

# **REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**



## **THE PRESIDENCY**

**STATEMENT BY HER EXCELLENCY LUCIA WITBOOI,  
VICE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**

**ON THE OCCASION OF THE  
OFFICIAL SEND-OFF CEREMONY OF THE 6<sup>TH</sup>  
NATIONAL COUNCIL**

**WINDHOEK**

**10 NOVEMBER 2025**

**Honourable Lukas Sinimbo Muha, Chairperson of the National Council;**

**Honourable Victoria Kauma, Vice Chairperson of the National Council;**

**Honourable Members of the National Council;**

**The Secretary and the Secretariat of the National Council;**

**Members of the Media;**

**Ladies and Gentlemen;**

**It is with a profound sense of gratitude and national pride that I join you today at this solemn and celebratory moment of the official send-off ceremony of the 6<sup>th</sup> National Council of the Republic of Namibia, representing Her Excellency, Dr Netumbo Nandi – Ndaitwah, President of the Republic of Namibia.**

**Today, does not only signal the end of a parliamentary term but also the culmination of five years of dedicated public service, constitutional stewardship, and democratic maturity. As we conclude the chapter of the 6<sup>th</sup> National Council, we pause to reflect on a term defined by diligence and dedication to the Namibian people. The National Council remained a steadfast guardian of our democracy, ensuring that the aspirations of Namibian citizens in every region find voice and expression in the national policy.**

**As we are all aware, during the 6<sup>th</sup> National Council, our nation endured the profound loss of two of its distinguished Presidents, leaders whose vision, humility, and patriotism defined the course of our Republic. Their passing reminded us of the fragility of life, yet also of the enduring strength of the Namibia spirit. As we paid tribute to their**

**extraordinary service, we reaffirmed our collective duty to carry forward their legacy of unity, peace, and national-building.**

**Honourable Chairperson;**

**Honourable Members;**

**Your term coincided with a period of significant transformation and challenges, both nationally and globally. Yet, through resilience, unity, and steadfast leadership, you have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to your constitutional mandate as a Chamber of review, regional representation, and legislative oversight.**

**You deliberated on 65 Bills, covering important areas of public finance, justice, procurement, taxation and health ensuring that every law passed by parliament carried the voice and ethics of our**

**regions and nation at large. You strengthened oversight and accountability. You deepened democracy at the grassroots level. And above all, you ensured that the National Council remained a pillar of reasoned debate, integrity, and institutional excellence.**

**Honourable Chairperson;**

**Honourable Members;**

**I take note, with profound appreciation, of the remarkable institution reforms achieved during your term. I also wish to recall, with a deep sense of pride and gratitude, the progress we collectively pursued during my tenure as a member of the 7<sup>th</sup> Parliament. You undertook the review of the Standing Rules and Orders, established the Rules, Orders, and Business Committee, and adopted the Strategic Plan 2023/24 – 2027/28, positioning the National Council as a**

**forward-looking, efficient, and accountable institution.**

**You further implemented the e-Parliament Strategy, collaborative effort between both Houses of Parliament, a transformative innovation that has digitalised the legislative process and guided our Parliament into a new era of modern governance. Equally commendable is your effort to enhance visibility and identity of the Parliament through the introduction of distinct legislative vehicle identification plates (LNC and LNA), a symbol of dignity and constitutional authority.**

**Honourable Chairperson;**

**Honourable Members;**

**Despite political diversity, you have consistently upheld decorum, mutual respect, and democratic**

**values that define our nation. In a time when polarisation challenges many democracies across the world, you stand out as an example of principled engagement, a chamber where national interests take precedence over individual considerations.**

**On behalf of Her Excellency, Dr Netumbo Nandi – Ndaitwah, President of the Republic of Namibia and on behalf of the Namibians, I express our sincere appreciation for your service to our country and your unwavering commitment to democracy. As you conclude your term, you leave behind a lasting legacy of institutional strengthening, enhanced regional and national dialogue, elevated public participation, and improved oversight practices.**

**The laws you passed, oversights conducted, and institutional reforms you advanced will long be**

**remembered. Yet above all, it is your spirit of collaboration, respect for diversity, and dedication to serve the Namibian people that will endure.**

**Honourable Chairperson;**

**Honourable Members;**

**As we prepare for the upcoming Regional Council and Local Authority Elections on the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2025, we must ensure that the strong foundation laid by the 6<sup>th</sup> National Council continues to grow.**

**The 7<sup>th</sup> National Council will inherit both achievements and unfinished business. It will be called upon to finalize critical initiatives such as the Regional and Constituency Development Fund Bill, and the much-awaited Parliamentary Service Commission Bill among others.**

**I am confident that the spirit of national service, so commendably embodied by the 6<sup>th</sup> National Council,**



**will continue to inspire and guide the work of the 7<sup>th</sup> National Council. May this enduring spirit drive our collective efforts as a nation, towards unity in diversity, responsible stewardship of our natural resources, youth empowerment, and the shared pursuit of a sustainable and prosperous Namibia.**

**In conclusion, Honourable Chairperson, Honourable Members, allow me once again to express my deepest gratitude to every member of the 6<sup>th</sup> National Council. Your service has strengthened our democracy, advanced national interests and contributed to building a more inclusive and progressive Namibia.**

- Long live the Parliament of the Republic of Namibia**
- Long live the Republic of Namibia**

**I thank You.**