



**Official announcement statement
By the
Chairperson of ERONGO REGIONAL COUNCIL: Honourable
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**OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT, STATEMENT BY
HONOURABLE H. L. NDEMULA, CHAIRPERSON OF THE
ERONGO REGIONAL COUNCIL AT THE 4TH ORDINARY
REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING OF 2019, HELD ON THE 3RD
MAY 2019 AT THE ERONGO REGIONAL COUNCIL
CHAMBERS AT 10H00.**

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

Good morning

I am very honoured to stand here today and welcome you all back to this August House.

Members of the public, thank you for making time out from your busy schedules to attend this meeting please do come and contribute towards the attainment of set out plans, e.g. Vision 2030, NDP5, Harambee Prosperity Plan etc.

Honourable Councillors
Madam Chief Regional Officer

During the month of April 2019, the following activities were carried out and attended to:

- With reference to the Local Authorities Act, 1992 (Act. No. 23 of 1992) as amended; subsection 83(1)(a).

The provision states that:

83. (1) Every management committee and every village council -(a) shall in each financial year cause to be prepared, after consultation with the regional council in whose area the local authority in question is situated, a statement of its estimated income and expenditure during the following financial year;

Therefore, all Local Authorities in Erongo Region presented their budget to the Regional on 3rd, 5th and 12th April 2019 respectively. The presentation provided a clear understanding on the development trajectory of the Region and I believe we will continue to support the vision of Plan Together, Develop Together.

Honourable Councillors

Madam Chief Regional Officer

- Erongo Regional Council, having expressed a request for proposal for the structure plan for Wlotzkasbaken and new township establishment. WINPLAN presented three different options for location and they were invited to give detailed information on all proposals on 4th April 2019 with a site visit to Wlotzkasbaken. A formal report will need to be presented to ensure that Council deliberate on it for a collective decision of way forward.
- During this period, a conference arranged by Kingdom Life Ministries International under the leadership of Apostle Dreyer was held in Swakopmund and I was invited to do an official welcoming of the participations under the theme; **“Leadership a neglected a neglected discipline”**, on 11th April 2019. As leaders we have a responsibility to participate and shape the moral values of our society that we serve.

- Also, Erongo Development Foundation (EDF) meetings are scheduled to take place on Thursdays before the Council Management Committee meetings on Fridays and as the Chairperson of such meetings, positive execution of activities is noticed which will still be shared with this August House. Again my Honourable Councillors, let us continue to ensure that those benefiting from the EDF Grants, honour their repayments as agreed with Bank Windhoek. Let us continue to monitor the impact and report on these positive developments.
- The Council's Leadership, accompanied by the Management Cadres and led by the Chief Regional Officer arranged and bid farewell to Mr. Bisey /Uirab who served the Port of Walvis Bay as the Chief Executive Officer on 15th April 2019. The visit also culminated in a tour to the NAMPORT facility that was impressive. The Peugeot plant visit also provided a greater insight into the operations of the plant. The greatest lessons to be learned, was the need for Quality Assurance through various stages in the assembly plant. As Erongo Regional Council, I am sure we have learnt a valuable lesson that we should treat each process as a product and your outputs a presentable to be customers.
- On 16th April 2019, Council Management Committee meeting took place and on 17th April 2019, I attended a meeting on Land Development with Honourable Governor who has been approached by the NHAG Co-Director through the saving groups in Walvis Bay, affiliated to the Shack Dwellers Federation of Namibia between Walvis Bay Municipality and the Regional Council, I was accompanied by the Chief Regional Officer. This engagement was important as we became aware of the housing

issues. We emphasized the need to continuous stakeholder engagements and to avoid managing social issues such as having as a crisis. This implies that we as leaders are flexible to provide necessary support to management and remain at breast of issues of Erongo Regional Council.

- The Council Management Committee held an Extra Ordinary Council Management Committee meeting on 24th April 2019 to discuss issues of importance and development for the region.

Honourable Councillors

Madam Chief Regional Officer

Ladies and Gentlemen

- I am happy to inform you that we successfully hosted the 29th Regional Independence Celebrations in Omaruru. We were blessed with the presence of Honourable Minister Erkki Nghintina, Minister of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation and Honourable Governor who read the speech of His Excellency, Dr. Hage G. Geingob, President of the Republic of Namibia on Saturday, 27th April 2019. There was a greater improvement but I am certain we can deliver the best in hosting such events. Omake!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all Leadership who attended the celebrations and most of all Honourable Johannes Hamutenya who welcomed us to his constituency wholeheartedly. Please convey my deepest appreciation to the Stakeholders and Staff Members for their good work.

Honourable Councillors

Madam Chief Regional Officer

- For the month of May, please note that we will be visited by Honourable Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation, Honourable Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah on Friday, 10th May 2019 at 10H00 and thereafter a meeting Honourable Bishop Emeritus Zephania Kameeta, Honourable Minister of Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare on the Food Bank Rollout to the Erongo Region at 14H30. You are all humbly invited to attend the meetings.

Lastly, let us again remind ourselves that our people hold us accountable for the development in the region, they heavily rely on us in improving their livelihoods, we thus need to be transparent and consistent in how we perform our activities. I wish you all the best for the new month and May the God Almighty bless us all.

Thank you very much for listening.