



## **WELCOMING REMARKS**

**BY**

**CHAIRPERSON OF ERONGO REGIONAL COUNCIL,  
HONOURABLE HAFENI L. NDEMULA**

**AT THE DISSEMINATION WORKSHOP ON NAMIBIA  
INTER-CENSAL DEMOGRAPHIC AND LABOUR  
FORCE SURVEY RESULTS 2016**

**SWAKOPMUND**

**12 FEBRUARY 2018**

Director of Ceremonies, Mr Shaanika

Honourable Councillors,

Her Worship Pauline Nashilundo, Mayor of Swakopmund

His Worship, Akser Mwafangeyo, Mayor of Usakos

Ms Kauari, the Acting Chief Regional Officer of Erongo Regional Council

Staff from the NSA,

Representatives of various Ministries, Departments and Agencies,

Distinguished Invited Guests,

Members from the Media (if any)

All Protocols observed,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Erongo Regional Council has a mandate to ensure that we deliver adequate services to our people without the wastage of public funds therefore we rely on statistical findings from primary and secondary data for evidence based planning which means the identification and provision of basic services to the entire region should be guided by the use of data.

It is argued that “data-driven decisions are better decisions” therefore all executives, directors, deputy directors and all those in decision making positions in Erongo region should embrace the notion of data-driven decision making approach. Such an approach is aimed to improve our service delivery and optimize resource planning and allocation when making developmental strategic decisions.

I am pleased that the Namibia Statistics Agency is fulfilling its mandate by providing us with the current survey data so that our regional development planning and implementation is informed what is happening on the ground.

Ladies and gentleman, it is a fact that public policy decisions should be informed by careful analysis using sound and transparent data to monitor policy implementation and evaluate policy impact. That is why, in my view, it will be a setback if there are still public offices in Erongo that are still basing their

developmental decisions and allocation of government resources largely on instincts and guts.

In line with the Harambee Prosperity Plan, MDG's and the National Development Plan, the Inter-Censal Demographic and Labour Force statistics that will be presented here, will provide information that is up to date and that can be used to address the plight of our people in the Erongo region. The labour force statistics which the agency is mandated to conduct on annual basis allows us to monitor the labour force figures while the NIDS is further providing us with other key regional developmental socio-economic indicators that will assist us to assess the impact of deployed interventions that is aimed to improve the wellbeing and living standards of our inhabitants.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Statistics is a profession related to information and data. Therefore, the success of statistics depends on the way in which we utilise it. The Namibia Statistics Agency has been producing, analysing and disseminating information obtained from surveys, censuses and administrative records since it was established through the Statistics Act No.9 of 2011. As the central statistical authority and official national data provider, we commend them for that. Our responsibility is now to ensure that we use the being disseminated data and information that will be presented here today on our daily planning.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

To all the stakeholders who here today, let us listen and take this information to the people who were not able to attend this workshop.

On this note, Ladies and gentlemen, I thank you for your attention and wish you a successful workshop.

I THANK YOU!