



**Official announcement statement  
By the  
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Chairperson of ERONGO REGIONAL COUNCIL:  
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CHAIRPERSON OF THE ERONGO REGIONAL COUNCIL AT  
THE 343th ORDINARY REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING OF  
2024, HELD ON THE 4 JULY 2024 AT THE ERONGO  
REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 10H00.**

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

Good morning to you all.

It is with great honour and privilege once again to address this August house and to welcome all Honourable Members and everyone present in this Chamber today.

In compliance with the governing legislative of the Local Authorities Act, Act 23 of 1992, Section 83 (1) (a), today the Local Authorities in Erongo Region will present their budget to the Erongo Regional Council as part of its mandate to extant support ERC to own the Regional Development Agenda and Monitor the impact thereof. It is a noble gesture to learn how our local authorities perform their responsibilities, as we are now gearing towards making sure that Namibians are drugged out from the chains of poverty to prosperity. This is not a duty of the Regional Council alone, but therefore the benevolent and complementary duty that our local authorities fulfil. We applaud you, and implore that you continue to be the allies of development you are.

Honourable Regional Councillors  
Ladies and Gentlemen

Our region is hosting various activities this week, and more particular, the month of June 2024 was full of activities indeed. It is my sincere belief that the Regional Councillors are fully engaged as part of their Constituency support into activities taking place in their jurisdiction. Having said that, I would like to encourage the Constituency Offices

through my fellow Constituency Councillors to foster sustainable relationships with the constituents, as this is the only strategy we can employ in fulfilling our mandate to bring development closer to the people.

Honourable Regional Councillors,

I now turn on to appreciate our Members of Parliament who are ably representing us in that space. As it was agreed on numerous occasions in this August House, I reiterate and call on our esteemed representatives to once in a while prepare regular briefings to this August House on how the other policy world fares, enlightening us on bills under discussion, amended bills, and those that have been ratified. This among other information and activities carried out in the National Council needs to be communicated to our masses in the Region, to orient them on all political debates and outcomes at the legislative arm of government. Honourable MPs, we are looking forward to these types of engagement and reciprocal feedback to the Council. Flipping the coin, I also urge ourselves this end to help the MPs introduce motions that are helpful not only to our region but to the entire country.

Honourable Regional Councillors

Ladies and Gentlemen

Regional development is essential to ensure that services reach the underserved places. Last month we inaugurated the Uis Settlement's newly constructed office complex. It is an effort that we all hope will culminate into turning dreams to become realities. It has become imperative to expedite the transition of the Uis Settlement to the next level of development, this is what our people want to see, to be able to

live in a place they can call a town, where modern services are at the doorsteps. It is time now for our generation to reap the benefits of a freer Namibia, a country that allows them to own a house, to have access to banking facilities, education and a reliable health system. These are just the dreams the Erongo Regional Council yearns to realise, and am sure that with this cluster of honourable members in this August House, this is doable.

I am equally pleased to share that our technocrats are hard at work in finalising the ‘Uis Blueprint’, a working paper which I believe will be presented to this August House in due course for our inputs and deliberations. Thank you, Chief Regional Officer, for taking the lead in the realisation of this process. There’s no doubt, that the evidence of what is being done here is visible, all that is required is for us to advance our political support to the administrative processes.

Honourable Councillors

Join me in congratulating the technocrats for yet again putting the Erongo Regional Council at the forefront of the best Regional Council through innovation, transparency and visibility. We have been awarded 1st runner up as the Best Exhibitor at the recently commemorated Africa Public Service Day. Well done Team Erongo Regional Council. We, the Regional Councillors are proud of you all.

As I conclude my announcements, I would like to thank you all for the progress over the last six months. We have achieved so much to celebrate about. Saving time for our local authorities’ budget presentations, let me leave it here. I wish all of us a fruitful ORC.

***Thank you very much for listening.***

