



MAIDEN SPEECH
BY: HONOURABLE AMBRIIOUS KUMBWA THE PRESIDENT OF THE
ALL PEOPLE'S PARTY (APP) ON 9TH APRIL 2025.

Honourable Speaker,
Honourable Members of the 8th Parliament,

I was born in Bwabwata in 1963, with my birth recorded in Bagani in 1979 in Mukwe constituency of the Hamubukushu Kingdom, Kavango East Region.

I am pleased to see that the 8th Parliament is composed largely of youth, along with technocrats and academics. This composition reflects progress. However, I also recognize the decline in the number of senior politicians, which poses a challenge as it disrupts the balance between experienced leaders and new entrants. A healthy blend of veteran politicians and new leaders is essential for continuity and informed decision-making.

Comparative studies indicate that the effectiveness and commitment of office bearers are often assessed within the first 100 days of their tenure. Competency, productivity, and public service delivery within this period will determine the direction of this Parliament.

**Honourable Speaker,
Honourable Members,**

Having qualifications, being young, or being outspoken is not enough. Implementation must go beyond theoretical and discussions on paper. It is essential to convert theory into practice at all costs and under all circumstances.

According to the 2023 NUST report, Namibia ranked 105th out of 106 Commonwealth countries in the Happiness Index. This is a cause for concern and demands urgent attention.

In terms of good governance, Namibia requires youth-driven reforms in laws and policies to address the needs and aspirations of future generations. Our decision-making should ensure that costs are internalized rather than shifted to future generations—whether those costs are environmental, structural, financial, economic, social, or cultural.

I urge a thorough review of our food import and export policies, as well as other essential commodities that impact livelihoods, both directly and indirectly, with the aim of making necessary revisions for national benefit.

**Honourable Speaker
Honourable Members,**

May I now present my deliberations and input for the 2025/2026 financial year budget.