



**Official announcement statement  
By the  
Honourable Benitha Imbamba  
Chairperson of ERONGO REGIONAL COUNCIL:  
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CHAIRPERSON OF THE ERONGO REGIONAL COUNCIL AT  
THE 328th ORDINARY REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING OF  
2023, HELD ON THE 6th APRIL 2023 AT THE ERONGO  
REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 10H00.**

**Honourable Governor**  
**Honourable Councillors**  
**Acting Chief Regional Officer**  
**All Management Cadre**  
**Distinguish guests**  
**Members of the media**  
**Members of the public**  
**Ladies and gentlemen**

Good morning

It is with great honour and privilege to address this August house and to welcome all Honourable Members and each and every one present today in this Chamber.

Our mandate as the Regional Council is to plan and develop the region in a sustainable manner for the benefit of the people. Our unwavering mission as the sub-national government is for regional development through coordination, service delivery and accessibility of services is of essence.

Honourable Governor  
Fellow Honourable Councillors  
Esteemed media

As we are alluded time and time again, we need to constantly revisit our plans, and evaluate to assess where we are in terms of our strategic goals and our ultimate aim of being the “Centre of Excellence”.

I am delighted that our esteemed Technocrats never failed us in reviewing the Council's Strategic and Annual Plans quarterly. I am pleased to applaud the management and entire staff for their unwavering dedication and commitment to drive this Council to the heights level of performance.

Having said that, I would urge all the Regional Councillors to kindly peruse the reviews and the draft Strategic Plan for the next two (2) years, so as to be able give guidance and support to our esteemed staff members.

Honourable Regional Councillors

Remember this year is the Year of Revival which is ***“about reigniting the strength of a resurgent nation, a nation that looks into the future with renewed hope and optimism”*** thus we need to take stock and lead this great institution. Teamwork is of essence, and without our guidance and support, the Council staff cannot execute their tasks effectively. I thus call upon you in this August House to give support where necessary.

Having said that, there were numerous activities that the leadership of the Erongo Regional Council attended during the month under review.

- School visit to Ubasen Primary with Governor, Police commissioner for Erongo and Cllr. Wetha, engaged learners on Drug and substance abuse, Alcohol abuse and teenage pregnancy
- Meeting with Xinfeng mine in Omaruru and site visit
- Attend Town hall meeting in Uis on the invitation of Minister of Mines as part of Community Outreach on mining activities in the Daures Constituencies.

- Delivered speech on behalf of the Governor at the opening of Arandis B2 service station and truck port
- Consultative meeting with Arandis Town Council and Henties Bay Municipality regarding the access road connecting two towns
- Delivered welcoming and closing remarks at NSA stakeholders consultation meeting regarding upcoming census
- Attended Regional & Local Authority Councillors training offered by NID in Windhoek
- Delivered Vote of thanks at International Women's Day commemoration
- Attended engagement meeting with Daures Green Hydrogen project
- Attended ErongoRed AGM
- NSV annual games- delivered keynote speech on behalf of Governor

Honourable Governor

Honourable Regional Councillors

Madam Acting CRO

As stakeholders relations are the crucial elements of development, we will continue to engage with relevant stakeholders in the Region in cooperations and collaborations with the Governor

- Thus the Regional Town Hall meetings will be convened early May 2023, I thus kindly request the Regional Councillors to submit their activities plans to my office not later than 14 April 2023, so as we coordinate the activities and plans. During the Regional Town Hall meetings exercise, we will be visiting projects in the various Constituencies as to familiarize ourselves with the

progress made towards service delivery and to hear expectations of our people.

- Meeting with all Political Office Bearers to address the developmental challenges and progresses made towards sustainability development in the Region. This will include interaction with Local Authorities.
- Erongo Development Agency need to be revived as the matter of urgency. I thus request all the Regional Councillors to take lead in reviving this important Agency.

Honourable Governor

Fellow Regional Councillors

As part of exercising transparency in the recruitment process. The Council Management observed the interview of the upcoming Chief Regional Officer. I therefore would express my appreciation for inclusiveness and trust of the Regional Leadership.

Honourable Regional Councillors

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.***