

WELCOMING REMARKS ON THE 27<sup>TH</sup> INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY  
OF NAMIBIA

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For me, standing here to welcome all of you is the most humbling and gratifying experience I ever had. I thank you for this rare opportunity granted to me to welcome all of you to our Region.

The greatest and most precious gift a person could have is freedom. Free from oppression, freedom from exploitation, from discrimination. The gift of freedom enables people to move freely, to express themselves freely, and to associate with each other freely. The value of the gift of freedom is more than all the natural resources of the world: gold, diamonds, silver, etc.

Namibia received this gift on given to Namibia 27 years ago on the 21 march 2017. We have reason to celebrate.

While we are celebrating our independence, it is also a time to pause and look back at where we are coming from; where we are now and where we want to go. This is the time to reflect on our past, presence and future to see how best we could rededicate ourselves to our Harambee Prosperity Plan. .

Looking back to our past reminds us about national reconciliation that laid the foundation of nationhood; the unity that kept us together as a nation; peace and stability that made it possible for us to leave in harmony as One Namibia One Nation.

When we look at our presence, we think of activities of prosperity where economic activities are at the order of the day. Looking at the future reminds us of our vision 2030. Briefly the activities we embarked upon after independence could be

summed up as economic emancipation which is the second phase of our liberation struggle.

It is against this background that we will celebrate the 27<sup>th</sup> Independence Anniversary of our country. It should be an occasion where we are being reminded of our current pre-occupation, namely, Harambee Prosperity Plan. This is an occasion where our President H E Hage Geingob will call upon all of us to rededicate ourselves to HPP.

Kavango East Region considers the hosting of the 27 independence Anniversary as a great honor and privilege. We, the Residence of Kavango East Region, are expressing our sincere appreciation to the President and his team for affording us the opportunity to host this national event. This is the reason why we are here in big numbers to celebrate the 27<sup>th</sup> Independence Anniversary of our beloved motherland with all of you who are here.

With these few words allow me now to welcome all of you to Kavango East Region. Let us celebrate and thank the Almighty God for the gift of freedom.

Long live Namibia! Long live Africa. God bless Namibia and her sons and daughters.

Harambee! Werengendje!