



**Official announcement statement
By the
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THE 2nd ORDINARY REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING OF
2025, THE 349TH ORDINARY REGIONAL COUNCIL
MEETING HELD ON THE 13th MARCH 2025 AT THE
ERONGO REGIONAL COUNCIL CHAMBERS AT 10H00.**

**Honourable Governor, Fellow Honourable Councillors
Chief Regional Officer, All Management Cadre,
Distinguished Guests, Members of the Media, Members of the
Public, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Good morning.

It is both an honour and a privilege to stand before you today. I warmly welcome all Honourable Members, as well as each and every one of you present here in the Chamber. Your presence today serves as a reminder of our shared responsibility to the people of the Erongo Region.

Before we proceed with the formal business of day, I kindly ask that we take a moment of silence to pay our respects to the late Founding Father of the Namibian Nation and the First President of the Republic of Namibia, His Excellency, Dr. Sam Shafiishuna Nujoma. His dedication and leadership continue to inspire us all.

Honourable Councillors, ladies and gentlemen

As we gather today, let us once again remind ourselves of our mandate as the Regional Council: to plan, develop, and manage the region in a sustainable manner for the benefit of the people of Erongo. It is our fundamental mission as a sub-national government to promote regional development through coordination, effective service delivery, and improved accessibility to essential services. These priorities are critical for the well-being of our communities.

Having said that, I am pleased to report that we, as the leadership of this region, are taking our responsibilities to heart. I am encouraged by the outcomes of our retreat earlier this year, in 2025. It was a highly productive session that reaffirmed our commitment to fulfilling our mandate, and I am confident that we are on the right track to achieving the goals set for the betterment of Erongo.

Let us continue forward with unwavering resolve, understanding that our work is pivotal to the prosperity of our region.

Honourable Members, Ladies and Gentlemen,

This year, and in the years to come, the Erongo Regional Council will not operate in a "business as usual" manner. We must all commit to delivering effectively in our respective areas of responsibility. To strengthen this commitment, the Council recently held a five-day session to reassess our goals and chart a clear path forward for sustainable development in Erongo.

We are now in the final stages of developing a Strategic Plan for the next five (5) years. I am confident that we will deliver on what we set out to achieve. United in this vision, we will ensure that the growth and development of our region proceed sustainably. Once finalized, the document will be officially launched, and I encourage all stakeholders to familiarize themselves with the Erongo Regional Council Strategic Plan and join us in developing this great region inclusively.

Another important milestone, during this first quarter of the year relates to the upgrade of Uis Settlement to local authority status. I'm sure you will agree with me that the result of this exercise will culminate into the

improvement of service delivery and most importantly the economic growth of this settlement. Our administration is working hard to correct few issues that were detected during the assessment period. During the next financial year, the Erongo Regional Council will host an investment conference that will look at how we can lure investors to the settlement, as part of our strategy to reposition it to a local authority. Further announcements regarding the status of Uis will be made in future.

In light of these developments, I also urge Honourable Members to forge strong relationships with both the private and public sectors within the region. By working together, we can build the economic and socio-economic strength of the region. Let us proactively engage with the private sector, forge partnerships, and sign bilateral agreements where applicable to advance the development of Erongo. The private sector has an essential role to play in the socio-economic development of the region they operate in.

Honourable Members, Ladies and Gentlemen, I call for unity of purpose within ourselves as political leaders. Where there are people, misunderstandings and disagreements can surely arise, but consensus is important as we reshape our existence as a team. Let's embrace unity and express love among ourselves and those we lead in this big boat of the ERC.

With these few words, I now conclude my statement and suggest we proceed with the business of the day without further delay.

Thank you.