



**STATEMENT BY HIS EXCELLENCY DR. SAM  
NUJOMA, FOUNDING PRESIDENT AND FATHER OF  
THE NAMIBIAN NATION, ON THE OCCASION OF THE  
SWAPO PARTY STAR RALLY**

**9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2009**

**OUTJO  
KUNENE REGION**

Director of Ceremonies;  
 Honourable Hage Geingob, Minister of Trade and Industry and Vice President of SWAPO Party;  
 Honourable Pendukeni Iivula-Itana, Minister of Justice and Secretary General of SWAPO Party;  
 Honourable Alpheus !Naruseb, Minister of Labour;  
 Comrade Herunga Uahekua, SWAPO Party Regional Coordinator for the Kunene Region;  
 Comrade T.A. Sheya, SWAPO Party Regional Councillor for Outjo Constituency;  
 Honourable Regional and Local Councillors;  
 Your Worship, The Mayor of Outjo, Comrade I. Katambo;  
 Honourable Traditional and Community Leaders;  
 Comrade Members of the Regional Executive Committee of the SWAPO Party;  
 Comrade Members of the District Leadership;  
 Comrades:

I feel deeply honoured for the invitation extended to me to come and address you here at Outjo this afternoon.

This year, Namibia celebrates 19 years of peace, political stability and tranquility. We also celebrate solid 19 years of notable successes of the SWAPO Party Government in various areas of human endeavour. Indeed, when we defeated the enemy and liberated our country from the yoke of apartheid colonialism and oppression, the SWAPO Party Government sets itself clear goals with a clear purpose of eradicating poverty, diseases under development and ignorance.

The priority among all priorities was to unite all Namibians who were divided by the enemy the motto of "*One Namibia, One Nation*". The primary purpose of the Policy of National Reconciliation was to ensure that all Namibians work together and build a peaceful nation based on foundation of unity and common purpose. The policy of National Reconciliation which the SWAPO Party Government proudly adopted served our country well over the years and it contributed to the peace and stability that we enjoy today.

However, while the SWAPO Party Government urges all Namibians to embrace one another as brothers and sisters, some sections of the Namibian society are working day and night to sabotage the peace and tranquility that we enjoy. I would like to inform you that sabotage and subversive activities are not only political in nature but also have economic, social and cultural ramifications. Such detractors could therefore come in different forms. I, therefore, call upon all SWAPO Party Members and supporters and all Namibians in general to unite and be vigilant of those who come in your homes and villages spreading the message of hate and falsehoods about the SWAPO Party Government and its leaders. I know that you

are politically matured enough and you will not allow yourselves to become victims of such cheap politics.

Comrades;

Immediately upon the attainment of our genuine Freedom and Independence on 21<sup>st</sup> March 1990, the SWAPO Party Government embarked upon the second phase of the struggle for economic independence with the clear purpose of eradicating poverty, diseases and ignorance.

During the past nineteen years, the SWAPO Party Government has implemented milestone development projects in all the thirteen regions of our country. These include the development of physical infrastructures such as the deepening of the ports of Walvis Bay and Luderitz, the construction of the Trans-Kalahari and Trans-Caprivi Highways, the Northern Railway Extension from Tsumeb to Oshikango as well as the rehabilitation of the railway line from Aus to Luderitz and the construction of the tarred road from Rosh Pinah to Aus.

During the 2008/2009 financial year, our Government has improved the road Omakange-Opuwo which is now tarred. We have also improved the Opuwo-Kamanyab road. These improvements form part of the extension of the Trans-Caprivi High Way to Agra Fria where the SWAPO Party Government will build a new harbour. We have adopted a National Road Master Plan to build more roads and connect the rural areas to urban centres to facilitate the movement of passengers, goods and services, especially here in the Kunene Region.

Comrades;

The development and improvement of agriculture remains one of the priorities of the SWAPO Party Government. Over the years, our Government has initiated programmes which are aimed at improving animal husbandry and crop farming, including the establishment of extension engineering services in the rural areas.

We have also established aquaculture projects in various regions of our country. We have also initiated the Green Scheme along the Kavango and Zambezi Rivers in order to improve food security in our country. Here in Kunene Region, efforts are being made to improve agricultural production through diversification of agriculture. We should encourage our people not only to rely on animal husbandry, but also to start crop production. You can approach the Ministry of

Agriculture, Water and Forestry and other relevant Ministries to assist you in such endeavours. By so doing, we will be able to increase food self-sufficiency.

Comrades,

Our country can only achieve success, when we have a critical mass of qualified human resource personnel in the critical areas of socio-economic development. In this connection, education and training have received enormous attention since independence. With the clear purpose of providing quality education to our children, the SWAPO Party Government built and expanded primary and secondary school enrolment. Here in Outjo, we have built new schools such as Etoshapoort Secondary School as well as the Maarssen Primary School. These schools were constructed to ensure that our children have access to quality education.

In addition, the SWAPO Party Government has expanded academic programmes at the University of Namibia and the Polytechnic of Namibia as well as teacher training colleges and vocational training centres.

This year the University of Namibia has opened a Faculty of Engineering and Information Technology which was inaugurated by His Excellency Comrade Hifikepunye Pohamba, President of the Republic of Namibia at Ongwediva in April this year. Next year, 2010, the University of Namibia will open the new Faculty of Medicine. In few years, our country will have its own medical doctors and engineers trained in Namibia. I, therefore, call upon all parents to ensure that our children attend school and take their education seriously so that they pursue technical careers at institutions of higher learning.

We must encourage them to study Mathematics and Science subjects so that they can pursue scientific careers at the institutions of higher learning in order to become medical doctors, engineers, agriculturalists, marine biologists and geologists. These are the critical areas which will enable our country to achieve Vision 2030.

Comrades,

The SWAPO Party Government expanded the provision of electricity and potable water to the majority of our citizens, including those in the urban, peri-urban and rural areas. We have also expanded the provision of shelter through the Build Together Programme and the NHE. I am informed that here in Outjo, efforts are

being intensified to improve the Build Together programme so that hundreds of our citizens in Outjo can benefit from this initiative.

Comrades,

As you are aware, only healthy people can meaningfully contribute to socio-economic development. It is for these reasons that the SWAPO Party Government has expanded the provision of quality health care to all our citizens in all the thirteen regions. We have build clinics and health centres in various parts of our country. Here in the Outjo, we have upgraded the Outjo State Hospital to ensure quality health service delivery.

As I have stated on numerous occasion, the development of our country rests on our own shoulders. This we have demonstrated when we worked shoulder to shoulder at the Northern Railway Extension Project from Tsumeb to Oshikango via Ondangwa. Last week, I was invited by UNAM to go and work on the Kalimbeza Rice Project in the Kabbe Constituency of the Caprivi Region.

This is a national project that is aimed at enhancing food security in our country. I therefore would like to urge all Namibians to volunteer themselves to work at this important project. Outjo is strategically situated and we can harness such advantage to enhance socio-economic development. One of the potential areas not yet exploited is tourism. Outjo is bordering the Etosha National Park and is also a gateway to the greater Kunene Region. We must encourage our communities here to harness tourism so that they can improve their standards of living. I also would like to call upon the Regional and Local Councillors to initiate development projects in order to create employment opportunities for hundreds of our people.

Comrades,

This year, our country will hold Presidential and National Assembly Elections. As members of the SWAPO Party, we must enter these elections united and with only one common purpose, namely to win the elections with 100 percent. Political mobilization must be intensified so that we can win the elections with a resounding victory.

Remember, a united people striving to achieve common good for all members of the society will always emerge victorious.

SWAPO United!  
SWAPO Victorious!  
Now Hard Work!