organise further activities to promote women's political participation in the region.