

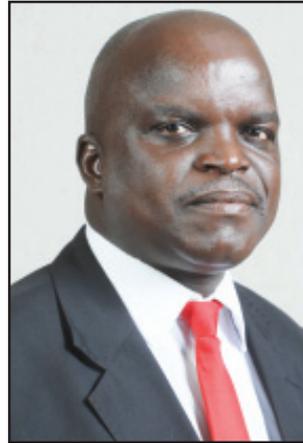


Cde. Hilma Nickanor

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country, mostly amongst the youth, and the principle of this Bill is to provide for the establishment of the National Service to impose reporting and other obligations on certain employers and institutions and to deal with matters incidental thereto," said Henock Kankoshi, Councilor for Onyaanya Constituency in Oshikoto Region.

Councilor Kankoshi appealed to non-governmental organizations in the country to consider applications for funds from youth projects in the regions. He said that by assisting organized youth projects in the



Cde. Henock Kankoshi

regions, the process of reducing unemployment amongst the youth would be minimized.

The Employment Bill empowers the Employment Service Bureau to work together with the Ministry of Education and other training institutions, targeting students who might have failed Grades 10 and 12 but might excel at vocational institutions.

Job-seekers who will be registered with the Employment Service Bureau would not be charged any fee. Several MPs have therefore called on the private employment agencies to do the same.

"We are being faced by the challenge of unemployment and it is my dream that this challenge will be minimized one day, if all the stakeholders as

personal agendas, faction-ism, tribalism, regionalism or anyself-centered agendas. "We should therefore adopt a code of conduct that should be in line with the SPYL and SWAPO Party constitution to be adopted by the house." Against this backdrop, the document specifies that participants in the Olupale must exclusively be SWAPO Party members and a membership card shall be required to be allowed entry in the venue for Olupale." said Cde Ngurare. The event is also not open to the media except Namibia Today, the official newspaper of the SWAPO Party.

Thus SWAPO Party members are invited to the first lecture which takes place tomorrow 5 March 2011 by Honorable Cde Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila, Minister of Finance who is expected to inform the audience about the workings of her ministry as well as the 2011/12 Budget as to what it could entail for the youth of Namibia. The event is expected to commence at 10h00.



Cde. Rosalia Shilenga

mentioned in this Bill render their unwavering support to the principle of the Bill," said Kankoshi.

"Therefore, I would like to ensure the Namibian people that with the SWAPO Party government, their future is secured."

Councilor Rosa Kavara said that the Bill was very urgent and should be passed without delay to address unemployment in the country. She said the Bureau should not just be based in Windhoek, but should be decentralized to all the regions.

"I agree that the employment service board should be appointed by the Minister," she said. "I also recommend that regional employment service



Cde. Lebbius Tobias



Cde. Ruth Nhinda

should not just be left to government alone.

"I call upon the relevant institutions and individuals who are involved in this process to act swiftly to ensure that the practical aspects of the recommendations are implemented soonest," said Diergaardt. "Un-



Cde. Rosa Kavara



Cde. Theo Diergaardt

no jobs, while 46 out of every 100 Namibians aged between 30 and 34 have no jobs.

"I know there is always a solution to any problem, and I believe that we as a nation are able to fight all the challenges that are facing our nation such as unemployment," said Diergaardt.

Newly elected Chief Whip, Councillor Bernard Sibalatani, said that the introduction of the Bill was testimony that the SWAPO Party-led government was serious about fighting unemployment in the country. Once passed, it would bring about the much desired professional labour market services which would help reduce unemployment in the country.

Katutura Central Councilor Ambrosius Kandji also gave his nod to the Bill, saying that members of Parliament had been trusted to improve the socio-economic conditions of the people who were still living in poverty.

"The message is written on



Cde. Ambrosius Kandji

the wall," he said. "We must and should be creative, innovative, active, proactive and unselfish in order to avoid the current prevailing symptoms of poverty and unemployment."

Okatana Constituency Councilor, Rosalia Shilenga, also threw her support behind the Bill, saying that it was the duties of elected leaders to eradicate socio-economic disparities and other inequalities.

"My vision is a developed Namibia which is on a par with all other developed nations of the world," she said.

Councilor Lebbius Tobias said it was the duty of elected members of Parliament to collectively work together to systematically reduce unemployment in the country, adding that government should address this issue as a matter of utmost urgency, if Vision 2030 was to be realized.

"We have to take cognizance of the fact that the youth are the leaders of tomorrow," he said. "I therefore call for the introduction of empowerment business projects that will have a sustainable effect for our youth in terms of business or capital projects."

Sibalatani was appointed SWAPO Party Chief Whip, replacing Hilma Nickanor, who was appointed Deputy Minister of Veterans Affairs. Sibalatani will be deputized by Ruth Nhinda.

Olupale

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District leaders of SPYL as well as various academics and professionals who are SPYL members. The Deputy Minister of Safety and Security, Comrade Erastus Utoni also attended the official opening. According to Dr. Ngurare, the Olupale should be emulated at Regional and District levels as well. Specifically he argued that there is no need for a popular Party such as SWAPO not to have Ministers and government officials as well as Members of the Central Committee, Politburo and Secretariat of SWAPO who should individually act as political lecturers to the SWAPO Party members especially the youth members. At the moment most lecturers in society are conducted by forces against the SWAPO Party.

However, the Concept Document of Olupale cautions that the Olupale as a platform "will NOT be abused to push

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boards can be established to ensure the smooth running of centers and information dissemination."

Councilor Theo Diergaardt also supported the Bill, saying that unemployment and the need to create sustainable employment for Namibians were the challenges that Namibia was faced with. He said that unemployment should be supported by all stakeholders and

employment hurts thousands of Namibians every day. It must be addressed without delay, through joint actions by all stakeholders."

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Ngurare urges youth to take future in their hands

By Levi Upula

SWAPO Party Youth League Secretary has appealed to the youth to take their destiny seriously, wake wise choices and take decisions that will impact positively on their lives in the future.

Addressing youth members at the Mariental Multi-purpose Youth Center in Hardap Region this week, Cde Elijah Ngurare, told the energized youth that they alone could shape their future and live a better and decent life later, despite the current hardships they might face today.

"I know that life is not that easy," he said. "You may eat bread today while others eat beacons and eggs. But that is not the end of the world. There are four seasons in a year and they are not the same.



Cde Ngurare pictured with members of the Hardap Youth Choir. Photo by Levi Upula.

"Pick yourself up, run and say to yourself 'I am somebody, no matter how hard the seasons of the year are. I am somebody. I

can make it.' Believe in yourself. Have a dream and pursue that dream.

"Have your mind clear. Set

your mind focused. The future is yours and it's in your hands.

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