



**Official announcement statement
By the
Honourable Ciskie Smith-Haward
Chairperson of ERONGO REGIONAL COUNCIL:
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CHAIRPERSON OF THE ERONGO REGIONAL COUNCIL AT
THE 1st ORDINARY REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING OF 2021,
HELD ON THE 5th FEBRUARY 2021 AT THE ERONGO
REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 10H00.**

Honourable Governor

Former Governor Honourable S Nujoma Ambassador to Brazil

Honourable Councillors

Honourable Ipinge Former Regional Councillor

Madam Chief Regional Officer

All Management Cadre

Distinguish guests

Members of the media

Members of the public

Ladies and gentlemen

Good morning

It is my distinct honour to stand here today and welcome you all to this August House, and indeed to the first of the Ordinary Regional Council's meeting after the Regional and Local Authorities Elections 2020.

Stepping into the shoes of a well vested predecessors are never easy. It feels like water rafting and I have to hold on the rocks to stay clear of the patches not to flip over. But I promise that I will do everything in my power to attain the goals and objectives of this meeting and the Erongo Regional Council. I am here to work for the people, but I cannot do it without the very important part each of you have to play.

Honourable Councillors

Madam Chief Regional Officer

I am confident that my predecessors served the inhabitants with compassion and dedication for the upliftment of Erongo Region's livelihood. I commit myself to uphold to the principles of this esteemed institutions, and will build on the legacy of my predecessors. It is my conviction that we stay in our Mandate, Mission and Vision. We should not be diverted or destructed from our set goals and aspirations. We should do our work with conscience. I am but a mere servant to the people and I must at all times put their needs in front of mine and ours. I urge you to take hands with me in this important task, we as Public office bearers are the front-line fighters for our people and their needs. This Council has an enormous mountain to climb to help bring Erongo out of a dire economic stronghold and into the light of prosperity. I cannot walk this road alone and ask each of you to assist and I pledge my assistance and trust to you to help as far as I can.

Honourable Councillors

With your permission, as the newly elected Chairperson, I pledge my commitment to take this Council to the heights and excel as the Region of Excellence. I together with my fellow Councillors will avail ourselves for consultations and give advice and guidance where needed. Please be assured that we will uphold to the Regional Councils Act of 1992 as amended, and to the principles of the Constitution of the Republic of Namibia as we took oath on 5 December 2020.

Honourable Councillors

Ladies and Gentlemen

As this is our first seating as a Team, I will not take too much time to indulge in the various activities, but I should at this junction applaud the

technocrats of the Erongo Regional Council for organising the induction sessions for the Regional Councillors early December 2020. For some of us, the journey is still a learning curve, and I am so grateful to have well vested technocrats that would guide us to excel in our duties. Thank you Chief Regional Officer – Madam Doëses and your team. I sometimes have a strong way of coming across and maybe in the beginning I did just that but believe me, I see the work you and your team does and the Councillors and I are not here to work against you but to work in harmony as one. To show Erongo what can be done when a diverse group of people pull together with a common goal as aim. Our only aim is to make this Council, this Region the best in Namibia. With teamwork and dedication, we can make Erongo the envy of The Motherland.

Honourable Councillors
Ladies and gentlemen

Our mandate as Regional Councillors will not yield positive results without the technocrats of this esteemed institutions, we therefore pledge our support and commitment to the course of your priorities in order to meet the government of the Republic of Namibia in quest for sustainable development through engaging and promoting our Region as the Region of choice for investment and harmony.

With your permission, Honourable Governor and Madam Chief Regional Officer, as the Regional Councillors, we would like to engage in the following activities in the next few months:

- Build and maintain stakeholder’s relations: - this will include consultative meetings with
 - Honourable Governor, and Local Authorities

- Chief Regional Officer
- Traditional Authorities and the Communities

- Re-strategies priority projects within the communities in consultation with the Erongo Regional Council Management.
- What I have done thus far is on consultation on foreign investment and local investment front in terms of foreign aid and identification of problem areas for the regional development.

Honourable Councillors
Ladies and Gentlemen

I am equally cognisant of the great contribution that Erongo Regional Council employees made. Employees are the backbones of the success of any institution. The Government is not an exception thereof. I therefore pledge to support the Management of Erongo Regional Council in its quest to create conducive working environment for its employees.

Honourable Councillors
Ladies and gentlemen

Let me congratulate our schools on Grade 11 and Grade 12 results, specifically the Duneside Private High School, Namib High School and Walvis Bay Private High School.

Honourable Councillors
Ladies and gentlemen

With these few words, let's go out and serve the Erongo Region inhabitants and the Namibian nation at large. Let's be consistent and transparent at all times. May the God Almighty bless us all.

Thank you very much for listening.