



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

STATEMENT

BY

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AT THE

**THE OCCASION OF LAUNCHING THE NDP6 FORMULATION
PROCESS**

WINDHOEK, KHOMAS

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- Directors of ceremony;
- Hon Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation
- Hon Obeth M. Kandjoze, Director General of the National Planning Commission;
- Honorable Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Members of Parliament, Governors and Chair Persons of Regional Councils
- Ms. Hopolang Phororo, United Nation Resident Coordinator and other Representatives of Development Partners Present;
- Stakeholders from Trade Unions, Civil Society and Private sector
- Distinguished invited Guests;
- Members of the Media;
- Ladies and Gentlemen.

A Very Good Morning!

1. It is my distinguished honor to join you today at this occasion of launching the NDP6 formulation process.
2. I wish to thank the Director General of the National Planning Commission for this invitation and the honor to deliver the key note address.
3. Namibia's Constitution enjoins the State to actively promote and maintain the welfare of the people by adopting laws and policies aimed at promoting national development and the welfare of the society.
4. Through Article 129 of the Constitution, the National Planning Commission is established in the Office of the President, whose task is to plan the priorities and direction of national development. The Commission has historically been constituted from the broad stakeholdership of National development being the government, private sector and civil society.
5. Since independence, Namibia has followed the model of development planning characterized by short medium and long-term national development plans supported by various sectoral and inter sectoral policies.

6. Since then, the following were developed and implemented;
 - The Transitional National Development Plan
 - First to Fifth National Development Plans
 - The Poverty Reduction Strategy
 - The Regional Development Strategy
 - National Human Resource Development Reports.
 - The Machinery for Plan Implementation, Monitoring and Evaluation; and many more.
7. These frameworks aimed to give realization to the long term development goals as articulated under the long term vision, vision 2030. Subsequent to these policies, the government adopted HPP 1 and 2 to fast track the implementation of the adopted plans. We have realized significant achievements over the years through the implementation of our various policy initiatives. But we have also experienced setbacks.
8. Today, marks yet another milestone in our national development journey towards reaching and realizing our Vision 2030 Goals.
9. The Sixth National Development Plan (NDP6) whose formulation process is to be launched today is of great significance in Namibia's planning journey in that it marks the last medium-term plan to be implemented before 2030.

It is also to be developed after Namibia and the Globe have experienced and continue to experience unprecedented challenges stemming from effects of climate change, collapse of commodity prices and investment and geo-political tension and conflicts.

10. Since 2016, the country has experienced a deterioration in the macroeconomic fundamentals: economic growth and investment plummeted, public debt rose to unprecedented levels, inflation rates rose , eroding the purchasing power of households' income and putting more pressure on already high levels of unemployment and exposing our economy's vulnerabilities to external shocks. These had negative impacts on poverty and inequalities.

11. The Sixth National Development Plan, therefore, should be the plan of resolve, determination, courage to overcome and build back better, hence the proposed theme:” Fostering Recovery, Inclusiveness and Resilience for Quality and Sustainable Development”.
12. There should be no business as usual. We should identify “game changers” across sectors or ministries, and we should adopt innovative approaches, while optimizing coordination and cooperation amongst stakeholders. Further, we should ensure prioritization of interventions and scarce resources in order to optimize outcomes.

I am pleased that the approach for NDP6 formulation is “Integrated Result Based Planning”, with the aim to leverage synergies and avoid duplications and wastages in the planning system and to achieve coordinated and mutual-shared results.

13. Coordination ensures prompt and timely delivery of public inputs in the production system of the country.

I am glad to note that United Nation system is providing support to Namibia to adopt and actualize the Integrated National Financing Framework (INFF) to scale up existing developmental financial flows and to identify and leverage nontraditional, innovative forms of financing.

14. The world is changing, and Namibia cannot afford to be left out, in term of technology. The 4th Industrial Revolution and future work “cloud” is with us, and without tapping into technological advancement, Namibia will suffer loss of employment, uncompetitive products and relegation in the global value chains.

We need to transform our (economic) production units to lower levels such as villages and households. Local empowerment will thus be a game changer in this regard.

15. Namibia is on course to become a global player in oil and green hydrogen. NDP6 should consolidated these new realities into tangible results , in terms of sustainable development, national capacity development (acquisition of skills and knowledge and improved governance), employment, industrialization and wealth creation that translates into improved welfare conditions for Namibians .
16. It should also ensure consolidation and better targeting of our social protection programs in order to optimize their impact, while ensuring their fiscal sustainability.
17. NDP6 will be the last in the series towards Vision 2030, and it consolidates the foundation beyond 2030 towards SADC and AU Agenda 2050 and 2063 respectively.
18. I urge all stakeholders to come on board the formulation and subsequent implementation of NDP6. NDP6 should be a rallying point for all Namibians towards bringing about the Namibia we want, not just a government plan.
19. With these few remarks, I have the honor to launch the NDP6 formulation process.

I thank you