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, Councillor for Oshana Constituency in Oshikoto Region.

Councillor Kankoshi appealed to non-governmental organizations in the country to consider applications for funds from youth projects in the region. He said that by assisting organized youth projects in the 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 anything for what they 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 mentioned in this Bill render their unswerving 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,”

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

Councillor 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 entitied 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.

KTCC Councillor Ambrosius Kandi 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. “Therefore, I would like to assure all Namibians that the employment of all the youth is on a par with all other developed nations of the world,” she said.

“My vision is a developed Namibia which is on a par with all other developed nations of the world,” he said. “We must and should be creative, innovative, active, proactive and unfailish in order to avoid the current prevailing symptoms of poverty and unemployment.”

Councillor Lebbius Tobias said he 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. “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.

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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 Manicaland Multi-purpose Youth Center in Harare Region this week, Cde Elijah Ngurare, told the energized youth that they alone could shape their future and live a better and decent life, 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 bacon and eggs. But that is not the end of the world. There are four seasons in a year and they are not the same.

“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 is in your hands.”

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