STATEMENT

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AT THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH

OF

THE SWAPO PARTY WEBSITE

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MEMBERS OF THE POLITBURO AND CENTRAL COMMITTEE, 
SWAPO PARTY THINK-TANK MEMBERS,  
MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA CORPS, 

This year 2009, SWAPO PARTY celebrated its 49th Anniversary of its founding with pride and dignity. This means 49 years of historical heritage, which includes among others, a protracted liberation struggle for the independence of our motherland.

During the past nineteen years of independence the SWAPO PARTY government established a democratic government under which we have managed to create democratic institutions for a safer and better Namibia and most importantly, the building of a foundation for economic growth and empowerment of our people.

The SWAPO PARTY government has created a conducive environment for economic growth and development to such an extent that Namibia is in a position to tap into and benefit from technological know-how’s of the new world order.
The technological advancement and information empowerment through the internet has changed human interaction. This is a clear indication that information-communications-technology is going to remain important for the future economic growth and improvement of the quality of life of our people.

As a political organization, the SWAPO Party has evaluated its interaction with the populace, and has resolved to remain in sync with the people, who will have information at their fingertips through the internet. Time has come that the SWAPO PARTY makes itself available to interact with the public, at their demand, within and beyond our borders, and as far as the internet highway takes us.

Through the internet, we intend to remain available to account for our actions and to explain our policies and programs, and as such enhance democracy and governance.

Access to information by the rank and file of the mighty SWAPO Party will re-invigorate democracy not only within SWAPO Party, but also in Government and the general rubric of society.
Access to information is also a tool for empowerment and the development of the SWAPO Party website creates an information highway bridging the digital and information divide for so many of our people who can now tap into a reliable source of information to also counter the negativity being circulated by the already established media houses and retrogressive forces.

It is for this reason that the SWAPO Party Think Tank has been hard at work to bring this project to a successful fruition – to provide an alternate source of information dissemination and social interaction.

This event of today is therefore historic, in that SWAPO Party has entered the societal realm in a multifaceted fashion – we are reachable on-line, physically at the offices, telephonically and we are available 24 hours around the clock. This is historic!

I therefore invite the public to access our Party Constitution, the Political Programme, the Manifesto, the history of the SWAPO PARTY, current events in particular, for the upcoming election and learn for yourselves to interrogate the SWAPO Party.
Form your own opinions, and make your own conclusions. Send us your comments, and interact with the SWAPO Party membership, because this platform would serve no other purpose than that!

You have the opportunity to engage the SWAPO Party Think Tank, our intellectual cream of the Party, which has drafted policy proposals and advice for consideration to the Party leadership. The questions you pose to them will be accessed by the leadership, and we will be in a position to take decisions together and share concerns and ideas.

Dear Comrades and friends,

I can not over emphasize the fact this year Namibians will go to the polls to exercise their democratic rights through voting, and I have no doubt that the Mighty SWAPO Party will emerge victorious, because the Namibian people know best that the SWAPO Party stands for democracy, justice and prosperity for all and in particular the youth who are the future bedrock of our society and at the same time the future of SWAPO Party.
These young ones are the regular users of the internet. They twitter, they blog and they use other platforms to chat. We are looking forward to welcoming you into our chat rooms, and let us do so with mutual respect and dignity. Let us avoid using the SWAPO Party website as a tool for hate and discrimination. SWAPO Party is an organization for all, young, old, pink, blue, white and black, male and female, wealthy or modest, and as such, we should also protect our heritage. Throughout your interaction with the site, I urge you to engage it to your full benefit so that you can realize how important it is to our Party.

Congratulations therefore go to all of you Comrades, who have made it possible that we can now visit the SWAPO Party website at [WWW.SWAPOPARTY.ORG](http://WWW.SWAPOPARTY.ORG).

The public is now aware that our website is live for interaction with the rest of the SWAPO Family, and I am certain it is curious to discover what is hosted on our site. Do not be surprised if you find me in some of the chat rooms, as I also want to hear and make new friends, perhaps even connect with old friends.
In conclusion, I urge the Namibian people and all the people of goodwill not loose the opportunity to tell the SWAPO PARTY Leadership what you think should be done for the party and the country. Let us continue to be in touch. I equally, encourage you all to work harder to ensure that the SWAPO Party continues to occupy the centre stage in order to play a more meaningful contribution to our society.

It is therefore my greatest pleasure to declare the SWAPO Party website: [www.swapoparty.org](http://www.swapoparty.org) officially launched.

I Thank you