SWAPO PARTY ELECTION MANIFESTO
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Inclusive Development and Shared Prosperity
United in building the Namibian house. The legacy continues.
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Inclusive Development and Shared Prosperity
1. MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT
ONE NAMIBIA, ONE NATION!

Next year, the SWAPO Party will commemorate its 60th anniversary. The formation of SWAPO on April 19, 1960 signified a call for unity of all Namibians to fight against a common enemy.

To this day, this modus operandi of SWAPO remains intact. SWAPO has remained true to its original character and DNA, maintaining its status as the only progressive organisation that unites all races, ethnicities, genders and religion, under the concept of One Namibia, One Nation.

At the onset, SWAPO established its reputation as a unifying movement by pursuing a countrywide strategy of agitation against the repressive Apartheid regime. This took place in the form of rallies, enabling SWAPO to build a reputable national profile. The placing of Namibia under UN Trusteeship set the scene for SWAPO to evolve from a national agitator to that of international mobilisation, including petitioning and lobbying the international community, to inform them of the hardships faced by the Namibian people due to the illegal occupation by South Africa.

The continued existence of the Mandate and the failure of South Africa to adhere to its duties and performance as Mandatory thereunder, was taken to the International Court of Justice by Ethiopia and Liberia in November 1960.

When the International Court of Justice threw out the Case, due to a technicality, stating that Liberia and Ethiopia did not have locus standi, SWAPO’s hopes for peaceful resolution and international justice were dashed. Realising that Namibians would have to be their own liberators, SWAPO moved swiftly to the next stage of evolution, by launching the war for liberation.

Following the ultimate defeat of South Africa during the legendary battle of Cuito Cuanavale with the assistance of the Angolan forces and Cuban internationalist forces, agreement was reached on a transition arrangement that would lead to the total liberation of Namibia.
These negotiations culminated in resolution 435 which paved the way for Namibia’s independence.

The dream of independence became reality on March 21, 1990 and since then, Namibians have enjoyed liberty, justice, peace and stability. Under the unifying philosophy of SWAPO, we have seen our country mature as a democracy characterized by unity in diversity.

We are proud that under the SWAPO Party Government, Namibia has recorded notable achievements in various areas.

At the same time, we acknowledge the challenges encountered during implementation of our policies, programmes and projects.

Some of these challenges have been shared with the Namibian people and are also outlined in the Introduction to this Manifesto.

Specifically, we have highlighted among others, the high unemployment rate among the youth; unacceptable incidents of crime and gender-based violence targeting women and girls. The high demand for the delivery of serviced land and housing, especially in our urban and peri-urban areas accentuates the vulnerability of Namibians. The SWAPO Party will act decisively and with greater urgency to address this challenge.

SWAPO continues to promote effective governance and execute its mandate on the basis of accountability, transparency and commitment. It is our belief therefore, that Transparency plus Accountability equals improved levels of Trust. The drive to enhance trust forms the cornerstone of this Manifesto.

To this extent, I pledge, on behalf of the leadership and rank and file of the SWAPO Party, that we will pursue a robust and result-oriented programme to fight corruption at all levels.

Furthermore, in an effort to place Namibia on a positive growth trajectory, SWAPO understands the importance of harnessing the potential of the youth dividend. The SWAPO Party will therefore spearhead efforts to economically empower and socially uplift our young people.

To this end, we commit to leverage the Public Procurement Act to benefit Namibian companies through the sourcing of locally produced goods and services to promote job creation and economic empowerment. This will be one of the cornerstones of our programme of governance over the next five years.
I am honoured and privileged to present this Election Manifesto to the Namibian people, through which the SWAPO Party seeks a renewed mandate. Our message to the Namibian people is clear.

By renewing the mandate of the SWAPO Party, we will continue to work with greater focus, efficiency and unrelenting dedication to deliver on the promise of shared national prosperity.

Taking into account that Namibia is a member of the international community, we should bear in mind that our developmental plans face exposure to exogenous shocks. It is for these reasons we cannot disregard the impact of global economic downturns, the reduction in SACU revenues and natural disasters such as cyclical periods of drought and flooding, on the performance of our economy.

The interventions outlined in this Manifesto are designed to overcome these challenges. We reaffirm our commitment to pursue their implementation to improve the quality and impact of public service delivery.

In view of the dawn of the 4th Industrial revolution, the SWAPO Party commits to expedite the roll out of e-governance and technological processes that improve public service delivery.

We intend to re-orient our people to increase usage of information technologies in seeking and obtaining services. SWAPO plans to ensure no Namibian is left behind in the 4th Industrial Revolution. This reaffirms our commitment to the principle of a government of the people, by the people.

As the SWAPO Party we commit to continue increasing the numbers of women, youth, persons with disabilities and other vulnerable groups in leadership and decision-making positions. We will continue promoting greater inclusivity, equity and improved access to an affordable justice system. SWAPO is committed to ensuring all Namibians can pursue dignified life.

We are aware that achieving success in the second phase of the struggle will require utmost dedication and commitment. We guarantee the Namibian people that we stand firm, as a united and collective front, in our resolve to attaining our developmental aspirations.

Building on our past successes, we are confident the policies and measures outlined in this Manifesto will help to unlock opportunities for our people, consolidate our gains and deliver on the promise of inclusive growth and shared prosperity.
I call upon all Namibians to hold hands, join the SWAPO Party so that we can pull together, in the same direction, towards a brighter future for all. We call on each eligible registered voter to exercise his or her right and civic duty to vote.

SWAPO is primed to deliver. To each and every voter I say, there is a clear choice, to securing a better future for Namibia: Vote for the SWAPO Party and its Presidential Candidate!

Cde. Hage G. Geingob
President of the SWAPO Party and the Republic of Namibia

"The SWAPO Party has always been ready. The SWAPO Party is ready. And the SWAPO Party will always be ready for the task of governance and nation building."
2. INTRODUCTION
GOVERNANCE ARCHITECTURE

The Republic of Namibia is a Unitary State, founded on the rule of law, a clear separation of power and well functioning multi-party democracy.

The SWAPO Party Government deemed it appropriate to adopt a three-tiered approach of representative government.

The country was thus divided into fourteen (14) regions, aimed to enhance popular participation.

Regional Governors are appointed by the President to be his or her representative, while local authorities were established to bring Government closer to the people.

Through the trias politica model of the Executive, Legislature and Judiciary, the three organs of state have the responsibility to administer justice and equality for all Namibians and reaffirm Government’s commitment to the principle of separation of Power.

The Legislature passes laws originated by the Executive, which policies are rooted in the SWAPO Party Manifesto.

All Namibians are equal before the law, which must be applied, without fear or favour by an independent Judiciary, for the maximum socioeconomic benefit of our people.

Law and order, as the basis for achieving social justice, are indispensable mechanisms to propel the Nation towards growth and prosperity.

Our democracy is buttressed by effective governance architecture, underpinned by clear and transparent Processes, Systems and Institutions.

The SWAPO Party promotes effective governance, by upholding the principles of accountability and transparency, thereby enhancing public service delivery to repose trust into elected leaders.
Safeguarding our fiscal sovereignty remains a central tenet of SWAPO’s economic policy.

The SWAPO Party has always been, it is today, and it will continue to be committed to deliver prosperity for all Namibians. We are a people centred Party. We shall continue to implement with utmost dedication, the policies that have made Namibia one of the beacons of hope and development on the African continent.

The SWAPO Party Government has established solid macroeconomic fundamentals, as part of its ambition to realize accelerated economic transformation. Over the years, SWAPO Party has demonstrated its commitment to laying sound democratic governance architecture, the Rule of Law and the attainment of social justice.”
VOTE SWAPO PARTY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE
Cde. HAGE G. GEINGOB
STRENGTHENING THE NAMIBIAN HOUSE TO ACHIEVE SOCIAL JUSTICE
3. RULE OF LAW AND JUSTICE
STRENGTHENING THE NAMIBIAN HOUSE TO ACHIEVE SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Republic of Namibia is a unitary State, founded on the rule of law, justice for all, a clear separation of powers and well-functioning multiparty democracy. Through the trias politica model of the Executive, the Legislature and the Judiciary, the three organs of State have the responsibility to administer justice and equality for all Namibians and reaffirm Government’s commitment to the principle of the separation of powers. The Legislature passes laws originated by the Executive as a representative government, which policies are rooted in the SWAPO Party Manifesto and the independent Judiciary interprets and applies the law without fear or favour for the maximum socioeconomic benefit of our people. Law and order, as the basis for achieving social justice, are indispensable mechanisms to propel the Nation towards growth and prosperity.

Over the years, the SWAPO Party has demonstrated its commitment to laying sound democratic governance architecture anchored in the Rule of Law and using the right language and the rights set out in the constitution for the attainment of social justice.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Over 140 Discriminatory Laws Repealed
- 30 New various Laws passed
- Improved success rate of Courts mandated mediations
- Adopted NEEEF
ACHIEVEMENTS

• Passed the Repeal of Obsolete Laws, Act No. 21 of 2018; repealed about 145 discriminatory and obsolete laws.
• Improved the success rate of court-connected mediations from 56% in 2014 to 67% in 2018.
• Finalised 1,971 of 3,245 of the registered community court cases.
• Recruited 36 new magistrates and rolled out the E-Justice High Court system to improve access to justice.
• Enacted the Combating of Trafficking in Persons Act 1 of 2018, to prevent, suppress and punish trafficking in persons especially women and children.
• Adopted NEEEF.
• Enacted the Child Care and Protection Act 3 of 2015 to provide comprehensive protection to children and harsh punishments to offenders.

COMMITMENTS

• Continue the review and reform the remaining out-dated laws.
• Reform the Legal Practitioners Act 15 of 1995 to introduce compulsory pro bono work for all legal practitioners.
• Review the legal aid and make proposals for a wider coverage.
• Establish more district courts and periodic High Courts.
• Introduce public consultations on the Law making process and create better public engagement.
• Build more safe houses in the Regions and clustered magisterial districts to address GBV concerns.
• Establish GBV Protection Units in the remaining constituencies.
• Ensure passing into law of the Electronic Transactions and Cyber Crime bills.
• Introduce Modern Electronic Evidence Legislation.
• Improve the prevention of organised crime and financial intelligence legislative and institutional frameworks.
• Pass the National Equitable Economic Empowerment (NEEEF) into Law.
• Review the community courts and sanction the existing harmful customary practices.
• Prepare Legislation to regulate dubious religious practices.
• Reform the Justice Training System (Justice Training Centre).
CORRUPTION

• Inclusion of the ACC mandate under the Namibian Constitution.
• Amendment of the Anti-Corruption Act 8 of 2003, to continue and strengthen the fight against corruption in Namibia.
• Adoption of the Anti-Corruption Strategy and Action Plan 2016-2019 that focused on prevention, education and awareness, collaboration, and deterrence of corruption in Namibia.
• Passed the Whistle Blower Protection Act 10 of 2017, to provide scope for enhanced sharing of information that will curb corruption.

COMMITMENTS

• Support the implementation of the Strategic and Action Plan to fight corruption.
• Increase human capacity and funding for the ACC.
• To provide for the establishment of a whistle blower protection office that will provide disclosure of improper conduct and protection of whistle blower.
• Enforce stiffer bail conditions, fines, and sentences for corrupt practices.
• Ensure speedy finalisation of all pending cases at the ACC.
WEATHERING ECONOMIC HEADWINDS, EXPANDING HORIZONS FOR SHARED PROSPERITY
4. ECONOMY AND EMPLOYMENT CREATION
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The SWAPO Party acknowledges the importance of inclusive economic growth for employment creation, poverty reduction, reducing inequality and shared prosperity in our country.

Namibia is a small, open economy, that is integrated into the global economy, particularly through liberalisation of trade and financial flows. The country was therefore, negatively affected by the recent economic slowdown.

Despite the effects of the global economic downturn, the Namibian economy grew from just over N$139 billion in 2014 to N$192 billion in 2018, an increase of N$ 53 billion.

Namibia has had and continues to have one of the highest levels of income disparity in the world. The measures implemented by the SWAPO Party government over the years have resulted in the reduction of inequality in our society.

The country’s Gini Coefficient declined from 0.70 at Independence to 0.56 in 2016. The SWAPO Party government has introduced and is reviewing the New Equitable Economic Empowerment Framework (NEEEF) to address structural weaknesses in the economy, facilitate greater economic empowerment and meaningful participation, and employment creation for our people.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Maintained prudent fiscal and monetary policies that support stability and economic growth despite the global economic down-turn and domestic recessionary conditions during the past three years.

- Achieved an average economic growth of 2.5 percent between 2014 and 2018, which added N$53 billion to our GDP.

- Increased Government revenue from N$41.9 billion in 2013/14 to N$56.7 billion in the 2018/19 financial year, a growth of N$14.8 billion.
Adopted the Growth at Home Strategy in 2014 that has facilitated the introduction of new financing mechanisms for SMEs and further attracted new investments into the economy such as the commissioning of the Peugeot Vehicle Assembly Plant at Walvis Bay.

In the various economic sectors, we have:

- Adopted the National MSME Policy (2016-2021). The policy aims to promote employment creation and income generation, and improvements in the living conditions of our people.
- Established the SMEs Financing Facility via the Development Bank of Namibia.
- Enacted the Public Procurement Act, 2015, providing for local sourcing and empowerment of SMEs.
- Enacted the Deposit Guarantee Act, 2018 to protect depositors’ monies in cases of failure of commercial banks.
- Operationalised the Namibia Revenue Agency (NAMRA) in 2019, to improve revenue collection.
- Enacted the Export Levy Act in 2016, that introduced a tax on the export of unprocessed and semi-processed products in the fishery, mining and forestry sectors.
- Developed and brought under cultivation more than 1,670 hectares of green scheme projects.
- Completed the construction of Neckartal Dam, with a capacity to support a 5,000 ha irrigation scheme.
- Provided support to more than 44,000 communal farmers in 10 crop-growing regions through the Dry Land Crop Production Programme.
- Successfully introduced a Livestock Marketing Scheme as part of drought relief to the farmers.
- Successfully completed the construction of silos at Okongo in the Ohangwena Region, as part of the National Strategic Food Reserves.
- Increased the local electricity generation capacity from 400 megawatts in 2015, to 557 megawatts in 2018, an increase of 39%.
- Implemented an Off-Grid Energisation Master Plan.
- Rolled out the Solar Revolving Fund to boost rural electrification.
- Concluded Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) and connected new projects with approximately 117 MW by Independent Power Producers (IPPs).
• Upgraded Ruacana Hydro by an additional 15MW and the Von Eck Power Station by an additional 21MW.
• Added an additional 810 km to the national power transmission network of 11,673 km.
• Increased the rural electrification coverage from about 18% in 2015 to 20% in 2018, electrifying over 970 schools, health facilities and other public institutions.
• Continued to implement the National Renewable Energy Policy.
• Completed Government-funded electricity access initiatives in off-grid areas such as the 325 kVA Solar PV and Diesel hybrid at Tsumkwe and 325 kVA at Gam.
• Ensured successful development of rural water supply schemes in Otjimbingwe rural, Iitapa-Okeeho-longo rural, the commencement of the Ondanagwa-Omuntele water schemes, the completion of the Katima-Kongola Phase 2 and Katima-Ngoma Phase 2 projects;
• Several boreholes were drilled and short pipelines were constructed in rural areas increasing access to portable water by more than 2% in Namibia.
• Successfully constructed the Neckartal Dam, the Omdel-Swakopmund large diameter pipeline, drilled large diameter boreholes in Windhoek, and commenced with the study to develop a new desalination plant in the Erongo Region.

NAMIBIA’S ECONOMIC GROWTH SUMMIT 2019

The SWAPO Party Government appointed the High Level Panel on the Namibian Economy (HLPNE) that was tasked to identify opportunities for economic recovery and mass employment creation, by leveraging private sector capital.

The HLPNE was tasked to host Namibia’s first ever Economic Growth Summit 2019, under the theme “Economic Revival for Inclusive Growth - Strengthening the Namibian House” that was held successfully from 31st July – 01 August 2019.

The summit included a plenary and various breakaway sessions, cutting across key growth sectors, which brought together policymakers, investors, key experts (national and international), youth, labour and participants from all 14 regions of Namibia to engage in arriving at plausible recommendations for Namibia’s economic growth and significantly enhancing employment creation.

This summit included both Public Sector Reform commitments and Private sector Investment commitments through pledges.
The Public Sector Reform commitments included policy pronouncements on the New Equitable Economic Empowerment Bill (NEEEB), Namibia Investment Promotion Act (NIPA), Public Procurement Act, 2015, Domestic Savings Application (DSA) and Visa Regulations. On the Private Sector front, the economic growth summit attracted pledges of about N$46 billion worth of investments, of which N$20 billion were concrete, while N$26 billion still needed to be verified.

COMMITMENTS

· Further safeguard macroeconomic stability.
· Strengthen and develop policies to ensure that capital allocation supports employment and wealth creation, as well as industrialisation of the local economy.
· Enforce the Transfer Pricing legislation to prevent illicit outflow of capital.
· Further reduce income inequalities in line with NDP5 targets.
· Promote economic diversification in the blue economy, manufacturing, and mineral beneficiation industries, amongst others.
· Strengthen the Namibian economy to be more resilient to internal and external shocks.
· Adopt inclusive and sustained transformation programmes encompassing macroeconomic reforms and initiatives, as well as specific sectoral interventions.

MACROECONOMIC INTERVENTIONS

To ensure that our macro economy remains stable, the SWAPO Party will continue to:

· Ensure that our monetary policy is positioned to maintain foreign reserves and the Balance of Payments at levels that promote socioeconomic development and advance the objectives of macroeconomic stability.
· Align Namibia’s monetary policy with the appropriate exchange rate regime that supports and advances national development as well as economic and financial interests.
· Continue to sensibly manage fiscal policies to ensure that public debt remains manageable and within internationally acceptable norms.
· Direct public borrowing to priority sectors that contribute positively to economic growth and employment creation.
· Capacitate the Namibia Revenue Agency (NAMRA) and implement additional measures to improve revenue collection.

· Fast-track the implementation of policies to boost industrialisation, value addition and local ownership in more sectors of the economy.

· Implement Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) in revenue generating SOEs to stimulate economic growth.

· Develop infrastructure to promote regional integration through road, rail, sea and air to boost growth.

· Manage public assets through maintenance plans and alienation of obsolete and capital intensive assets through willing buyer/seller options for public servants.

· Leverage the Public Procurement Act to benefit Namibian companies through the sourcing of locally produced goods and services to promote employment creation and economic empowerment.

· Remove all barriers for ease of doing business in Namibia.

· Radically transform and optimise state-owned enterprises to contribute more to State revenue, employment creation, economic growth, and development for greater impact.

· Fast-track the establishment of the National Single Window Facility to improve both domestic and international trade facilitation.

· Promote bilateral, regional, continental, and multilateral economic integration, cooperation and trade, as a strategy to improve local economic growth and increase access for our products.

MICROECONOMIC AND SECTORAL INTERVENTIONS

At the micro and sectoral levels, the SWAPO Party Government will implement specific reforms to promote and achieve economic growth and employment creation with impact.

AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

Food Security and self-sufficiency are critical aspects of national economic growth and development. Phenomena such as climate change and global warming have direct and negative impacts on food production in our country.
It is for this reason that measures to achieve food security are incorporated in key national documents such as NDP3, Vision 2030, and strategic plans of relevant government institutions. Namibia also subscribes to and supports AU resolutions on the development of agriculture in general and food security in particular.

**COMMITMENTS**

- At the national level, safeguard Namibia’s ability to regulate in favour of producing its own food at all times.
- Continue to expand the capacity of the National Strategic Food Reserve (NSFR) facilities to compensate for cereal shortages for six (6) consecutive months.
- Place more land under agricultural production and reposition Green Scheme projects to contribute more to food security in Namibia.
- Review and strengthen financing schemes at Agribank to ensure they are affordable, accessible and responsive to the needs of the small-scale farmers.
- Review Affirmative Action Loan Scheme (AALS) to make it affordable, accessible and responsive to the needs of beneficiaries.
- Accelerate the operationalisation of abattoirs and meat processing facilities in the communal areas and develop a master plan for value addition to locally produced meat.
- Establish more feedlots and fodder production schemes to cater for the local market.
- Develop local capacity to produce agricultural production inputs such as seeds, fertilisers, and herbicides.
- Promote more investments in irrigation schemes for crop production through public private partnerships.
· Expand and strengthen the provision of agricultural extension and professional support services to commercial and subsistence farmers to increase productivity in both the crop and livestock sub-sectors.

· Encourage investments into commercial and communal fruit and vegetable production to boost food security and nutrition at national and household levels.

· Promote and increase the production of high value crops to target export markets.

· Encourage the local financial services sector to fund the development of infrastructure for agricultural production, storage, processing and marketing to achieve food security and increase export earnings.

· Expand Research and Development programmes for value addition to, and preservation of traditional products, diversification of agro-processing capacity and production of drought resistant seeds.

· Agreed to fast-track the implementation of the Baynes Hydro Power Project to address existing power deficits.

· Incentivise local farmers to adopt sustainable farming methods such as hydroponics, aquaculture, and conservation agriculture.

· To Upgrade and expand the old small water treatment plant (purification system) in Kavango West to address economic activities water demand.

· To develop more rural water schemes that will include short pipelines, earth dams, drilling and equipping of bore-holes to address the serious chronic water shortage and loss of livestock.

**WATER SUPPLY**

Water is the most important catalyst for socio-economic development. As such, it continues to feature as one of the key priority sub-sectors for the SWAPO Party Government. Namibia has experienced prolonged droughts over the past years due to climate change. This has threatened the livelihoods of thousands of Namibians.

In order to address the challenge, the Swapo Party Government will rehabilitate aging water supply facilities. At the same time, we will develop new national water infrastructures, to ensure water security for both domestic consumption and industrial use.
COMMITMENTS

• To continue exploration of groundwater extraction from the Karst Area (Areas III and IV—between Grootfontein, Abenab and Tsumeb) to ensure enhanced water supply to the central part of Namibia.
• To develop the Omdel and the Kuiseb aquifers in the coastal area to their full capacity.
• To rehabilitate the Calueque-Oshakati water transfer system and the rehabilitation and expansion of the Oshakati water Treatment Plant to ensure security of water supply to the Northern Namibia from the Kunene River.
• To commence the development of the Ohangwena 2 groundwater source and related infrastructure to ensure water supply to the constituencies of Oshikunde and Epembe to address chronic water shortage issues.
• Develop and implement water provision infrastructures in other parts of the country.
• Prioritise implementation of water desalination projects.

INDUSTRIALISATION

“More industrialisation and manufacturing initiatives for economic impact.”

COMMITMENTS

• Review and enforce our labour laws in favour of industrialisation, economic growth and improved living standards of Namibian workers.
• Further intensify the implementation of the Growth at Home Strategy to ensure development of local economic industries.
• Enforce measures to ensure that only Namibian businesses participate in reserved sectors.
• Implement measures to ensure that public and private financial institutions contribute to manufacturing, value addition and entrepreneurial development in the country.
• Expand primary production, processing, value addition and manufacturing of domestic natural resources.
FINANCIAL SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

“Financial sector development for economic growth, poverty reduction and reducing income inequality”

The SWAPO Party led Government acknowledges the importance of financial sector development for economic growth, poverty reduction and reducing income inequality. Continuously developing the financial sector will mobilize savings and provide access to finance to the youth, vulnerable groups, woman and Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).

COMMITMENTS

・ Establish a Sovereign Wealth Fund (SWF) to serve as fiscal stabilizer, and to secure Namibia’s future financial stability.

・ Ensure that the implementation of PPP projects is prioritised as a way of harnessing resources and reducing the public debt burden.

・ Improve the coordination of funding for youth entrepreneurship programmes.

・ Continue implementation of the SME Financing Strategy and develop strategies to increase access to finance for micro enterprises and startups, especially for women and youth.

・ Promote access for Namibian products to regional and international markets through smart partnerships in value chains and joint ventures.

・ Facilitate and support the development of national retail brands to market local products.

・ Conduct a feasibility study to determine the viability and sustainability of the timber industry in Namibia.

・ Align Namibia’s development initiatives to embrace the 4th Industrial Revolution through appropriate education at all levels.

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· Increase access to financial products and services for residents and businesses in rural areas.

**TOURISM**

“Maximising tourism for economic growth and employment creation.”

The tourism sector has a unique potential to contribute to broad-based economic empowerment.

Through interventions such as conservancies and other community-based tourism initiatives, more Namibians can benefit from this industry.

The SWAPO Party government shall continue to strengthen these approaches in order to empower more Namibians.

**COMMITMENTS**

· Further support the development of domestic and community-based tourism projects.

· Diversify the tourism industry to benefit and accommodate more previously disadvantaged and vulnerable groups, youth, and women in the tourism supply chain.

· Give special focus to human resource capacitation as well as product and service development in the sector.

· Launch a marketing strategy to promote Namibia’s tourism industry locally and abroad.

· Capacitate public tourism enterprises to effectively promote the Namibia tourism brand for sustainable employment creation and local ownership in the tourism sector.

· Increase Namibia’s visibility globally through the establishment of more World Heritage Sites and ensuring the effective protection thereof.
BLUE ECONOMY

“Unlocking the economy of the future.”

Namibia is endowed with one of the longest coastlines in Africa. This represents untapped opportunities for the development of new industries and economic activities anchored on the marine economy.

The SWAPO Party is committed to working with industries and investors in order to find innovative ways to maximise inherent possibilities in the blue economy.

We will co-ordinate to ensure that all stakeholders in this sector work closely to promote a sustainable blue economy by building understanding to accelerate economic growth, create employment and fight poverty. This will be done through new, bold and ambitious strategies, mobilisation of financial resources, access to technologies and innovations, capacity building, and effective governance frameworks.

In this regard, the SWAPO Party government made a commitment during the Sustainable Blue Economy Conference in 2018 to allocate US$5 million for marine protection and research in Namibia, and the promotion of the blue economy value chain, incorporating the fishing and tourism sectors. We also committed to desalinate sea water for agriculture, domestic, and industrial use.

- Increase the participation of rural communities through heritage and historic sites, cultural villages and ecotourism as new tourism products in Namibia.
- Review and implement laws and regulations to further increase Namibian ownership of the tourism sector for the maximum benefit to the local economy.
- Initiate policy interventions to promote the participation of previously disadvantaged Namibians in tourism, especially women, youth and vulnerable groups, through concessions.
- Make Namibia more tourist friendly by streamlining visa requirements and processes; train staff to improve customer service at entry and exit points.
- Revise the structure and craft a re-investment plan to ring-fence park entrance fees for infrastructure development in our national parks.
- Identify new markets for Namibia’s wildlife products.
COMMITMENTS

- Promote mobilisation of finances from public and private sources, and access to technologies, innovations, and capacity building to fully realise the potential of the blue economy.
- Promote the participation of women and youth as well as SMEs in the blue economy.
- Strengthen scientific research to generate and disseminate evidence-based knowledge and information on advancing a sustainable blue economy.
- Strengthen the science-policy interface of the blue economy resources to inform decision-making.
- Strengthen governance mechanisms for a sustainable blue economy including awareness raising and stakeholder participation, in policy and decision-making processes.
- Promote sharing of innovative ventures, technologies, best practice and experiences within the country.
- Create markets for emerging and innovative blue economy related industries.
- Prioritise the promotion of smart shipping, efficient ports, transportation, and regional and global connectivity.

The SWAPO Party shall also:

- Ensure sustainable harvesting of Namibia's ocean resources for socio-economic development and industrialisation.
- Develop infrastructure for inland fisheries, including aquaculture, to increase local food production, bolster income generation capacities and employment creation.
- Promote smart partnerships for meaningful Namibian ownership in the industry.
- Support diversification and value addition to marine products in locally-owned on-shore processing facilities.
- Encourage production of retail-ready marine products and further exploration of export markets.
- Continue to strengthen Namibia's monitoring and surveillance capacity to detect illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in our exclusive economic zone.
MINERALS SECTOR

“Harnessing our mineral wealth to achieve more impact.”

Further development and modernisation of our minerals and energy sub-sectors is critical to the socio-economic advancement and prosperity of our country. This includes ensuring full enforcement of our laws and application of international best practices so that our people from all corners of Namibia can benefit from the vast endowment of our mineral resources.

We believe firmly that Namibia’s mineral and energy resources must serve as catalysts for inclusive economic growth and shared prosperity.

COMMITMENTS

· Review laws, regulations and policies to strengthen measures for compulsory Namibian ownership in the mining sector.

· Introduce measures to restrict the selling of Exploration Prospective Licences (EPLs) and promote smart partnerships to achieve impactful and beneficial Namibian ownership in the sector.

· Increase mineral beneficiation for sustainable employment creation, skills development, technology transfer and more foreign exchange earnings.

· Assist small-scale miners through provision of appropriate technologies. Establish marketing centres in proximity to small-scale mining sites to support income generation.

EMPLOYMENT CREATION

The SWAPO Party will pursue measures to maximise employment creation capacity in various sectors.

In this regard, we shall:

· Encourage the relaxation of stringent work experience requirements for professional-
ly-trained youth to facilitate their entry into entry-level positions.

- Promote specific youth enterprise development initiatives.
- Ensure that skilled and qualified previously disadvantaged Namibians occupy strategic managerial and executive portfolios in different sectors.
- Introduce a sector-specific internship programme in partnership with public and private entities.
- Compel entities to list vacancies on the Namibia Integrated Employment Information System (NIEIS) database that links employment seekers with potential employers.
- Introduce incentive schemes for employers to employ young graduates, especially graduates from vocational training institutions, and those with on-the-employment training and work experience.
- Put in place a Monitoring & Evaluation system to ensure the effectiveness of these incentives.
- Review legal frameworks and regulations to remove bottlenecks on the registration of young Namibian professionals with industry professional bodies, without compromising international best practice.

- Strengthen SME development strategies to create the necessary synergies and capacity, with specific focus on peri-urban and rural areas.
- Promote SME capacity to contribute to GDP through innovative training programmes.

**ENERGY RESOURCES**

*“Harnessing energy resources to power the nation.”*

Responsive policies implemented by the SWAPO Party-led government over the years have ensured security of supply for household and industrial use in the ever-evolving energy industry.

The Government, through the Ministry of Mines and Energy and other actors, is developing and modernising our energy sector as a critical element of the socio-economic development of our country. We have prioritised the generation of electricity from renewable sources to optimise our national energy mix and ensure affordability and sustainability of electricity supply.

As a result, despite supply constraints experienced domestically and regionally in recent years, load shedding has been kept at bay.

We are committed to devise new strategies to ensure security of supply by leveraging partnerships with
local and international investors in the sector, and
taking advantage of our abundant natural
resources, including solar and wind power.
Our aim is to make Namibia energy secure and a net
exporter of electricity by 2030.

COMMITMENTS

• Continue to implement the National Integrated
  Resource Plan (NIRP), focusing on other energy sourc-
  es and demand side management measures to meet
  national electricity demand.
• Increase local generation capacity to 755MW by
  2021/22.
• Increase electrification coverage nationally by 50%
  by 2021/2022, and rural electrification by 50% by
  2020.
• Bring on-stream additional private sector
  renewable energy IPP projects, including:
  • 20MW Omburu PV power project near Omaruru, at
    an estimated cost of N$500 million by 2020
  • 40MW Otjikoto Biomass Power Project at an
    estimated cost of N$1.9 billion by 2022
  • 40MW Luderitz Wind Power Project at an
    estimated cost of N$1.1 billion by 2020
• 50MW Firm Powercom (Anixas II) Project at a cost
  of N$1.2 billion by 2021
• 20MW Solar PV Plants near Gobabis and Rehoboth
  both respectively, at an estimated cost of N$400
  million by March 2021
• 50 MW Wind Power Plants near Luderitz by June
  2022
• Allow IPPs to invest in electricity generation and
  sell power directly to distributors and large users.
• Promote the application of renewable energy
  technologies and digital solutions.
• Expand the national electricity transmission
  network.
• Further explore renewable energy storage op-
  tions.
• Secure new sources of funding for new energy
generation projects and services through smart
  partnerships.
• Leverage regional energy trading market
  opportunities to compliment the local supply mix.
• Invest in research, science and technology to har-
  ness renewable, cleaner energy and improve effi-
  ciency of energy use.
• Implement lower electricity tariffs for low income earners and the elderly as part of poverty eradication.

• Change the electricity market from a Single Buyer Model to a Modified Single Buyer Market Model to promote competition in the market.

• Accelerate the implementation of the Baynes Hydro Power Project to boost national energy security.

• Roll out the maintenance and refurbishment of the following transmission lines and associated infrastructure:
  • 400kV Auas-Gerus for security of supply to northern/ north-eastern Namibia
  • 400kV Auas-Kokerboom 2 for security of supply, network stability, and sufficient capacity during peak times in cases of river flows
  • 400KV Obib-Oranjemund for security of supply and network stability, and to reduce reliance on the Eskom Aries substation
“To revive our economy in a sustainable manner, we all have to play our part.”
5. INFRASTRUCTURE
BUILDING NAMIBIA FOR A BETTER FUTURE

The SWAPO Party has maintained its commitment to develop the nation and grow the economy through the consistent allocation of resources to support the expansion of national road and rail networks, maritime and airports, and provision of safe drinking water.

In turn, public investments in infrastructure development projects have created employment opportunities for our people, and significantly contributed to the GDP.

High quality and reliable infrastructure is imperative for accelerated economic growth and the industrialisation of our country. It also serves to provide direct and indirect economic benefits for our farmers by connecting primary producers to national and regional markets, while helping to enhance productivity and reduce the prices of basic commodities.

ACHIEVEMENTS

• Over the last five (5) years, we have completed 1,350 km of bitumen standard roads and 800km of gravel roads.
• Namibia’s road networks are now ranked number one (1) in Africa.
• Deepened the Port of Walvis Bay to serve as a regional logistics hub, with a newly constructed Container Terminal, increasing the port’s capacity from 350,000 TEUs per annum to 750,000 TEUs per annum.
• Established the Namibia Civil Aviation Authority (NCAA) to regulate aviation matters in the country in line with our laws and the ICAO Convention.
• Completed 20 water supply schemes, rehabilitated about 2,800 water points, drilled about 420 Boreholes and constructed 26 earth dams countrywide.
• Completed the Neckartal Dam to secure water for household and industrial consumption, while supporting irrigation projects of up to 5,000 hectares.
• Rehabilitated 40 km of the Sandverhaar-Buschholzbrunn railway line in the //Karas Region.
• Started the upgrading of the Walvis Bay- Kranzberg Railway line to 18.5 tons axle load and 100 km/h, for 210 km (to be completed by 2021).
• Started the construction of sand shelter tunnels as part of the upgrading and rehabilitation of the Aus-Luderitz
Railway line to facilitate train routes to the Port of Lüderitz.
- Started civil works for the construction of platforms and the Oshakati Train Station Buildings, as part of Phase 3 of the Ondangwa-Oshakati Railway Line.
- Completed upgrade of port and rail infrastructure at the Port of Lüderitz.
- Successfully commenced export of manganese through the port.
- Implementation of the Grootfontein-Katima Mulilo railway link as well as the Namibia-Botswana cross-border railway cooperation.

**COMMITMENTS**

**Transport Infrastructure**
- Continue to expand and modernise our road, rail, maritime and air transport infrastructure to support domestic economic growth and connectivity to the SADC region and beyond.
- Reposition our national strategies and programmes in the sector to harness the opportunities of the 4th Industrial Revolution in terms of synergies, efficiencies and access to regional and international markets.
- Develop a funding sustainability framework to attract private sector financial resources, technology and skills transfer to fund the development of local transport infrastructure and facilities.

**Road Infrastructure**
- Construct 800 km of bitumen standard and 1,524.3 km of gravel roads across the country during the next five (5) years.
- Upgrade and construct 21 Driver Testing Centres across the country.
- Rehabilitate the Keetmanshoop Weighbridge.
- Complete the construction of the Dual Carriage ways from Windhoek to Hosea Kutako International Airport to facilitate easy movement of passengers and goods.
- Complete the Windhoek - Okahandja and Swakopmund - Walvis Bay dual carriage ways.

**Air Transport Infrastructure**
- Upgrade the Hosea Kutako and Walvis Bay International Airports to increase capacity for passengers and cargo transport.
The extension of the container terminal doubled Namibia port capacity from 350,000 containers to 750,000 containers per year.

The completion of the container terminal expansion puts us on a firm trajectory towards realizing our dreams of transforming Namibia into an international logistics hub.
AN INSPIRED, EMPOWERED, DYNAMIC AND INNOVATIVE YOUTH
6. YOUTH
AN INSPIRED, EMPOWERED, DYNAMIC AND INNOVATIVE YOUTH

The youth are the future of Namibia. Inspired and empowered youth drive innovation and inclusive development. To eradicate poverty in Namibia, and to ensure inclusive growth and shared prosperity, we absolutely must empower our youth. The SWAPO Party has, and continues to implement policies and programmes aimed at empowering the Namibian youth to contribute to national development.

We have established institutions and put in place programmes to facilitate the development and economic empowerment of our youth. Building on the set foundation, we shall continue to create an enabling environment for all Namibians to have access to quality international-standard sports and recreational facilities and programmes that will enhance optimum participation and performance for the youth of Namibia. Sports and patriotism are often intertwined. Sports play an important role in nation building and form a benchmark for national identity. Sports activities are intertwined with national pride, international prestige, world politics, and offer employment opportunities to many segments of the society especially, the youth.

ACHIEVEMENTS
• Trained about 1,600 Namibian youth in business management through the Ministry of Youth, Sport and National Service, and allocated start-up business loans totalling N$1.5 million to about 520 of the trained youth.
• Funded five other youth projects to the value of N$306,000.
• Conducted National Youth Service civic training for 2,300 youth as part of youth development and empowerment.
• Introduced new trades and training courses such as National Vocational Certificates in clothing production, beauty services (including hairdressing), and livestock husbandry.
• Conducted Heavy Duty Driving and Plant Operator courses, benefiting 164 young Namibians.
Sports Medals

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- Gold medals – Rio Olympics and Paralympics, Commonwealth Games, All Africa Games, Summer World Games
- Silver medals – Rio Olympics and Paralympics, All Africa Games, World Para-Athletics Championships
- Bronze medals – Rio Olympics and Paralympics, All Africa Games, World Para-Athletics Championships

Commitments

“Youth participation ignites national prosperity.”

- Establish a Sports Academy of Excellence and High-Performance Centre.
- Upgrade one of the national stadiums to international standards in order for Namibia to host international games and ensure the Regions are equipped with integrated youth and sports facilities.
- Prioritise funding for youth enterprises, including rural youth empowerment and development through the creation of economic opportunities and participation in the mainstream economy.
- Capacitate regional and local authorities to ensure greater participation and the professionalisation of sport.
- Create more opportunities for internships across the public sector including in the Public Enterprises and to further promote management and leadership development programs for exceptional and talented young public servants.
- Mobilise resources to sustain youth development projects and institutions.
- Review and eliminate bottlenecks in the registration of members, across all professional registration bodies.
- Develop a framework to promote transparency in the awarding of employment and promotions in the public sector.
- Capitalise on Namibia’s strong diplomatic ties to facilitate more employment opportunities for Namibians in international agencies.
- Establish a rehabilitation centre.
- Enhance the existing efforts to improve access to rehabilitation facilities and services for drug and substance abuse.
- Ensure the review of the national youth development framework and to further ensure the development of an integrated national youth development strategy, which shall ensure the mainstreaming of youth development across all sectors.
EMPOWERING THE NATION THROUGH INCLUSIVE, EQUITABLE, QUALITY EDUCATION AND TRAINING
7. EDUCATION AND TRAINING

EMPOWERING THE NATION THROUGH INCLUSIVE, EQUITABLE, QUALITY EDUCATION AND TRAINING

For the past five (5) years, the SWAPO Party-led Government has made great strides in achieving education for all, and for implementing the National Sector Policy on Inclusive Education.

Building on the constitutional provision that makes primary education compulsory and free of charge for all children until the age of 16 years, we have succeeded in introducing universal free primary and secondary education.

Since the attainment of independence in 1990, we have continued to apportion the highest budgetary allocation to the education sector. Namibia is ranked third in Africa in terms of the Education for All Development Index.

Further, we have prioritised the role of education in contributing to sustainable development in all our National Development Plans and our Vision 2030. Since 2014, we have reviewed and implemented the Inclusive Education policy, as well as developed the National Framework for Integrated Early Childhood Development (IECD) to guide and coordinate all ECD matters in the country.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Revised the Education Act, 2001, to strengthen the country’s education delivery mechanisms, while encompassing expectations of free, inclusive, integrated, and quality education for all.
- Increased budgetary allocation to education from N$11.38 billion in the 2013/14 financial year to N$13.77 billion in the 2019/20 financial year, an increase of 21% over the past 6 years.
- Reviewed the Basic Education curriculum and introduced technical subjects and Basic Pre-vocational Skills courses.
- Increased the number of schools country-wide from 1,745 in 2014 to 1,897 in 2019, an increase of 8.7%.
- Increased the number of permanent classrooms from 20,439 in 2015 to 21,580 in 2017, an increase of 5.5%.
- Increased the percentage of schools with electricity from 78% in 2015 to 82% in 2017.
• Increased learner enrolment from about 651,000 in 2014 to over 781,000 in 2019, an increase of 20%, which is as a result of the introduction of free primary and secondary education.
• Increased the number of children benefiting from the National School Feeding Programme from 352,000 in 2018 to 377,521 in 2019, an increase of 7.2% in over 1,400 schools countrywide.

INCREASED NUMBER OF SCHOOLS COUNTRY-WIDE BY 8.7%.

INCREASE IN EDUCATIONAL FUNDING IN 6 YEARS 21%

COMMITMENTS
• Pursue our commitment to secure the future of Namibia through investment in quality education and training at all levels.
• Continue to build new schools - including boarding facilities especially in the rural areas.
• Accelerate the maintenance and renovation of school infrastructure in various Regions countrywide.
• Prioritise the training of teachers, including in-service training to improve the quality and output of our education.
• Retain the Scarce Skills and Remoteness Allowance to attract qualified teachers to schools in remote areas.
• Strengthen and expand the National School Feeding Programme to cover more learners.
• Establish more schools of excellence in other Regions.
• Dedicate more resources towards improving the quality of Technical Vocational Education and Training (TVET) delivery in Namibia.
• Pursue vigorous implementation and improvement of the Higher Education Funding Framework, for public Higher Education Institutions.
INCREASED THE NUMBER OF PERMANENT CLASSROOMS BY 1140
A HEALTHY NATION IS A PRODUCTIVE NATION
8. HEALTH CARE

A HEALTHY NATION IS A PRODUCTIVE NATION!
A PRODUCTIVE NATION IS A WEALTHY NATION!

The SWAPO Party-led Government has consistently committed itself to making quality and reliable health care services accessible to all Namibians. We have prioritised the expansion and modernisation of health facilities across the country to facilitate effective service delivery. In addition, we have placed emphasis on further strengthening primary health care to support better reproductive health and the reduction of maternal and infant mortality.

We have strengthened the health system to improve accessibility, affordability and sustainability of both preventive and curative care, to meaningfully increase the life expectancy of all Namibians.

ACHIEVEMENTS

• Successfully trained, graduated and deployed hundreds of medical doctors, dentists, pharmacists, nurses and other health care professionals to different health facilities across the country especially, in the most remote, rural areas of our country.
• Achieved 85% vaccination coverage in the country and introduced new vaccines against measles, rubella, and poliomyelitis to accord maximum immunisation protection to the Namibian child and the entire population.
• Surpassed the UN fast-track targets of 90-90-90 towards ending the HIV Aids epidemic as a public health threat: Today, 95% of all HIV-positive persons in Namibia know their status, 96% of those, are provided with antiretroviral therapy (ART), and 94% of those on treatment are virally suppressed.
• Reduced the mother-to-child HIV transmission rates to 2.7% and nearly reached the total eradication of malaria.
• Acquired and distributed sixty (60) new ambulances with maternal functionality to hospitals across the country in pursuance of further reducing maternal and infantile mortality.
Launched the Strategy on the Prevention and Control of Non-communicable Diseases to guide our interventions to address diseases such as cancer, hypertension, and diabetes, amongst others.

**COMMITMENTS**

- Accelerate the introduction of Universal Health Coverage for Namibia, targeted at removing all health-related barriers to a productive life.
- Remove all barriers to accessing quality and affordable preventative, curative, rehabilitative and palliative healthcare at all levels of our health care system.
- Prioritise investments in the education and training of health professionals in Namibia and abroad with a strategic focus on medical specialists, nurses and technical support staff.
- Pursue and fast-track the plans to build new Level 2 and Level 3 hospitals across the country to improve delivery of quality healthcare and further invest in the renovation and rehabilitation of the ageing health facilities, including the national referral hospitals.
- Ensure that public health facilities are well-stocked with medical supplies and the latest medical technology, and roll-out the acquisition, maintenance, replacement and technical service plans for all the essential medical equipment in all our public hospitals.
- Expand the provision of free primary healthcare services such as immunisation and screening for non-communicable diseases.
- Enforce stringent standards of hygiene and cleanliness at all health facilities nationwide.
- Build new maternity shelters at health facilities around the country, to ensure further reduction of maternal and infantile mortality in Namibia.

**HIV VIRAL LOAD SUPPRESSION**

Surpassed the UN fast-track targets of 90-90-90 towards ending the HIV Aids epidemic as a public health threat

94%
• Fast-track the completion of some of the outstanding capital projects in the health sector, including the maternity wards at Rundu and Onandjokwe, the out-patient department at Okahandja Hospital, the TB Ward at Keetmanshoop and the upgrading of the Gobabis and Okahao Hospitals.
• Re-open Etegameno Rehabilitation Centre in Windhoek and explore the establishment of other rehabilitation centres across the country to provide for rehabilitative treatment for people affected by illicit drugs and alcohol addiction.

“Universal Health Coverage for all Namibians, that’s accessible, affordable, and sustainable to meaningfully improve the quality of life and life expectancy of all our people.”

VACCINATION COVERAGE NATIONWIDE

85%

Maximum immunisation protection to the Namibian child and the entire population
ACCESS TO LAND, PRODUCTIVITY, AND SECURITY OF TENURE
9. LAND DELIVERY
ACCESS TO LAND, PRODUCTIVITY, AND SECURITY OF TENURE

Land access binds communities. Ensuring policy and legal justice and certainty in the acceleration of land delivery is paramount. It should therefore come as no surprise that land ownership is synonymous with prosperity. The SWAPO Party-led Government has remained resolute in our quest to expedite land access and delivery through the programmes we undertook and the legislations we reviewed for reform.

The eighty-nine (89) resolutions by the Special Cabinet Committee on Land and Related Matters and the various amendments in the past five years, show our responsiveness to the needs of the people.

The holding of the Second Land Conference and the adoption of a bill to address the injustices of the past, dispossession, and the inequitable access and unequal distribution of land, speak to the seriousness of our commitment to deliver on land.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Seven (7) amendments effected to address expropriation procedures, leasing of land for investment, regulation of sale of land to private developers, and the establishment of land administration committees.
- Adoption of the 2016 Land Bill, consolidating the Agricultural (commercial) Land Reform Act 6 of 1995 and the Communal Land Reform Act 5 of 2002, is intended to address concerns about the injustices of the past, disposessions, discrimination, inequitable access and unequal distribution of land, and equitable access to natural resources.
- The Presidential Commission to enquire into ancestral land claims.
- A land allocation statistics booklet, 2018 (a first since Independence).
- Enacted the Flexible Land Tenure Act to facilitate servicing of more land to our people, especially those living in informal settlements. The implementation of the Act was first rolled out in informal settlements at Gobabis, Windhoek and Oshakati.
• Resettled more than 94 families on more than 1,000,000 hectares of agricultural (commercial) land acquired for this purpose by Government.

• Developed Integrated Regional Land Use Plans for Kavango East, Kavango West, Omaheke, Otjozondjupa and Zambezi Regions. This adds up to 7 (seven) Regional Land Use Plans nationally, in addition to those for the Hardap and //Kharas Regions developed in earlier years.

• Successfully held the Second National Land Conference to review the implementation of the Resolutions of the First National Land Conference, for the purpose of accelerating land acquisition and land delivery, and to address identified and emerging challenges.

• Acquisition and delivery of 270,500 hectares of communal land for agricultural purposes. The initiative has benefitted more than 7,800 families organised as cooperatives. These are Otjetjekua (Omusati), Okongo West, Ongandjera West and Ongandjera East. Similarly, 15 small-scale farms in Okongo West and 82 others in Kavango West and Kavango East also benefitted.

• Registration of 120,153 customary land rights, which represent 68% of mapped land rights in communal areas to ensure security of tenure.
COMMITMENTS

In the next five years, the SWAPO Party Government will provide policy and legal justice leadership and ensure speedier delivery of rural and urban land to our people by doing the following:

- Expedite the enactment of the Land Bill.
- Accelerate the implementation of the resolutions of the Second National Land Conference, including the overhauling of the willing seller-willing buyer policy to put in place an alternative land acquisition and distribution policy.
- Publish the ancestral land claims report.
- Pass the following Bills: Rent, Urban and Regional Planning, and Deeds Registries.

- Maximise the approaches to acquire Agricultural Land and design approaches to ensure accelerated land delivery.
- Put in place criteria for delivery of agricultural (commercial) land for emerging farmers, members of marginalised communities and generational farm workers.
- Develop Regional Integrated Land Use Plans for the Oshana, Omusati, Ohangwena, Oshikoto, Khomas and Erongo Regions.
- Deliver a total of 687,000 ha of designated communal agricultural land in Tsumkwe West in Otjozondjupa Region, Eiseb, Epukiro and Otjinene in Omaheke Region, Mangeti in Oshikoto Region and Khaudum in Kavango East Region and in Kunene Region.
- Provide access to Security of Tenure for people living in communal areas.
- Further, sharpen Namibia’s preparedness to defend our claim to extend the boundaries of the Exclusive Economic Zone beyond 200 nautical miles.

“Access to land by all Namibians is non-negotiable - the SWAPO Party reaffirms it’s unwavering position for land and for wealth redistribution.”

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AFFORDABLE, DIGNIFIED HOUSING FOR ALL NAMIBIANS
10. HOUSING DELIVERY AND SANITATION

AFFORDABLE, DIGNIFIED HOUSING FOR ALL NAMIBIANS

All citizens of Namibia have the right to decent and affordable housing and improved sanitation. During the past five (5) years, the SWAPO Party-led government has stepped up its resolve to address housing needs in the country. Housing is one of the key national development priorities and an important vehicle for addressing poverty, social harmony, and economic advancement. In this regard, we have consistently pursued an inclusive approach to the development of housing for all.

The SWAPO Party has placed high consideration and priorities on making affordable, decent quality housing a reality for every Namibian.

We shall continue improving housing delivery for all Namibians, especially for lower income earners and marginalised communities.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Marked improvements in the percentage of families and individuals living in modern housing structures, from a baseline of 41% in 2013 to 45.2% in 2017, against a target of 60 percent.
- Construction of more than 12,000 houses across the country between 2014 and first quarter of 2019, which were built under various schemes such as the Mass Housing Development Program (MHDP), Public Private Partnerships, Private Developers, Build Together Program, Shack Dwellers Association, GIPF financed housing units and the National Housing Enterprise.
- Amended the provisions under the Pensions Funds Act, 1956 to allow for financing of housing for members.
- Provided housing benefits with housing subsidies by government covering up to 70% of the loan repayment.
- Provided tax exemption of up to 1/3 of the housing allowance and exemption of transfer duty and stamp duties on the property valued at N$ 600,000 and below.
COMMITMENTS

- Steadily upgrade informal settlements and shelters, in partnership with the Namibia Shack Dwellers Association and the private sector through the application of minimum standards.
- Accelerate the servicing of land in urban areas and townships to support the upgrading of informal settlements.
- Fast-track the realisation of the NHE Project to build houses for residents of informal settlements who own plots but cannot afford modern structures.
- Co-ordinate interventions of the central government, regional and local authorities to boost delivery of more houses, especially for low-income earners and first-home buyers.
- Engage the private sector to facilitate the delivery of affordable residential land and housing for more Namibians, especially for low-income earners and first-time home buyers.
- Engage financial institutions to introduce house financing products that are affordable for lower- and middle-income earners.
- Invest over N$250 million over the next five (5) years to build over 6,000 house units for lower- and middle-income earners.
- Expand housing programmes to accommodate more Namibians especially police officers, teachers, and nurses, as a way of improving their living conditions.
- Roll-out and accelerate the construction of sanitation infrastructure in the rural areas and townships.
- Maintain the Public Service Home Owners Scheme and improve participation

“Affordable, decent and quality housing asserts a dignified life for every Namibian.”
Houses Delivered by Government: 3958

Houses delivered through the Build Together Programme: 874

Houses funded under the Shack Dwellers Association of Namibia: 1501

HOUSING DELIVERY 2014 - 2019
ACCELERATING DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION, EMBRACING THE 4TH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION
11. INFORMATION, COMMUNICATION AND TECHNOLOGY
ACCELERATING DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION, EMBRACING THE 4TH INDUSTRIAL REVOLUTION

The SWAPO PARTY-led government has made notable progress in the development of ICT infrastructure, digital migration, information services and technological innovation.

Namibia features world-standard ICT infrastructure, and high-speed broadband through the Western Access Cable System (WACS). Today, more Namibians have access to radio, television, internet and digital media services. Internet connectivity and digital services generate economic benefits at family, community and national levels. In fact, the use of ICT has become part of the daily experiences of many Namibians from all walks of life.

Our communities and people - including residents of rural areas - are now connected to one-another and to the outside world through ICT. As an enabler, ICT will continue to serve a critical function in the socio-economic transformation of our country.

ACHIEVEMENTS

• Rolled out the E-Government Strategy and Action Plan (2014). Today, Namibia is ranked 10th in Africa and 4th in SADC in terms of the E-Government Development Index (EGDI).
• Developed national policies on ICT, broadcasting and broadband, with associated implementation plans.
• Today, 94% of the population has access to 2G services, 91% to 3G, and 48% to 4G connectivity.
• Namibia was among the first countries in the region to launch advanced LTE 4.5G services.
• Mobile broadband usage grew from 1,406,299 users in 2015 to 2,070,952 in 2019 - an increase of 47%.
• Increased broadband usage in the public sector from 40% to 95%, and up to 79% for health facilities.
• Connected 540 public education institutions to broadband.
• Equipped and connected 15 Multi-Purpose Youth Community Centres to internet to enable young people to access service and opportunities.
COMMITMENTS

TELECOMMUNICATIONS SECTOR

• Provide 100% network coverage to the population through the upgrading and commissioning of new infrastructure.
• Promote investments in ICT infrastructure and services, through public and private partnerships.
• Implement measures to reduce the cost of ICT services for end-users.
• Facilitate co-ordination to ensure that the process of issuing Environment Clearance Certificates for ICT projects is accelerated.
• Implement number portability to enable mobile subscribers to use their numbers on different local networks, without additional costs.

UNIVERSAL ACCESS TO ICT

• Introduce innovative measures to expand access to Internet and ICT for all Namibians, especially those in under- and un-serviced regions through a Universal Access Fund.
• Expand the fiber optic network and related infrastructure to improve access, affordability, as well as quality and reliability of ICT services.
• Explore and support the concept of smart towns and cities to improve the quality of life, boost economic growth, and improve service delivery in our urban areas.

ICT for schools:

• Expand access to tablets, laptops, desktop computers, and other devices in public schools.
• Expand Internet access for more learners in public schools across the country through wireless connectivity, and investments in fiber optic networks.
• Re-train teachers in ICT to drive improvements in ICT literacy.

ICT in Tertiary education institutions:

• Further capacitate our tertiary education institutions to innovate and develop ICT solutions that can serve as catalysts for modernisation, manufacturing, industrialisation and increased productivity.
• Ensure that tertiary and vocational training education centres are equipped with functional ICT services.
• Accelerate the training of specialised professionals and experts in the fields of ICT and science.
• Train more young Namibians at our VTC in the installation of renewable energy systems, waterless sanitation systems, alternative construction techniques and waste management.

HARNESSING E-GOVERNANCE TO IMPROVE SERVICE DELIVERY

• Apply technological solutions to modernise and re-engineer the operations and management of our Offices, Ministries and Agencies (O/M/As) as well as state-owned enterprises (SOEs).
• Strengthen E-Governance to improve effectiveness and efficiency in service delivery by our O/M/As and SOEs.
• Fast-track the roll out of E-Governance solutions to all O/M/A/s and SOEs.
• Improved access to public services such as education, healthcare, civil registration, banking, e-governance and entertainment.

RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION

• Encourage Research and Development (R&D) by private and public institutions to generate effective home-grown scientific solutions and applied knowledge for national development.
• Co-ordinate research and development in public and private institutions to ensure efficiencies and impact of collaborative R&D solutions.
• Enhance the application of ICT to facilitate the effective management of Namibia’s natural resources.
• Capacitate Incubation Hubs, Science and Technology Parks, and Centres of Scientific Excellence to promote value addition to Namibia’s natural resources.
• Conceptualise and develop future-focused perspectives for Namibia’s science and technology industry (including knowledge and skills needed to drive national development).
• Establish Centres of Excellence and lifelong learning facilities in the Regions to empower more Namibians through training in the fields of science and technology.
• Develop policies to position Namibia as a regional hub for digital innovation.
• Promote and increase investments in science and technology by public and private sector institutions.
CYBER SECURITY

• Enact the Electronic Transactions Bill to effectively regulate digital operations and transactions.
• Conclude the development of the Broadband Policy.
• Enact the Cyber Security and Data Protection Bills.
• Put measures in place to address concerns and shortcomings related to the affordability, reliability, quality and security of our communications networks.
• Prepare Legislation to protect against cyber stalking, obscenity, sexual exploitation, child pornography, and other cyber related vices.
• Require service providers to report any use of their networks to the authorities where the above crimes are committed over their networks.
12. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

A healthy ecosystem is the basis for the well-being, prosperity and secure future of our nation. It is for this reason that the SWAPO Party has stood firmly in its commitment to the protection of our natural environment, sustainability of our ecosystems and responsible utilisation of natural resources for the benefit of our current and future generations.

It is also for this reason that we have put in place policies and programmes to promote the contribution of our natural resources to the socio-economic development of our country. Today, Namibia’s natural resources, inclusive of value addition activities, account for about 25% of the Gross Domestic Product and about 85% of exports.

We are fully aware that our country is highly vulnerable to adverse climatic conditions and natural disasters including recurrent droughts, desertification, and flooding.

As such, we strongly stand for the prudent management of our natural resources as the foundation for long-term environmental sustainability.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Incorporated environmental sustainability into NDP5 with a focus on environmental management, adaptation, conservation and sustainability.
- Expanded communal conservancies to 86, community forests to 32, and under conservation now cover 45% of the country’s surface area.
- Set clear targets in order to reduce Greenhouse Gas emissions by 89% by 2030 through the implementation of the Solid Waste Management Strategy (2018-2028), and the Intended Nationally Determined Contribution (INDC) (2015).
- Introduced environmental taxes on carbon emissions and tyres.
- Successfully mobilised more than N$2.1 billion from domestic and multilateral funding sources to implement projects aimed at addressing critical environmental challenges.
COMMITMENTS

• Further strengthen Namibia’s resilience to climate change, particularly through transformative investments in water and energy infrastructure.
• Increase investments in research on climate-smart agriculture to ensure adaptation and preparedness for adverse climatic events.
• Strengthen inspectorate services to ensure that the protected areas, such as communal conservancies and community forests are preserved and remain sustainable.
• Stimulate further growth in the tourism sector and enable more Namibians to benefit from its opportunities.
• Ensure the full implementation of the Environmental Management Act, 2007 to minimise the adverse impacts of development activities on the environment.
• Improve standards of waste management and adopt the “Reduce, Reuse and Recycle” principle to further develop the sector, create employment, and achieve a cleaner and healthier Namibia.
• Strengthen collaborative measures to prevent and mitigate poaching, illegal wildlife trade and human wildlife conflict.
• Empower more Namibians with skills on environmental management, especially the youth.
• Strengthen the enforcement of measures to ensure the rehabilitation of land degraded by mining and other harmful activities.
• Further mobilise resources from local private sector institutions, and bilateral and multilateral sources to fund environment-related priorities.
• Strengthen the National Disaster Risk Management System for improved early warning responses and preparedness for environment-related hazards.

PROGRAMMES DEVELOPED

DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT

This programme enables institutions to provide for an integrated and coordinated disaster management approach that focuses on resilience building, preventing/reducing the risk of disasters, mitigating the severity of disasters, emergency preparedness, rapid and effective response, resilience building and post disaster recovery.

ACHIEVEMENTS

• Disaster Risk Management framework developed
• Vulnerability Assessment and Analysis (VAA) framework developed & conducted
• Disaster Risk Reduction strategies mainstreamed into sectoral strategic plans
• Resilience building strategies are being supported through policy direction and funding through the National Emergency Disaster Fund
• Ongoing capacity building at Regional Councils in disaster risk management phases are ongoing.

COMMITMENTS

• Ongoing capacity building for stakeholders in disaster risk management planning and response.
• Continue with VAA bi-annually to monitor the extent of vulnerability in the country
• Mobilize resources for provision of services to communities and to create resilience against disaster related shocks;
• To provide ongoing relief assistance to vulnerable citizens affected by risks of disasters.
COMBATING GENDER BASED VIOLENCE,
PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN
13. WOMEN AND CHILDREN

COMBATING GENDER BASED VIOLENCE, PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN

Protecting women and children and providing them with effective services cannot be compromised. Increasing incidents of gender-based violence (GBV) and the abuse of Namibian children must be tackled head-on. In our Political Programme, the SWAPO Party highlights the fundamental importance of building a society where ethics and strong moral values are the underlying principles for the advancement and maintenance of social order.

In order to ensure the protection of women and children and to combat gender-based violence, the SWAPO Party, as governing Party, has spearheaded the passing of legislation such as the Child Care and Protection Act 3 of 2015 and the Combating of Domestic Violence Act of 2003. We have also adopted targeted policies to make Namibia a safer place for women, children and vulnerable groups.

A Children’s Advocate has been appointed to promote the best interests of Namibian children who need these services. We continue to strengthen our legal and institutional arrangements to rid Namibia of social ills such as gender-based and domestic violence, drug and alcohol abuse, and teenage pregnancies.

The adoption of the zebra-style representation at all levels, including appointments, to leadership positions reaffirms the SWAPO Party’s commitment to gender equality, as an effective catalyst for societal change. As the SWAPO Party, we affirm that ensuring the safety and protection of all children, women, and indeed men, is sacrosanct and this must be visible in all our policies, laws, institutions and actions.
ACHIEVEMENTS

- Established and integrated 17 Woman and Child Protection Units in police stations in all 14 Regions.
- Established five (5) shelter houses for abused women and children countrywide.
- Rolled out child welfare grants countrywide, with over 90% coverage of the target population.
- Completed the Report on Gender-based Violence (GBV), which proposed increased sentencing and tightened bail conditions for offenders.
- Amended the SWAPO Party Constitution to provide for a zebra-style of representation at all levels of the Party.
- Adopted a revised National Gender Policy (2010-2020), with substantive provisions on GBV protection.

COMMITMENTS

- Consolidate programmes to accelerate equitable economic empowerment of women and the youth.
- Provide teenage-friendly environments at public health centres and clinics.
- Further roll out awareness campaigns and educational programmes regarding reproductive health, including teenage pregnancies and family planning in order to
- Reduce teenage pregnancies by 30% by the year 2025.
- Increase educational programmes and awareness
- Campaigns in schools about the detrimental effects of alcohol and illicit drugs.
- Strengthen the capacity of law enforcement agencies to respond timely and effectively to incidents of GBV.
- Establish Gender Based Violence Protection Units in remaining urban centres.
- Establish more safe houses in the Regions and Magisterial Districts.
- Accelerate the review of the Combating of Domestic Violence Act of 2003 to improve the efficacy of the protection orders and strengthen the language of other provisions in the Act, especially those related to illicit drugs, alcohol abuse by underage children and teenage pregnancies.
- Introduce anger management and counseling programmes at schools and communities to reduce incidences of gender-based violence.
- Initiate identification and raise awareness of potentially harmful traditional and cultural practices, which impede the fight against gender-based violence and teenage pregnancies to inform future legislation.
- Improvement of policies and legislation to enable working mothers and their family to feel more protected in cases of maternity.
- Foster a conducive environment for women empowerment.
ENSURING AN INCLUSIVE SOCIETY FOR ALL
It is the duty of a caring and responsive government to ensure the full protection, well-being and enjoyment of rights by vulnerable members of society. This is because we believe that the character of a nation is determined by the way in which it treats and takes care of its weakest members. Under the SWAPO Party, the Namibian government has enacted laws and adopted policies to promote the well-being and welfare of vulnerable Namibians such as people with disabilities, Ovate, San and Ovatjimba. We have ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD), an international instrument for the promotion and protection of the rights of PWDs.

The ongoing review of domestic policy, legal and institutional arrangements is intended to provide scope for inclusion of persons with disabilities in society through participation in cultural life, recreation, leisure and sports.

The SWAPO Party fully subscribes to the principle that disability is not inability and that persons with disabilities must be part and parcel of the development of programmes and implementation of initiatives that affect them and the nation at large.

The policy posture of the SWAPO Party government on issues of disability rights is anchored in the belief that anything done about persons with disabilities, should be done with the full involvement of persons with disabilities.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Signed and ratified 15 International and Regional Policy and Legal Instruments that obligate Namibia to improve, promote and protect the rights of persons with disabilities.
- Enacted ten (10) pieces of legislation with a bearing on disability rights in respect of children in the areas of special needs, mental health, legal aid, sports, elections, and maintenance.
- Adopted eight (8) policies that address aspects of early childhood development, poverty, albinism, elections, language, and speech.
• Established seven (7) institutions that focus on disability rights promotion and protection.
• Thirty (30) students with disabilities were provided with financial support from the Student Grant Programme under the Disability Unit to cater for tuition fees, accommodation and transportation, and audio-visual equipment. Six (6) others were supported to pursue a diploma course in sign language interpretation.
• Completed the compilation of a national database for persons with disabilities to facilitate access to services and opportunities, such as healthcare, education, social grants, civil registration and employment.
• Conducted various awareness campaigns and workshops on Community-based Rehabilitation and Disability Networking with the assistance of the African Union and the United Nations.

COMMITMENTS

• Pursue an accelerated registration programme of persons with disabilities, orphans and vulnerable children, the elderly, marginalised groups across the country to update the National Register.
• Intensify efforts to enable more persons with disabilities to access disability grants and other services, through increased mobility.
• Ensure increased funding for students with disabilities, and those from marginalised communities.
• Develop targeted programmes and policies aimed at facilitating employment opportunities for vulnerable groups and persons with disabilities, such as a National Employment Programme on Work Readiness for Persons with Disabilities.
• Increase the number of sign language interpreters to facilitate access to information and services by persons with hearing impairments.
• Further raise awareness and popularise the commemoration of national and international days of persons with disabilities.
• Strengthen research on disability issues and ensure availability of Namibian data and scientific evidence on challenges and issues related to disability rights in the country.
• Promote empowerment, inclusion and participation of marginalized groups.

“Disability is not inability - persons with disabilities must be at the core of the realization of our visionary socioeconomic transformation.”
The SWAPO Party remains eternally proud of Namibia’s sons and daughters who actively and persistently participated in, and positively contributed to the national liberation struggle, both inside and outside the country. Their sacrifices, bravery and patriotic contributions made the freedom and independence that Namibia enjoys today, possible.

In their honor, as the ruling party, the SWAPO Party initiated and implemented projects and programs to advance and support the socio-economic inclusion of our veterans. These include the provision of psychosocial counselling, housing to needy veterans, educational support to veterans and their dependents, medical assistance, resettlement to landless veterans, funeral assistance and provision of tombstones, monthly subventions, funding of individual veterans projects as well as other supportive interventions. Out of the 55,308 applications, for veterans’ status received, 30,304 applications were given recognition as veterans of the national liberation struggle.

**ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Payment of a once-off Lump sum to all approved veterans
- Over the past five years, 10,380 veterans received funding to start income-generating projects, exceeding the set target of 6,130 veterans.
- Assisted 1,080 veterans and their dependents with education and training grants
- Provided houses to 293 needy veterans.
- Funeral assistance to 2,450
- Erected 1,868 Tombstones to graves of the veterans’
- Resettled 27 landless veterans
- Payment of the monthly Subvention to 19,181 veterans
- Payment of the improvement grant to 5950 ex-PLAN Combatants Former Robin Ireland and //Khaikanagab political prisoners
COMMITMENTS

• Continue to implement interventions aimed at supporting the veterans of the national liberation struggle.
• Continue to inculcate the value of the history of the national liberation struggle into the nation at large, especially amongst our youth.
• Continue to empower the veterans and dependents of the veterans of the national liberation struggle.
• Implement a national policy on exhumation, repatriation and reburial of the remains of the martyrs of the Liberation struggle.

“Our fight was just, our resolve unwavering and price paid high. The blood of our fighters, is the currency that bought our freedom. We shall never forget.”

“From their inspiration we drew strength to win the struggle for freedom.”
The SWAPO Party regards peace, stability, and safety as the bedrock upon which the Namibian house is built. Peace and stability are prerequisites for the growth, development and prosperity of our nation.

Therefore, the SWAPO Party is committed to maintaining internal security and law and order; to defend our territorial integrity and promote the national interests of Namibia. Although international geopolitics is fluid, Namibia is highly regarded in the community of nations. We value the regional and international alliances that have served our country well over the years. The peace and stability our country enjoys, represent a socio-political assurance vital to our sovereignty.

Today, new threats such as cyber warfare have emerged, manifested through attacks on ICT platforms, installations, and infrastructure. In order to effectively combat these threats, we require highly trained, skillful and knowledgeable personnel, and state-of-the-art military architecture and systems. The SWAPO Party shall therefore continue to capacitate and modernise our defence systems to be able to effectively withstand and respond to the internal and external threats of the 21st Century.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Concluded Joint Permanent Commissions on Defence and Security and promoted regional integration as grantors of peaceful relations within the SADC Region.
- Maintained and bolstered Defence Diplomacy through the deployment of Defence Attachés to selected countries to monitor regional and international security developments.
- Hosted a SADC Regional Air Force exercise, code-named Exercise Blue Kunene, on humanitarian disaster relief operations.
- Deployed cadres to participate in the United Nations peace support and peace-keeping missions in Liberia, Sudan (Darfur Region), and South Sudan.
COMMITMENTS

• Further reinforce the centrality of peace and stability as prerequisites for the survival, development, and prosperity of our nation.
• Ensure the safety and security of our inhabitants and visitors alike.
• Modernise our National Defense and Security mechanisms to effectively respond to the security challenges of the 21st Century.
• Mobilise our security forces to combat terrorism, internal disorder, or other emergencies.
• Continue to equip our security and law enforcement agencies to better protect the territorial integrity of Namibia.
• Devise cyber-security defence strategies to ensure the coordinated activities of the security sector to safeguard our critical installations and reduce vulnerability against cyber-crime.
• Ensure effective inter-agency co-operation among our security and law enforcement agencies.
• Capacitate our security agencies personnel to provide assistance to communities and civil authorities during emergencies and natural disasters such as floods, droughts, and wildfires.
• Improve the National Youth Service Programme to inculcate the spirit of patriotism, nationhood, and commitment into Namibia’s development.
• Promote employment satisfaction amongst members of our law enforcement agencies.

“Our capacitated and modernized defence systems respond to the internal and external threats of the 21st century – on this the SWAPO Party will never compromise.”
A RESPECTED NATION AT PEACE
WITH HERSELF AND THE WORLD
The birth of Namibia as a sovereign nation came about through international solidarity and the support of people, nations, and organisations for SWAPO during our national liberation struggle. Since Independence, the SWAPO Party has reaffirmed its commitment to the principles of democracy, solidarity, freedom, and social justice both at home and abroad. In line with Article 96 of the Constitution, we ensured that our conduct of international relations and diplomacy promotes international co-operation, peace and security. The SWAPO Party firmly supports the inalienable right to self-determination and independence of all oppressed peoples as well as the principle of sovereign equality of nations, large and small. The SWAPO Party’s international relations and co-operation policy is anchored on the promotion of our national interests, underpinned by domestic policies and relations with other nations.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Reviewed the white paper on Namibia’s Foreign Policy and Diplomacy Management and adopted the White Paper on Namibia’s Policy in international Relations and Cooperation to reflect present day realities and future trends.
- Strengthened our bilateral relations and cooperation with our neighbours and the world at large through the exchange of high level visit, resulted in tangible economic projects in areas such as energy, water and infrastructure development.
- Expanded our diplomatic representation and opened new embassies and consular posts in Algeria, Republic of Congo and Menongue, for effective and impactful protection of our national interest.
- Launched the Theo-Ben Gurirab Lecture Series to promote public participation and debate on issues shaping the policy on International Relations.
- Held 27 Sessions of Joint Commissions for Cooperation and Joint Working Group with the aim of strengthening our bilateral relations and cooperation and to identify new areas of economic cooperation.
• Participated in SADC Election Observer Missions, the SADC Preventative Mission in the Kingdom of Lesotho (SAPMIL), as well as in UN Peace Keeping Missions in South Sudan and Liberia.
• Namibia served as Chair for the first two years of the first 10-year Implementation Plan for AU Agenda 2063; and
• Served as Chair of SADC.
• Served as Member of the African Renewable Energy Initiative (AREI), the Commonwealth Ministerial Action Group (CMAG), Co-Chaired the Working Group for the Realisation of the UN General Assembly.

COMMITMENTS

• Increase Namibia’s representation at regional and international Organizations, including internship opportunities for Namibian Youth.
• Establish the International Women’s Centre for Peace in Namibia, as an Institution of Excellence focused on peace-building and conflict prevention, highlighting women’s contributions to world peace.
• Continue to pursue economic diplomacy to strengthen co-operation and promote market access for Namibian products, goods, and services.
• Promote and market Namibia as an attractive destination for foreign investment and preferred hub for services and tourism in the southern African sub-continent, taking advantage of continental market opportunities under the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA).
• Ensure effective implementation of decisions taken during state, official and working visits; joint commissions for co-operation; bi-national commissions, inter-governmental working groups and multi-lateral meetings.
• Support and participate in SADC, AU, and UN peace efforts, including election observer missions.
• Foster and promote technical co-operation and skills transfer within the framework of South-South Co-operation and North-South Triangular Co-operation.
• Promote educational and cultural exchange programmes between foreign and local education institutions.
• Promote Namibia’s strategic interests regionally and internationally through mutually-beneficial bilateral and multilateral engagements.
• Re-affirm our solidarity and support for people under foreign occupation and fighting for self-determination.
• Work within the SADC framework to ensure the ef-
effective implementation of the revised Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP) of SADC.

• Co-operate with African Union Member States to strengthen the Unity of Africa and contribute to the realisation of Africa Agenda 2063.

• Advocate for the needs and interests of developing countries and defend the sovereign equality of all nations as enshrined in the UN Charter.

• Promote and advocate for effective multilateralism.

• Establish a Diplomatic Academy to train professional and knowledgeable diplomatic service officials for Namibia.

"I feel honoured to have chaired SADC and I am pleased to say that we have taken significant steps towards the attainment of the objectives of development and enhancing the quality of life of citizens in the region."
18. VOTE SWAPO PARTY FOR

1. Re-dedication to empowerment and inspiration of our youth to be innovative and become employment generators and not job seekers.

3. An educational system that creates opportunities and supports our youth; Inclusive, Quality and Free primary and secondary education for Namibians children towards development and shared prosperity.

4. Protection of independence, sovereignty, territorial integrity of our country, Namibia.

5. Maintenance of legal architecture poised to achieve social justice, a free but caring society that supports justice, based on the rule of law, processes, institutions and systems.

6. A nation that celebrates its diversity, but reaffirms the importance of nation building, peace and stability, free from the threats of crime and violence.

VOTE SWAPO PARTY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE
Cde. HAGE G. GEINGOB
7. Implementation of programs to provide Affordable, Dignified housing for all Namibians through Private Public Partnership (PPP) and Harambee Prosperity Plan (HPP).

8. A health care system that ensures universal health coverage for the best attainable physical and mental health.

9. An intensified fight against Gender based violence by advocating dialogue and behavioural change towards a society where our women, children and men enjoy freedom from violence and vulnerability.


12. A government that inspires trust through accountability and transparency through strengthened governance and an institutional architecture to overcome implementation bottlenecks that have negatively affected outcomes of our national development programmes and initiatives.

13. Inclusive development where all people share in prosperity.

14. Building strong foundation to address and overcome development challenges that confront our country, including provision of Social services, Infrastructure Deficits, Inadequate Investment Inflows, Protection of our Natural Environment and Ecosystems.

15. Revitalizing the Namibian economy for employment creation, poverty reduction and inclusive development.
LET US UNITE IN THE NAME OF NAMIBIA
OUR NATION’S STRENGTH LIES IN OUR UNITY IN DIVERSITY
OUR CULTURES AND TRADITIONS ARE OUR FOUNDATIONS
SWAPO IS THE PEOPLE AND THE PEOPLE ARE SWAPO
SOLIDARITY
FREEDOM
JUSTICE
VOTE SWAPO PARTY!