



**MAIDEN SPEECH BY HONORABLE BISHOP FESTUS THOMAS**  
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**PARLIAMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA (NATIONAL ASSEMBLY)**

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I am Hon: Bishop Festus Thomas the President of Body of Christ Party (BCP), a Biblical base political party, representing the masses of Namibian people with objectives **"to inspire the Christians participate in the political decision-making and public life, instead criticizing from the side-lines"**. 35 years, our clarion call was and is, if the Parliament cannot come to the church then the church will come to the parliament, today the church is fully represented in parliament.

First and foremost, with great gratitude show my appreciation to my Dear wife, family who natured me, and to each and every voter that made my journey possible to the 8<sup>th</sup> parliament, while recognize Her Excellency Dr Netumbo Nandi Ndaitwah the first female president in Namibian history, and thus, empower her to make a rightful appointment to Dr Ngurare as prime minister of this country and to her honorable Sara Kuugongelwa Amadhila as first female a speaker of National Assembly of Namibia, God bless our country.

**Honorable speaker**

**Honorable members**

A protected land is essential for ecosystem function, and land management practices directly impact soil, is health for me and you not for foreigner first. Land ownership and tenure systems are crucial for economic stability for black Namibian too, for social justice in that matter, and political stability. Land planning and management are essential for ensuring sustainable and equitable access to resources. Disputes over land year out, year in can lead to social and political instability, lesson from some African countries such as South Sudan and DRC is because of land misappropriation, making fair and transparent land governance systems is vital thus brings peace.

Like the case now in the north, land is being favored into the power of traditional Authorities alone, who serve with greed and misinformed customary way, they fight teeth and nails before they give land to those who need it, is very disturbing, Local Authorities confiscate land from those who work it, and live on it without respect, I don't think this is the way to go.

**Honorable speaker**

**Honorable members**

**In-conclusion:** Sustainable land management practices are essential for ensuring long-term environmental and economic sustainability for our country and our people.

Our clarion call, expropriate land for equal redistribution, abandoned the way of expropriation with compensation, this what we call another land colony.

The story of land is overplaying now, please resolve the land issue for once and for all, for our needs, as it is predestined to us before the foundation of the earth!!!

**Otherwise, I will partially accept the budget that never accommodate the need of Land!!**

**God bless**