



PRESS CONFERENCE

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**SWAPO PARTY RANK AND FILE MEMBERS, SUPPORTERS AND SYMPATHISERS,
MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA,
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,**

GOOD MORNING!

I welcome you all to this press conference taking place at SWAPO PARTY HQ. As usual we have invited you to inform through you, the public at large on the outcome of the just ended CC of SWAPO PARTY which took place from 11-12 December 2009 and deliberated on a number of critical issues concerning Namibia. The meeting took place shortly after the Presidential and National Assembly Elections, which marked another milestone towards the consolidation of democracy, nation building and national development. It should be noted from the onset that SWAPO PARTY is much more stronger and speaks to the needs of the majority of Namibians today than ever before. It is so especially at this time of continuing global economic crisis, which has a profound impact on workers, women, youth and the rural poor. This situation requires that SWAPO PARTY must continue to tackle issues around unemployment, poverty eradication, black economic empowerment and creation of decent jobs and the acceleration of rural economic development.

The CC therefore decided on the following;

ELECTION MANIFESTO IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE

THE Central Committee has mandated the SWAPO PARTY Think-Tank to Review the 1999 Election Manifesto Implementation Guide which was initiated by the then Secretary General of SWAPO PARTY Comrade Hifikepunye Pohamba, the current President of SWAPO PARTY and the President-Elect of the Republic.

Such a review will take into account the 2009 SWAPO PARTY Election Manifesto and will outline how this Manifesto will be implemented.

The Manifesto has been adopted as a Policy Document and will be very soon accompanied by an Implementation Guide and all public and civil servants must familiarize themselves with this Blue Print.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO FORMERLY DISADVANTAGED NAMIBIAN ENTREPRENEURS

The Central Committee has taken note of the outcry among formerly disadvantaged entrepreneurs who are finding it impossible to access financial assistance through our Financial Institutions. The Central Committee is seizing with this matter and a Committee to deal with this issue has been established to study the bottlenecks as a matter of urgency.

PAN-AFRICAN CENTRE OF NAMIBIA (PACON)

The CC deliberated on the Pan African Centre of Namibia (PACON), more specifically its inactiveness in these tumultuous times. The world is beset as you all may be aware by now by the global capitalism crisis, climate change debates, and economic crisis. These challenges require us to offer solutions that are for the benefit of Africans and therefore PACON is expected to play a critical role in shaping such solutions. The CC therefore decided to refer the task of revamping this body to the relevant Government Department.

FILLING THE VACANCY ON THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE

It is an established practice of the SWAPO PARTY that the next candidate on a List composed during either a Congress or Electoral College fills a vacancy that may arise on the relevant List. I therefore wish to inform you that Cde. Katrina Hanse-Himarwa, the current Governor of Hardap Region, will fill the void that was left by the passing on of life of Captain Rev. Hendrik Witbooi, on the SWAPO PARTY Central Committee, as she is next on the list.

FIFTY YEARS OF THE EXISTENCE OF SWAPO PARTY

It is imperative to note that SWAPO PARTY will reach 50 years of its existence in the year 2010. This is an important milestone in the lifespan of our mighty SWAPO PARTY. The CC has therefore resolved to refer the organisation of the mother of all anniversary celebrations to the Office of the Secretary General for further preparations.

Lastly, I wish the President of SWAPO PARTY and that of the Republic of Namibia, H.E. Cde. Hifikepunye Pohamba, Vice- President, Cde. Dr. Hage G. Geingob, the Deputy Secretary General, Cde. Nangolo Mbumba, the Founding President and Father of the Namibian Nation, H.E. Cde. Sam Nujoma, and their families, and indeed all the rank and file members, supporters and sympathisers of SWAPO PARTY, and Namibian public at large, a Merry X-mas and a happy productive New Year. The year 2009, has been fruitful and eventful and you deserve a break and toil the lands as the rain will descend on us soon.

SWAPO! VICTORIOUS! SWAPO! UNITED! NOW! HARDWORK!