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# SWAPO's successes

## Self-Review: Keeping the 2004 SWAPO Party Election Manifesto Promises

### Vote for SWAPO Party



SWAPO Party remains the political home for many Namibians. These are just some of the many star rallies SWAPO Party has addressed.

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On Saturday, 5 September 2009, the SWAPO Party will launch its 2009 Election Manifesto that will guide government programs over the next five years. Earlier this year, the SWAPO Party, in a Report entitled: "Achievements: SWAPO Party Election Manifesto 2004", the SWAPO Party provided feedback to the electorate on how the Party accomplished its commitments made in the 2004 Election Manifesto. This is therefore, an opportune moment to reflect on the previous five years and the extent to which the SWAPO Party kept its promises before making new promises. The aim of this article, therefore, is to highlight some of the achievements in the process of implementation of the 2004 SWAPO Party Manifesto.

The 2004 SWAPO Party Manifesto was aligned with the strategic objectives now identified in Vision 2030, the pillars of the National Development Plans and the need of our people to enjoy a prosperous and

dignified life with guaranteed liberties.

The Manifesto accordingly identified six priority areas of interventions from 2005 to 2009. As we come to the end of the 2004 SWAPO Party Manifesto implementation period, the SWAPO Party Think Tank found it opportune to assess the 2004 Manifesto and provide a synopsis of its results. The findings of the analysis shows

that the SWAPO Party has achieved, and in many respects, outperformed its commitments.

On the eve of launching the 2009 SWAPO Party Election Manifesto, scheduled for 5 September 2009, the SWAPO Party Think Tank wishes to pay a much-deserved tribute to the leadership of the SWAPO Party as well as to the dedicated cadres in the SWAPO Party and patriotic Namibians who worked tirelessly

towards the implementation of the 2004 SWAPO Party Manifesto. It is due to the solid efforts of all Namibians that we can now say, with confidence, that much has been achieved in addressing the ills of the legacy of apartheid and subjugation. However, our journey is still long and more remains to be done. By working together, we can

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## Here comes SWAPO Electoral College

By Asser Ntinda

This is an eventful weekend. For the first time since independence, the SWAPO Party's most epoch-making Electoral College coincides with the launch of the SWAPO Party Election Manifesto, the 2009 Election Manifesto that is.

Not much to worry about, but only if you are not going to be in that excruciatingly painful pot where your political fate lies in the hands of delegates few of whom you know.

And that is from where SWAPO

Party members elect their next members of the National Assembly who will be there on the SWAPO Party ticket for the next five years. Few eligible candidates are sure about their successes, but even fewer can predict the outcome.

"This is the most crucial time

when SWAPO Party leaders come closer to people who decide their political fate," said one delegate from Omaheke. "I am on the list but I know who I will vote for and I know who will vote for me. We cannot just be the same people to all the same people.

"SWAPO must remain true to its content and form. A lot has happened since the 2004 extraordinary congress. We have watched the developments with keen interest and we know what is happening. Del-

egates will speak firmly and loudly clear"

There are only four people who are safe – President Hifikepunye Pohamba, Vice President, Hage Geingob, Secretary General, Pendukeni Iivula-Ithana, and Deputy Secretary General, Nangolo Mbumba.

Except for the President who does not appear on the list of 72, the three are automatically on the list. And they will exhibit the most beautiful smiles ever seen, know-



Cde. Elijah Ngurare

ing full well that their political careers are not in danger.

For those whose fate lies in the pot, the cards are not clear. And everybody plays his or her cards closest to his or her chest. What no one predicts is how the dice will spin. And that is the most troubling, if not disconcerting aspect of the unfolding drama for both serving and new aspiring members of the National Assembly.

Some of the old faces will survive, but others will not. New faces, too, will emerge quite predominantly, but not all the aspiring young Turks will make it in the top 60. Many candidates have a lot of lob-

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