



Remarks
AT
HANDING OVER CEREMONY OF PROJECTS
By the
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- **Honourable Neville Andre – Governor of Erongo Region**
- **Honourable Melania Ndjago – Regional Councillor of Karirbib Constituency and Member of Parliament**
- **Honourable Benitha Imbamba, Regional Councillor of Arandis and Member of Management Committee of Erongo Regional Council**
- **His Worship Immanuel Wilfried, Mayor of Walvis Bay and all other Mayors present**
- **His Worship Salomon Nehemia – Mayor of Swakopmund Municipality**
- **His Worship Petrus Nabot – Mayor of Karibib Municipality**
- **Acting Chief Seibeb and his delegation**
- **Erongo Regional Council Management and Staff**
- **Distinguished guests**
- **Members of the media**
- **Community of Otjimbinwge**
- **Ladies and gentlemen**

Good afternoon

What a blessing to be with you today, celebrating and showcasing your efforts and achievements. Each and everyone here played a massive role, the role that we can be proud of. Let's take pride in our innovative ideas that we brought forth to the Government of the Republic of Namibia.

Regional Development is not an easy task especially this time that we are about to go to the polls to cast our votes. We at Erongo Regional Council are ever committed to delivery, we are ever ready to listen to your dreams and aspirations.

I want to acknowledge the hard work of the foot soldiers – illustrious and industries’.

The Constitution of the Republic of Namibia is clear on the administrative structures of which the regional and local authorities are entrusted with the regional and local development. Regional development in terms of the identifying growth points and developing settlements to graduate to local authority level. Through these structures, the government is brought closer to the people and encouraging and promoting participatory process through elected representative in Regional and Local Authorities.

Today, I am standing as the Accounting Officer of Erongo Regional Council, proud indeed of the achievements of the Erongo Regional Settlements and Constituencies leadership. Who at all odds had striven to bring these historic innovative ideas of sustainable development at front. If it were not the community coming forth, the Government of the Republic of Namibia would not have realised and appreciated your foresight of being the region of excellence. Thank you Erongo Region.

Honourable Governor
Esteemed Local Authorities
Esteemed Traditional leaders

All sectors are required for full participation and implementation in development process. I therefore pledged today and encourage all sectors to join us in the development of this Region of Excellence. Develop to be the investment hub of the Republic of Namibia. Being the region of choice and attracting investment through innovative ideas - community tourism to mention but a few.

Otjimbingwe is a historic settlement and we strive to maintain and improve this status. With this evidence the impact of coordinated regional planning cannot be over emphasised.

Hence, Honourable Governor, it is the time for establishment of Erongo Regional sub-national government forum. The forum with the aim to promote regional collaboration and as such attract investment to the region and the country as the whole. This forum furthermore will encourage and advocate the reduction of socio-economic inequalities between the rural and urban areas, and to create employment through the various projects that are assisted by the Council. This commitment has ripple benefits as it also increases household income thus improving living standards of our people.

The Council also wishes to encourage the communities to come up with tangible agricultural initiatives to improve on food security in rural communities.

I therefore pledge today Honourable Governor, Your Worships and Traditional Authorities, the Erongo Regional Council's commitment to the development of our Settlement Areas.

May the Almighty God bless and guide us all in our planning and implementation for the upliftment of our communities.