



MEDIA BRIEFING

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ON THE

LAUNCHING OF

2009 SWAPO PARTY ELECTION MANIFESTO AND THE HOLDING OF

ELECTORAL COLLEGE

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Windhoek

The SWAPO Party is a political mass movement that is well organized with all its machineries in place to carry out its plans and programmes. Ever since its founding on the 19th April 1960, the Party has been growing in scope of its ideology, in admiration by persons of all persuasions, and has been consistently and persistently enriched with plans and programmes in meeting with the current and future needs of the Namibian people. The SWAPO Party remains true to its principles of delivering on promises of building a solid nationhood where all citizens live in harmony with meaningful and productive lives.

Come end of this year, the Namibian people will be taking to the polls to elect a political party of their choice, answerable to their needs and aspirations. The SWAPO Party is most certain that it will achieve a resounding victory during the upcoming Presidential and National Assembly elections. This is so because it is the only political party that has the genuine interest of the people of Namibia at heart. We talk confidently assured of this notion from the tested trying past when others partook in the murdering and oppression of our people, when others wavered or stood by watching from their safe havens, when they remained silent while other engrossed themselves in the betrayal of the revolution and were a part in the cause of our people's deaths and destruction.

Having brought about the independence of Namibia, the SWAPO Party is well positioned to transform and steer the country towards economic development without betraying the cause of independence and ensuring that the blood shed and supreme sacrifices made do not end in vain. Post independent Namibia needs not to be led by a political party with bloods stains on its hands. Our dear country cannot afford to allow self styled politicians with ambitions to be rulers unto themselves and those bent on bringing back the legacies of oppression and exploitation. These meager detractors, traitors, betrayers have cushioned themselves in sheep skins treacherously portraying themselves as angels and saviors. The question is saviors for who and saving who from whom. The Namibian people, young and old, know too well their history. They cannot be fooled nor allow themselves to be betrayed. The sacrifices made were too enormous and they cannot contemplate a return to abnormal atmosphere.

We are in the days of entering into fully swing campaign for the 2009 Presidential and National Assembly elections. All SWAPO Party cadres in their masses are sufficiently oiled up and ready to deliver the well known and true message of hope, the true message of progress and the message of a better future for all Namibians throughout the campaign.

The message that the SWAPO Party will carry during the campaign will be predicated on the promises contained in the SWAPO Party Election Manifesto for 2009. The Election Manifesto will serve as a guideline for electorate to learn and discern for themselves issues the SWAPO Party will tackle during the next five years after the 2009 elections. I am certain that all Namibian electorates from all section

of the population will find the message carried by the Election Manifesto answering to their needs and aspirations. The SWAPO Party through its Election Manifesto conveys developmental plans and programmes that are tangible, realistic and deliverable during the span of time for which they are designed.

I am not here to launch the 2009 SWAPO Party Manifesto but, rather, I am here to announce that the SWAPO Party will launch the 2009 SWAPO Party Election Manifesto on Saturday, 5 September 2009. The function for launching of the Election Manifesto will be done at the Katutura Multi-Purpose Sport Stadium in Windhoek and will coincide with a mass rally for the official launching of the SWAPO Party commencement of its 2009 elections campaign. His Excellency Comrade Hifikepunye Pohamba, President of the SWAPO Party and President of the Republic of Namibia will be the keynote speaker at the launching of the campaign and the Election Manifesto.

During 2004, the SWAPO Party held its Extra-Ordinary Congress to elect a Presidential Candidate for 2004 Presidential Elections and, in the same year, the SWAPO Party held its Electoral College to elect 72 aspirant candidates for the National Assembly for 2005 to 2010, discussed matters of the SWAPO Party and passed resolutions. In 2007, an Ordinary Congress was held to elect the Presidential Candidate for the SWAPO Party to serve from 2007 to 2012 and deliberated on issues of the Party and passed resolutions.

The five years terms of current Honourable Members of the National Assembly will come to an end on 20th March 2010 and new will be sworn in. In conformity with the SWAPO Party Rules and Procedures for the Election of Party Office-Bearers and Party Representatives at Legislative and Government Levels, the SWAPO Party will need to field candidates who will serve on the positions allocated to the SWAPO Party through the National Assembly elections. The intention of our Party is to win all 72 seats of the National Assembly. Thus the 72 SWAPO Party candidates will be identified to ensure that all National Assembly seats have members of the SWAPO Party.

The SWAPO Party Rules and Procedures for the Election of Party Office-Bearers and Party Representatives at Legislative and Government Levels provides that all aspirant candidates be elected through Congress, Extra-Ordinary Congress or Electoral College. The process for electing such candidates is upon the SWAPO Party again. Friday, 4 September to Sunday, 6 September 2009, the coming weekend has been set aside to hold an Electoral College to elect members of the SWAPO Party to the National Assembly.

As a tradition of an entrenched democratic process of the Party, Sections, Branches, Districts and Regions have been hard at work to ensure the sifting of tested cadres is thoroughly done and qualified candidates are elected through the structure of the Party.

In my capacity as the Secretary for Information and Mobilization for the SWAPO Party, I am calling and inviting all SWAPO Party members, supporters and sympathizers to come and attend the SWAPO Party mass rally this coming Saturday, on the 5th September 2009. My invitation is extended to all comrades, supporters and sympathizers in all the 13 regions of the country, from east to west and from north to south. Come attend the launching of the 2009 SWAPO Party Election Manifesto. Your appearance will be a show of the massive strength the Party possesses. All of us owe it to the SWAPO Party, the liberator of Namibia, to take part in this very important activity.

I thank you.