



**Official Announcement Statement
by The
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Chairperson Of Erongo Regional Council:
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**OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT, STATEMENT BY
CHAIRPERSON OF THE ERONGO REGIONAL COUNCIL AT
THE 341th ORDINARY REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING OF
2024, HELD ON THE 6th JUNE 2024 AT THE ERONGO
REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 10H00.**

Honourable Governor
Honourable Councillors
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.

The month of May 2024 was indeed another productive month. The Council in its quest to develop the region had embarked on various activities more especially on strengthening relationships with the various stakeholders. As the Chairperson of this August House, I am pleased with the direction we are taking and convinced that we can achieve more collectively. I am cognizant of the fact that there are still some hurdles to overcome but with the very articulated and support of the Chief Regional Officer, we are assured that the operations of the Council are in safe custody. We highly depend on him and his team's commitment to sail through as we strive to deliver services to the community we serve. Subsequently, this makes the Regional Councillors work much more easy. Keep up the good work team Erongo Regional Council.

Honourable Governor
Ladies and Gentlemen,

As sub-national government, the Council cannot execute its mandate without the full support and commitment of its stakeholders. With limited resources at our disposal we cannot meet all the demands and aspirations of our people in the Region.

Having said that, we appreciate the local authorities for their continued contribution of 5% to the development of this region. We would encourage them to build on this momentum. I'm sure that the local authorities will experience the difference that this contribution has made in changing people's lives. As an accountable Regional Council, it is our responsibility to share our annual report with the local authorities, as this helps to build the trust and for them to be reassured that their contribution is not in vain. I therefore implore the Chief Regional Officer to hasten this process.

Honourable Regional Councillors
Ladies and Gentlemen

Water shortage is still a big problem in our Region. Nevertheless, there are mechanisms in place, the ERC and the Honourable Governor with the collective effort of the stakeholders, the team is hard at work to ease the worries and concerns of the citizens. Let us not be discouraged but hold hands and find solutions on how to overcome challenges that are caused by this drought in our area. Concerted efforts have been advanced in the Daures Constituency, following a meeting hosted by the constituency office in Okombahe, and a follow up mission termed 'see

and act' mission championed by the Chief Regional Officer. This morning CMC responded swiftly to the recommendation of this Chief Regional Officer and very soon, we will arrest the water situation in Uis. Meanwhile, two boreholes in Omatjete will be rehabilitated with new submersible pumps in the next few days.

On a related note, I have also been informed about the efforts on Uis, where the CRO is leading a team that is working on a blue print for the Uis upgrade status. As regional governance, we sincerely appreciate such efforts.

Additional to what I have just listed, there were other activities that the leadership of the Erongo Regional Council attended during the month under review.

1. As part of strengthening its fiduciary governance responsibility, the Council held consultative meetings with OMAs with the main aim to consult and strengthen collaboration regarding policy and implementation of developmental programmes and the importance of addressing outstanding matters with central government.
2. Safe the Dorob Park Initiative: this initiative was established to safeguard the endangered species in the national parks in and around the Henties Bay, but not limited to that area only. As such we also had a consultative meeting with the Namibia Nature Foundation to discuss collaboration on furthering the safeguarding of parks conservation in the Erongo Region.

The stakeholders' engagement will be the continues program, that will allow us to come up with let say a "clear direction" on how to leverage on opportunities at hand in the quest for development of the region.

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.