



**Official announcement statement
By the
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HONOURABLE H. L. NDEMULA, CHAIRPERSON OF THE
ERONGO REGIONAL COUNCIL AT THE 1ST ORDINARY
REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING OF 2018, HELD ON THE 2ND
FEBRUARY 2018 AT THE ERONGO REGIONAL COUNCIL
CHAMBERS AT 08H00.**

**Honourable Governor
Honourable Councillors
Madam Acting Chief Regional Officer
All Management Cadre**

Distinguish guest
Members of the media
Members of the public
Ladies and gentlemen

I am very honoured to welcome you all to the 1st Ordinary Regional Council meeting of 2018.

Members of the public thank you for making time out from your busy schedules to attend this meeting.

This year had been declared as the year of reckoning. Reckoning of what we have achieved according to what we have set ourselves during the past and what we anticipate to achieve during the next 5 years.

During my briefings, I will highlight important issues discussed, implemented and the way forward to implement the outcome of our foresight in sustainable development in our Mighty Region and ultimately the overall development of our beloved country Namibia.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to our ERC staff members for their unconditional commitment to serve the nation. Your dedication and unwavering commitment is commendable. You have served the nation to your best ability even in the odd situations. We have lost valuable members of ERC during 2017, in death and through retirement. Their legacy will live with us forever.

The Erongo Regional Council is so far the only Council awarded an unqualified financial statement for six consecutive years which is one of the high achievements of ERC, and we strive to be the region of

excellence. Nothing is less important than the next, all activities are equally important. The little contribution that you made is a significant milestone for ERC and the community you serve. Let's hold hands and move in one direction, and this call of our President cannot be over emphasized, it should be our duly deliverance.

I would like to urge the ERC staff never to lose sight of our mandate to our communities. We should serve our people with due diligence and respect. Effective and efficient service delivery is a MUST and should not be compromised at no any given time.

Honourable Councillors Ladies and gentlemen,

I would like to share with you what we at ERC had achieved during 2017:

Capital Projects:

- **Provision of Service Infrastructure in Omatjete PHASE II**, had been successfully completed and we are currently finalizing the awarding of bids for PHASE III which is to extend sewerage and water networks reticulation to the remaining houses.
- **Construction of Service Infrastructure in Otjimbingwe**, during 2017/18 Financial Year few gravel streets were constructed and ERC still want to extend the gravel of streets through Road Fund Administration (RFA) a process that will commence in the middle of February 2018.
- **Construction of Services Infrastructure in Uis**: The Council is busy through the appointed Consultant to recommend for the

appointment of a Contractor that will attend to the gravelling of main roads in Uis as well as rehabilitation the Bitumen Road in the Uis town through funding from RFA.

- **Oruue Ngatutunge Pamue Poultry Project:** The project is well on track and is about 95% completed with the Solar System being installed.
- **Formalization of the Waste Disposal Sites at Uis, Okombahe and Otjimbingwe:** Erongo Regional Council wishes to formalize the waste disposal sites at Uis, Okombahe and Otjimbingwe Settlements as per requirements of the Environmental Management Act 7 of 2007 and the provisions of the National Solid Waste Management Strategy. Therefore, a request for proposals for the Provision of Technical Assistance to Erongo Regional Council towards the formalization of the waste disposal sites at Uis, Okombahe and Otjimbingwe Settlements were sent to various companies. The Bids closed and the process of adjudicating those bids will now commence

Town Planning

- **Wlotzkasbaken:** A Consultant - Winplan has been appointed for the provision of a Town Planning Scheme for Wlotzkasbaken and the Consultant is already in advance stages of the project.
- **Omatjete:** Namwater appointed a consultant for the feasibility study for availability of sufficient potable water. The Consultant has provided a quote that was approved by Council and the process has now officially started.

HIV/AIDS Programme:

In order to mobilize the community to be aware of the pandemic various activities through the set-up structures within region took place. A successful commemoration of World AIDS day in the region took place on the 1st December 2017 in Walvis Bay, Tubusis and Spitzkoppe.

The implementation of these activities is through concerted efforts of coordinated programme management in collaboration with various stakeholders; e.g. Ministry of Sport Youth and National Services, the Youths from Otjimbingwe, Arandis, Swakopmund and Walvis Bay, Catholics AIDS Action (CAA), SFH, Ministry of gender equality and Child welfare, Ministry of Information and Communication Technology and many others.

Rural Services

The following six (6) projects were supported with machines and other related materials and equipment which benefitted 32 individuals, 9 female and 23 male

1. Ma/Hao Brick Making project,
2. Self catering and Accommodation project
3. Together We are United Brick making project
4. Mercy Spray and Panel Beating project,
5. ABC Chicken project
6. Erection of the Manga/Crush Pen

In addition to above, three existing projects were also supported with the pre-fabricated structures to operate from.

1. Iba Needlework project
2. Klein Begin Bakery project
3. Mibagus Needlework project

Three (3) poor rural farmers were identified and supported with 33 Boer goats to improve their livelihood under Support Resource to Poor Famers Programme.

- **Build Together Project-** Four houses have been completed and will be handed over soon and the remaining uncompleted houses will be completed in the due course. All outstanding materials for completion of Built together houses were acquired.
- **Construction of rural toilets** - The construction work of rural toilets in Walvis Bay Rural and Daures constituencies has been completed. One hundred fifty-three (153) households benefited from the project.

Disaster Risk Management Programme: The drought experienced during the last few years, have left our communities destitute and vulnerable, as the sub-government of the Republic of Namibia – ERC has embarked on various programmes in collaboration with strategic development partners and OPM.

- **Fodders** were donated and distributed to drought stricken communities in the region.

- **Food commodities:** we have received donations from donor countries in terms of bags of rice and tinned fish these are earmarked for the neediest people in the rural constituency such as Daures, Karibib and Walvis Bay Rural.
- **Wildlife vs human life.** The **wildlife** had also been affected by the drought. We are currently experiencing wildlife migration, and as such it is endangering human lives. We therefore urge the community in the region to work together not only to save their lives but also to reserve wildlife. I would therefore recommend that we set up community committees who will work closely with the authorities to work out possible mechanisms on how to handle the situation at hand.

In order to excel in our quest for efficient and effective service delivery, ERC commit itself to be a servant of the communities in Erongo Region.

- The five-year Strategic Plan will guide us throughout. The Plan will be made available as soon as possible.
- The Government of the Republic of Namibia acknowledges the vital role of efficient in public sector in achieving Vision 2030. To this light a research was undertaken by OPM to identify innovative ideas to enhance public services delivery in Namibia, which complimented the HPP pillar of Effective Governance. Therefore, as from this year onwards ERC will embark on citizen engagement as per OPM directive, which will make provision for citizen feedback, suggestion and comments. We thus urge the Erongo

region citizens when visiting any ERC offices to give feedback to encourage enhancement of efficient service delivery.

- The Council further will continue to engage various stakeholders through consultations.
- **I would like to report on the activities that I will attend during the next two weeks follows:**

Governor's Cup tournament: The tournament has become a sports brand of grass-root development and is in line with the Harambee Prosperity Plan to improve regional social cohesion and unity; transformation of community through upliftment of the lives amongst youth through sports encouragement. The Governor's Cup tournament is in preparations of the annual Easter Namibian Newspaper Cup. At the Governor's Cup the Regional Team will be selected that will represent the Erongo Regional at the Namibian Newspaper Cup.

The 2018 Governor's Cup Tournament will take place from 10-11 February 2018, in Omaruru. I therefore urge all the Erongo leadership in the region to support this noble initiative and encourage youth development in the region.

Thank you very much for listening. May God Almighty bless us all.