



**WELCOMING AND MOTIVATIONAL REMARKS
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**ON BEHALF OF HONOURABLE CLEOPHAS MUTJAVIKUA
GOVERNOR OF THE ERONGO REGION**

**ON THE OCCASION OF THE VISIT BY
ELCRN YOUTH ABOUT ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE**

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- **Good morning**

I greet you in the Name of the Lord

It is my profound honour and privilege on behalf of our Governor, Honourable Cleophas Mutjavikua - to welcome you all to Erongo Region and more especially to the Erongo Regional Council.

Youth development is the cornerstone of any development. We in the Erongo Region takes Youth Development in a very serious light. Your views are valuable as you do so to shape your future.

As we are approaching the most important session of the year, on the calendar of the Christians, whereby we are preparing ourselves to witness and receive the birth of our Saviour – Jesus Christ, let’s take this time to reflect on our goals. This is indeed the time to celebrate both the Birth of Our Saviour and our own achievements. We can’t celebrate our achievements without the presence of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I am therefore humble to be in the midst of our youth who place Christ before embarking on their own agendas. I am equally proud to see so many youth and young people associating and eager to learn the principles of the Holy Scriptures.

The youth in Namibia seems to face massive challenges and experience problems such as substance use e.g alcohol and drug abuse, violence, rape, child trafficking, prostitution, etc., leading to the lives of many young people being destroyed. There is a drastic decline in the moral fibre of our society with poor values, standards, ethics, character and behaviour and society seems to crunch further from crisis after crisis.

Ladies and gentlemen

Crises is further deepen as many young people are growing up as orphans and even more, exposed to self-parenting and frustration with high rate of unemployment. without a father figure in their lives, declining education in the schools and frustration with massive unemployment among those who have left school. I am happy that Christian agents such as Evangelical Lutheran Church in the Republic of Namibia created a holistic missional outreach programs such as

Young Peoples Ministry, which I believe you all here part of it. I am equally delighted that such platforms focus on encourages and preach HOPE and enrich the lives of young people. I also believe that such interactions made it possible for constructive creative critical mode of shifts in one's thinking and behaviour.

I should applaud you all for taking right steps in the right direction, for honouring the Word of God and be missionaries through preaching and living up to the principles of our Creator and Saviour.

With this few words, on behalf of Honourable Mutjavikua, Honourable Hafeni Ndemula:- Chairperson of the Erongo Regional Council, Honourable Regional Councillors, Management and entire staff of the Erongo Regional Council, wish you all the best in your future endeavours. And as we entire the Festive season to take good care of yourselves, your families and your communities.

Please do not be tempted to indulge and remain focused. Take charge and go and build the Namibian house on the high moral values you seek to see, future is yours.

May God bless you all.

I thank you