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## Eggs in one basket does not work

### Pohamba calls for economic diversification

By Staff Reporter

Namibia's largely dependency on the export of its primary commodities for its growth and foreign income earnings has made the country risky and highly vulnerable to external economic shocks, hence the need for a drastic shift from that dependency.

This sharp warning came from President Hifikepunye Pohamba when he opened the Agricultural Investment Conference in Windhoek on Wednesday. The conference

brought together local and foreign agricultural experts to map out the way forward for Namibia's future in the agricultural sector, which is one of the key contributors to the country's

Gross Domestic Product, GDP. Capping his call for a drastic shift, the President said that the Government would continue supporting efforts aimed at the promotion of value addition to



President Hifikepunye Pohamba at the opening the Agricultural Investment Conference in Windhoek. On the right is Agriculture Minister John Motorwa. Photo by Levi Upula.

the country's primary products as a strategy for employment creations and skills develop-

ment and the expansion of the manufacturing base of the country's economy.

"Our broader strategy is to promote all sectors of our  
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## SWAPO is alpha and omega

By Dr. T. Elijah Ngurare

In November 2010, our country will hold the Regional and Local Authority elections.

Whereas other political parties are in a stage of political hibernation, the SWAPO Party is the only party that is visibly preparing for the upcoming elections. Over the past few weeks, it has conducted transparent and democratic primaries in all 107 Constituencies and 13 Regions to select potential candidates for the upcoming Regional and Local Authority elections.

In these elections, a number of young people from SPYL are vying for positions as re-



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gional and local authority councilors respectively. Indeed, it is commendable that local authorities such as Eehana, Katima Mulilo, Rundu, Tsumeb, Nkurenkuru, Otjiwarongo and Swakopmund to name but a few, are being administered by young people. This implies that the time has dawned upon the horizon of our country and the seed planted by the revolutionary waters of our free and independent Namibia has reached fruition and the fruits are ready to assume positions of leadership. Our call is therefore for the continuation of practical infusion of young blood at all levels of leadership in the Party and Government as well as the private sector. To this end, we want to con-

gratulate all those young people who qualify to be candidates in the upcoming Regional and Local Authority Elections in November 2010 for their patriotic intentions to stand in a democratic contest. We as young people shall support other candidates but **we shall deliberately be bias in favour of the youthful candidates.** Indeed, SPYL welcomes and congratulates the SWAPO Party leadership for the decision to allow the constituencies of Eehana, Tobias Hainyeko and Okahandja to remain unchanged and for those cadres to be the Party's sole candidates respectively. Our sincere congratulations to SPYL Comrades Nehemia Haufiku and Steve Biko Booyis. Congrats also to Cde Zulu Shitongeni, Now, Hard Work!

Democratic contest must not be a warfare. We appeal to all members of SWAPO Party at all levels to respect the rules and procedures, Constitution, Political Programme and directives of the SWAPO Party in the process of electing candidates for the upcoming Regional and Local Authority Elections. The criteria for voting a cadre into such positions must be competence, dedication, commitment and patriotism of the cadre but

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## Africa calls on US to end embargo against Cuba

By Staff Reporter

**Africa has called on US President Barack Obama to end all hostile acts against the government and the people of Cuba and to unconditionally release five Cubans now languishing in US jails.**

This was one of the resolutions passed by the Third African Meeting of Solidarity with Cuba, which took place in Luanda, Angola over the weekend. The meeting also called on the US to return the Guantanamo base to its rightful owner - Cuba.

The meeting called on all people in the world and all Peace Nobel Laureates to join forces with Africans in the large solidarity movement with the people of Cuba.



Before he left Luanda, Founding President Dr. Sam Nujoma paid a courtesy call on President Jose Eduardo dos Santos.

Cuba has been under economic embargo since the 1950s, imposed by the US government in order to stifle Cuba's

socialist principles which it had implemented since independence.

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