



**APPROPRIATION BILL 2025/2026  
RESPONSE ON THE 2025/2026 NATIONAL  
BUDGET AND THE MID-TERM EXPENDITURE  
FRAMEWORK UP TO 2026/27**

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**Hon. Speaker, Hon. Members of the 8<sup>th</sup> National Assembly, Parliament of Namibia,**

Thank you, Hon Speaker for granted me opportunity to address the August House and give my contribution on the Appropriation Bill, (B.6 of 2025, which is under discussion.

Let me congratulate all the Political Parties represented in this 8<sup>th</sup> National Assembly, Parliament of Namibia.

I am also obliged to thank and appreciate the entire UDF members supporters and sympathizers for putting trust in me to represent Namibians in the 8<sup>th</sup> National Assembly.

My thanks to Almighty always good Lord for ~~Lord~~ opportunities avail to me, all over my live to serve Namibia in following <sup>capacities</sup> capabilities, Local

Authorities as Accounting Officer, Regional Government as Regional Councilor and lastly as Chairperson of Regional Council of Kunene Region.

During 2010-2015, I was granted another opportunity to serve as Member of Parliament, National Council, on addition serving as a Chairperson of Public Accounts and Economy. It was not an easy task as majority of members were from majority Party, but I managed it.

Now I have been granted another opportunity to serve as Member of 8<sup>th</sup> National Assembly.

**Hon Speaker**

**Hon Members,**

I involved myself in politics at the age of 14 years in Arandis. I did not start in the structures of any political Organization, but with the task of pushing empty drums to the meeting site and erects a platform for the speakers, likes of Gaob Dr Justus //Garoeb, Hon Asser Kapere, Hon Alfeus !Naruseb and late Nathanael <sup>Maxwili</sup> Maxieulili, especially Arandis rallies.

Further, I was responsible for Damaraland Schools to mobilize students to oppose the colonial regime and its forces. for course of freedom of our country. I was expelled from school at different occasions to extend that I could only complete my Standard 8 at the age of 24 years, but I never surrender and advance my education to tertiary level after independence of Namibia.

Hon Speaker

Hon Members

My contribution on the Appropriation Bill, bb-2025 are as follows:

1. Constituency Development Bill *cat cant be overemphasise.*

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2. National debt

The Namibia National debt stands at 66%, which is worrisome, as it includes increased interest payments, reduced economic growth and potential future economic instability, reduce savings and income.

Government needs to use best strategies to down pay the debt, like reducing spending, prioritize spending, identify non-essential areas where spending can be cut.

The Government must consider a debt to GDP ratio of National debt to Gross domestic product to a manageable level. My input takes into consideration government efforts.

3. *Increase in import tariffs by US administration, ON Namibia & African countries must accelerate African continent free trade market, which is a single merged market.*

~~I so submit and support the Appropriation Bill as tabled~~

*So I submit*

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Thank you  
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3. Increase on Import Tarrifs on Namibia and African, Countries at large by US Administration.

My take on the increase of import tarrifs on Namibia and Africa Countries by US, the African countries must accelerate the African Continental free trade

areas which is the worlds largest free, trade area, uniting 55 African Union members states to create a single, market for goods and services, aiming to boost intra African trade and economic intergration.

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4. Deficit Budget

Deficit budget occurs when a government spends more money then it collects in revenue. The deficits can be used to stimulate the economy during recessions, meanwhile excessive or prolonged deficits can lead to economic instability, increased interest rates and poor economic growth.

Government must apply following strategies to avoid deficit budget, Tax reforms, increase tax collections, improve efficient incentive tax payments √ fiscal policies.

**Hon Speaker**

**Hon Members,**

Hon Prof. Amupanda alluded and illustrated yesterday that we know each other, which is good, only-difference is that using political vehicles to arrive here, but the common goal is to serve Namibians.

I so submit and support.