



The Gateway to Endless Opportunities

**STATEMENT BY HIS WORSHIP CLLR MUESEE KAZAPUA,
OUTGOING MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WINDHOEK, ON THE
OCCASION OF THE ELECTIONS OF OFFICE BEARERS
2018 AND TABLING OF THE MAYORAL ANNUAL REPORT
2018**

VENUE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS

DATE: 01 DECEMBER 2017

TIME: 10H00

Director of Ceremonies, Mr. Robert Kahimise, CEO of the City of Windhoek,

**Hon. Laura McLeod-Katjirua, Governor of the Khomas Region;
Hon. Rachel Jacob, Chairperson of the Khomas Regional Council;**

Your Worship the outgoing Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Fransina Ndateelela Kahungu;

Honourable Regional and Local Authority Councillors;

Cde. Elliot Dhimbulukwa Mbako, SWAPO Party Khomas Regional Coordinator and all the Comrades from the Regional Office; and Coordinators from other political Parties if any;

Your Honour, Magistrate Justine Asino, of the Windhoek District,

Mr Robert Nandaa Kahimise, Chief Executive Officer and Your Team;

**Apostle Marson Sharply of the No Walls Apostolic Church,
Windhoek Residents,**

Members of the Media,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Morning!

It was a great pleasure to have been accorded the opportunity of leading the City of Windhoek and its people. It is also with great humility that I thank my colleagues, both at the Party level and members of this Council for the honour bestowed on me to serve as the Mayor of Windhoek for the year 2017.

As we publicly took on the responsibility in December 2015, we did so with a resolve to inspire our residents with enthusiasm to look into the future with hope. We were equally cognizant that their demand for total commitment and hard work from us, as their elected leaders was genuine, as this would translate into positive changes to their lives.

Our leadership agenda was, and is still therefore driven by a commitment to address issues of bread and butter, and improve the quality of life of our people, including of those in the informal settlements through provision of potable water, sanitation, electricity, housing and job creation.

Director of the Programme, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Although the challenges we faced during the past year were many fold, we managed to register considerable positive inroads, which we believe have set a strong foundation for us going forward. During the year that ends today, our main focus was on:

- Implementation of the Transformational Strategic Plan 2017 – 2022, to align our efforts to the Harambee Prosperity Plan, in order to ensure that the City becomes a Smart and Caring City by 2022
- We focused and reinforced our efforts on turnaround strategies to improve service delivery to the residents
- The Integrated Public Transport Network that will augment inclusivity
- We focused on Public Participation
- The amendments of township with the objective of increasing access to services (water, shelter and electricity)

In the end, our Key Highlights were the following

- Appointment of the substantive CEO
- Approval of the Transformational Strategic Plan 2017 - 2022
- Transformational Structural Amendments
- Official handover of Groot Aub Settlement
- Official inauguration of the new municipal office building
- Official launch of the Mayoral Relief Fund, and

- The implantation of the Youth Strategy, just to mention but few

The narrative of the progress made and challenges met during the course of the year is part and parcel of my report, which I will table before this August House later in our programme this morning.

Director of Ceremonies, Ladies and Gentlemen

From the word go, it was clear that we would not be able to make this become a reality if we do not have the support of our esteemed residents and development partners both in central government, private sector and other critical role players.

For this reason, at the very beginning of my term, I made a call to the people of Windhoek to contribute and be part of the running of our City through appropriate forums and channels, to which they responded positively.

We did so guided by the principles of accountability and good governance, knowing that both management and staff would be aware of the fact that they would be held accountable for the quality of service they deliver. This was done in the context of

fiscal responsibility and the high standards of prudent financial management we have set ourselves.

Honourable Councillors, Dear Residents,

While we have made good inroads with the agenda we have set ourselves, we also had to acknowledge and face our challenges, such as the effects of economic down turn Namibia is currently going through, shortage of water due to recurrent droughts of recent years, land delivery and shortage of housing and lack of adequate financial resources.

In the midst of all the challenges I just alluded to, Council remained focused and forged forward. We therefore pledge our commitment to the cause, are therefore determined to make sure that we implement all the programmes set out in our Strategic Plan to the letter and spirit.

Program Director, Ladies and Gentlemen,

As my term of office as the Mayor of this beautiful City comes to an end, I would like to use this opportunity to thank my colleagues the Councillors for the support rendered, either at the Council Advisory Committees, Management Committee or Council Levels.

In the same vein, I commend the management, who under the guidance of the Chief Executive Officer, remained poised to

providing operational policy directives and ensuring that governance at the City of Windhoek is accountable and in line with business ethics and statutory requirements.

A special word of thanks goes to my staff, in the Office of the Mayor and Council Committee Clerks-thank you very much for the dedication you have shown and hard work in the provision of administrative support to this Office. To the rest of the administrative staff, thank you very much for the hard work. To those who have been literally failing in their duties, you should pull up your socks; otherwise, time will not wait for you.

To the residents and business sector of Windhoek, it has indeed been a pleasure to work together in the interest of our beautiful City. It was an exciting period of personal enrichment and an incredible learning experience for me. I have met many new friends and it has been an honour to represent the greater diverse communities of Windhoek.

On this note, allow me now to table before this August House the Mayoral Annual Report 2017.

I thank you.