

# COMPREHENSIVE CRV SID SYSTEMS FOR GENDER STATISTICS: LESSONS FROM NAMIBIA

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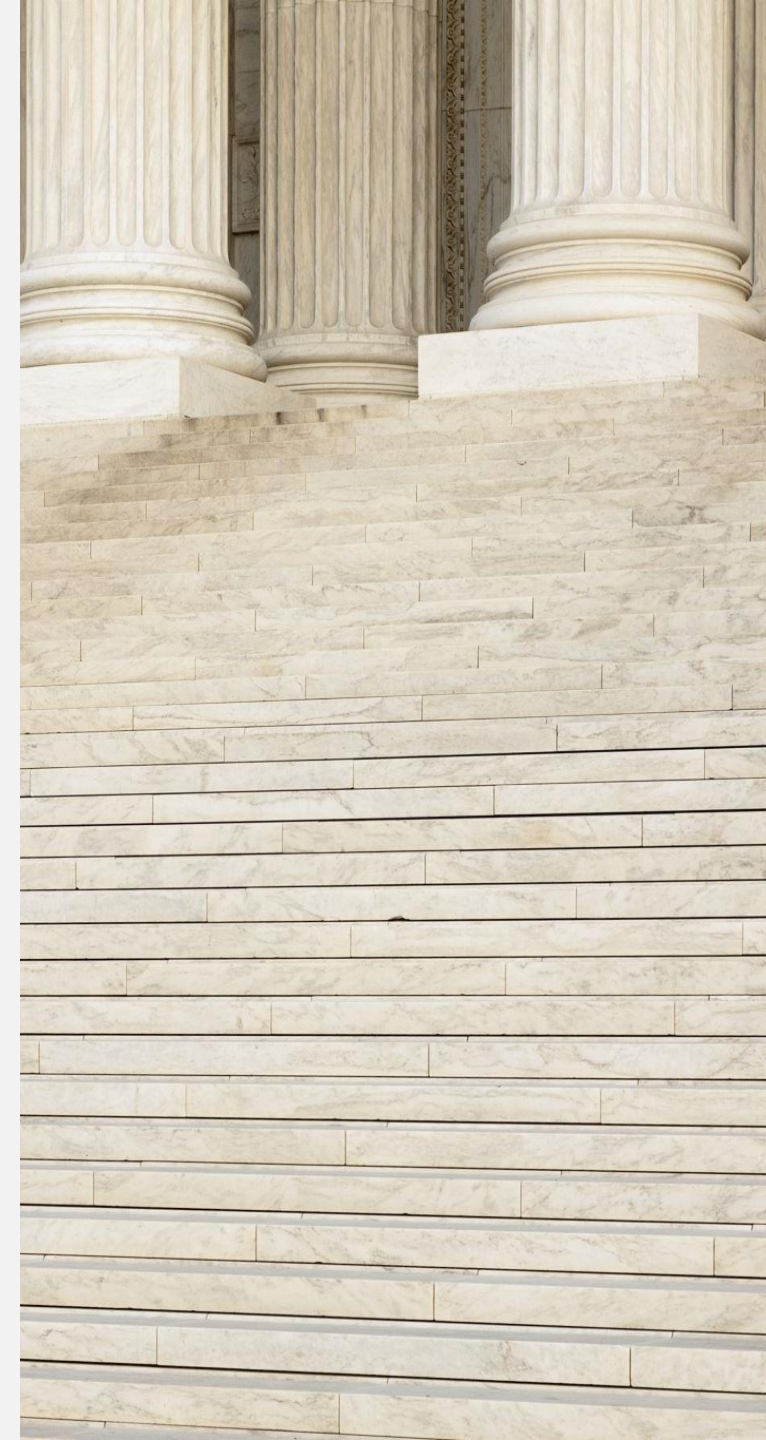
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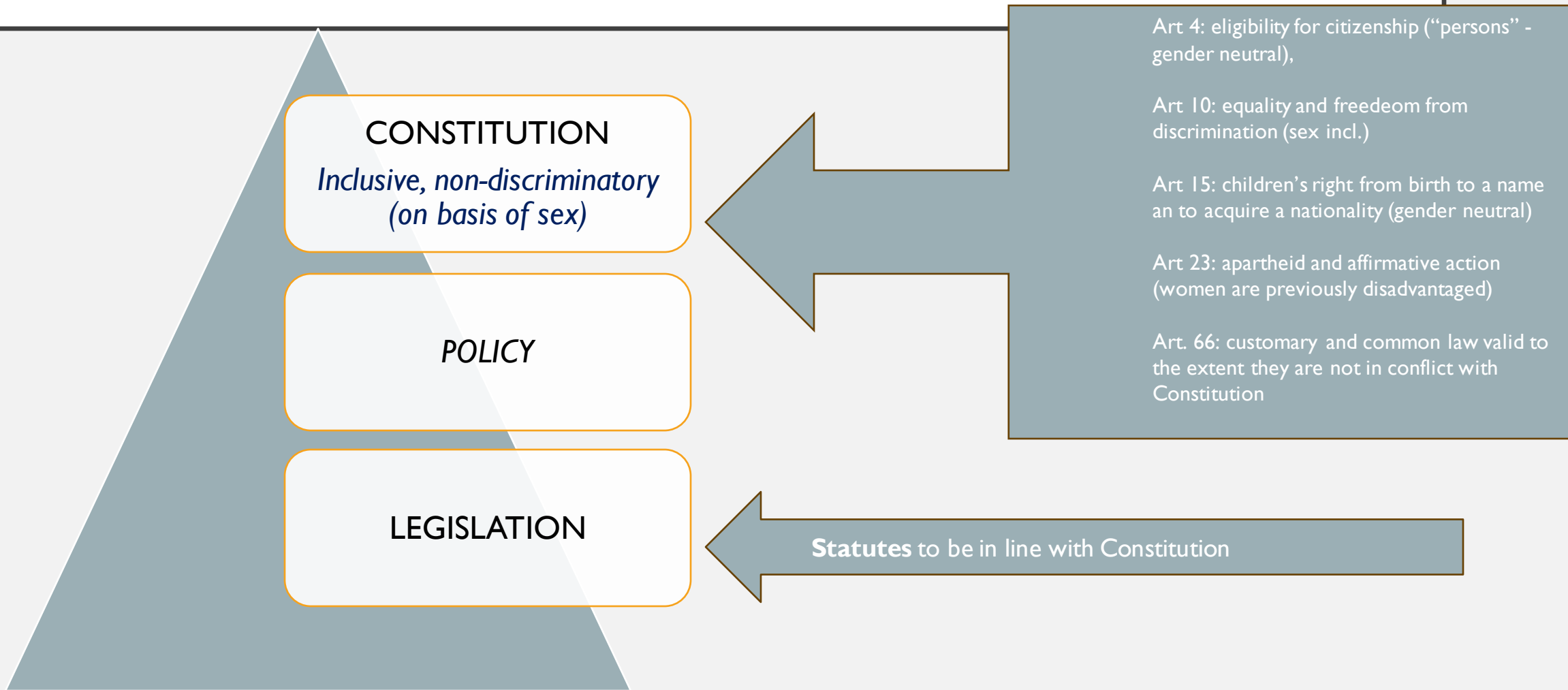
# I. NAMIBIA'S CONTEXT

- Namibia has a colonial history – *apartheid* - discriminatory laws were in place, including discrimination against women.
- Intentional gradual remediation of discriminatory laws
  - Constitution, 1990 [Art. 23]
  - Married Persons Equality Act, 1996
- CR&ID laws
  - Hybrid (pre- & post-independence) legislation in statute book (e.g. Aliens Act of 1932 – Identification Act of 1996)
  - All births are to be registered; even pre-independence
  - Laws (on registration of vital events) are non-discriminatory
- In Sept. 2021 Cabinet adopted 16 September as identity day in Namibia <<legal identity for all>>

**NO QUICK FIXES – STEADY & GRADUAL PROCESS WITH INTENTIONAL REMEDIATION**



## 2. THE FOUNDATION: LEGAL IDENTITY FOR ALL AND GENDER STATISTICS



**FOUNDATION FOR LEGAL IDENTITY AND GENDER INCLUSION TO BE FIRM**

# 3. INCLUSIVE SYSTEMS BY DESIGN – BIRTH TO DEATH

- Constitution – policy – law – regulations (CR&ID forms) – CRID system design based on forms.
- Namibia: one intergrated system used for CR and Id. Management
- Birth to death: **do not leave marriage and divorce behind!**
  - Electronic birth and death notification system ✓
  - Use of birth and death certificates to access benefits ✓
  - Marriage and divorce **X** (*requires improvement - systems are not integrated resulting in under-registration - is no law and codified system for the registration of customary marriages*)
- Harmonise law and practice
  - Study access barriers to civil registration
  - Enforce correct system use to ensure comprehensive statistics! Every system field serves, or must serve, a purpose.
- Stakeholder collaboration for system design and improvement processes

**DESIGN INCLUSIVE SYSTEMS (TO PURPOSIVELY AND WIDELY SHARE DATA)**

## 4. USE OF “OUTPUT” FROM THE CRID SYSTEMS



**VS Reports & System Administrative Reports are important.**

2015: Nam – 1st Vital Statistics Report

2nd Vital Statistics Report being drafted



**Identify data quality issues and resolve them.**



**Stakeholder engagement on data demand and use**

Sensitize relevant stakeholders on value of CRVSID system

Consult stakeholders



**Identify needs & meet them, within the confines of the law**



**IDENTIFY WHAT YOU VALUE THEN MEASURE IT**

## IN SUMMARY...

Build from your specific historical context - identify and remedy injustices

Lay a firm foundation (constitutionally, by policy and statutorily)

Design inclusive systems that enable data sharing

Measure what you value: gender statistics (SDGs)

*THROUGHOUT... be mindful of key links: marriage and death!*