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and

Government Chief Whip, Namibia

PERSONAL DETAILS

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CAREER SUMMARY

Professor Peter Katjavivi has dedicated his life to the cause of social justice. He played a prominent role in the liberation struggle of Namibia, building international support through diplomatic activity. He used the opportunity of academic research to investigate and write about Namibia's history. He was a member of the country's Constituent Assembly and signatory to the Independence Constitution. He has been involved in nation building, and has been in the forefront of higher education in Namibia, transforming a previously segregated academic institution into a national university with relevant programmes that are increasingly accessible to all Namibians. Appointed Ambassador in 2003, he served in Belgium and subsequently Germany. In 2008 he was appointed Director General of the National Planning Commission in Namibia, in the Office of the President. In 2010 he was appointed as a Member of Parliament and elected as Government Chief Whip. He also leads the Namibian parliamentarians at the Pan

African Parliament. He has highly developed skills in managing diversity, promoting consensus and networking. He has served on the boards of various international bodies and associations, particularly in the educational and developmental spheres. He believes in building bridges, is a good listener and is himself very accessible. He has a particular interest in the strengthening of civil society to enhance good governance and democracy and is active in this field throughout the continent.

CURRENT POST

Member of Parliament and Government Chief Whip, March 2010 -

The Chief Whip manages the execution of the political programme of the Governing party within the National Assembly and maintains close contact with members of the Party in the Assembly, the Executive, Committee Chairpersons and office bearers. Responsible for arranging business on the Order Paper, subject to the Standing Committee on Rules and Orders; liaising with the Speaker and the Leader of Government Business; and ensuring quorums and proper and regular attendance of committee meetings and the sittings of the Assembly.

The Chief Whip chairs the Chief Whips' Forum, serves on various Standing Committees of the Assembly, and is responsible for political consultation among parties in the National Assembly, establishing and maintaining good working relations with the whips of other parties on a basis of mutual trust so that the work of Parliament can be facilitated.

Also serving as a **Member of the Pan-African Parliament, 2010 –**

Chairperson of the German-Namibia Parliamentary Group 2012 –

Appointed by the President of the Republic of Namibia as the **Eminent Person to serve as Namibia's focal point for the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Trust 2012**

RESEARCH, SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

- Member of the Board of the European Centre for Development Policy Management, Maastricht, The Netherlands, 2006 –
- Chairperson, Southern African Research and Documentation Centre (SARDC), based in Harare, Zimbabwe, 1999 –
- Chairperson, Namibia Institute for Democracy, 2010 –
- Chairperson, Namibia Red Cross Society, 2009 –
- Chairperson, Allan Gray Foundation, 2009 –
- Director, Ngatukondje Pamwe Fishing Company, 2001–
- Consultant, Vedanta resources plc/Skorpion Mining Company (Pty) Ltd, 2011 –

AWARDS AND HONOURS

- Doctor of Philosophy, Honoris Causa, University of Joensuu, Finland, 1999
- Officer of the Order of Palmes Academiques, Government of France, 1996

- Certificate of Service to the Executive Council of the Association of African Universities (AAU), 2002
- Distinguished academic visitor award, New Delhi, India, 1998

CABINET APPOINTMENT

Director General of the National Planning Commission, 2008-2010

The mission of the NPC is to identify and plan the priorities and direction of national development; and to coordinate the undertaking, design, implementation and monitoring of development plans, programmes and projects in conformity with national development goals and objectives, with a view to ensure sustainable economic growth, equity, social harmony and balanced development.

Its aim is to achieve national development in line with Vision 2030, and ensure that by that year Namibia is a prosperous and industrialized country, developed by her human resources, and enjoying peace and political stability.

Awarded a **Certificate in Economic Development Strategy** by the School of Public Policy and Management of the Korea Development Institute, February-March 2009.

Also served as a **Governor of the World Bank** and **Chairperson of the World Bank's Committee for Small States Forum**.

AMBASSADORIAL POSTS

Ambassador of the Republic of Namibia to the Federal Republic of Germany 2006-2008

Responsible for promoting and maintaining bilateral relations between Germany and Namibia.

Careful consideration was given to the principles and practice of Namibia's diplomatic endeavours, and, in particular, its emphasis on economic diplomacy as an important tool for promoting Namibian interests abroad.

Continued to deepen the relationship between Germany and Namibia by building economic and business ties, cultural exchanges, and people to people cooperation.

Contributed towards creating avenues through which dialogue between the two countries could be conducted, with particular reference to the question of dealing with past colonial

injustices and the demands of Namibian communities for reparations. The prospects for addressing this issue through established diplomatic channels are now good.

Also served as **Ambassador to the Holy See** and the **Republic of Turkey**. This was the first time Namibia had established diplomatic relations with these two states. In both cases, good foundations were laid for future relations.

Ambassador of the Republic of Namibia to the Kingdom of Belgium, The Netherlands, the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the European Union, 2003-2006

Responsible for multilateral and bilateral relations with the Benelux countries, the EU and the World Trade Organisation in Geneva.

Namibia attaches great importance to its relations with the European Communities, and receives significant development assistance from the EU, both at national and regional level. Ambassadorial duties included working closely with various organs of the EU, including its Parliament and the Commission and moving the dialogue on Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) forward during the current negotiations with the EU.

Looked for new and innovative ways of promoting links between Namibia and the Benelux countries, by working closely with local people, involved in business, educational and cultural life, including honorary consuls in the three countries concerned.

Organised successful Presidential visit to Luxembourg, May 2006, which culminated in a further commitment of development aid from the Government of Luxembourg to Namibia and pledges from the European Investment Bank to fund Namibian developments in the energy sector.

Relations with the EU are bilateral and multilateral, within the framework of the Cotonou Agreement signed in 2000 and renewed in 2005, between the EU and the African, Caribbean and Pacific member states (ACP).

Active member of the ACP Committee of Ambassadors, which takes key decisions regarding ACP-EU relations, with respect to trade, development issues, etc. Contributed to the work of the ACP and the promotion of the ACP-EU partnership as:

- Chair of the ACP Sub-Committee for Sustainable Development, 2004
- Chair of the ACP Sub-Committee on Trade and Commodity Protocols, 2005.
- Representative of the Southern African region on preparations for the ACP Summit to be held in the Sudan in December 2006.

Ambassadorial role extended also to Geneva, with particular reference to the World Trade Organisation (WTO) and other international organisations based there. Oversaw

the opening of a Namibian Trade Representation office in Geneva in 2004, which comes under the Embassy in Brussels, and helps to improve communications between the WTO and Namibia. A special training programme for the Southern African region has been developed by the WTO at the University of Namibia.

UNIVERSITY OF NAMIBIA

Founding Vice-Chancellor, University of Namibia, 1992-2003

Responsible for overseeing and guiding the transformation of the former Academy into the first national university in the country, the University of Namibia (UNAM), with a clear vision of meeting the needs and aspirations of an independent Namibia.

This included a complete review of the curriculum in order to provide quality education based on equity. The university's Five-Year Plans dovetailed into the National Development Plans to meet national human resource development needs.

Existing faculties of the university were streamlined. New ones – Law and Agriculture – were introduced. This included transforming and linking the former ethnically based colleges of Agriculture into the new Agriculture Faculty. New programmes in Geology, Engineering, and pre-Medicine were also introduced. Graduate programmes including a Business School were also established and specific centres of learning that provide practical training in the fields of justice, human rights, the public service.

A second university campus was opened at Oshakati, providing access to UNAM courses for the local community. Further centres in other regions of the country have telecommunications links with the UNAM main campus. This model is unique in Southern Africa, representing a smart partnership between the university and the community, and has been hailed as a forward-looking example of an engaged university.

In a country isolated by its colonial experience, the university has become a vital gateway to the international academic community. It is a member of various higher education bodies and is linked through different networks to universities and other educational institutions all over the world.

UNAM has also steadily built a research profile, servicing the Government and private sector across a wide range of social, economic and scientific fields.

Chairman of the University of Namibia Foundation, 1994–2003

Overseeing the work of the Foundation, which markets the university and raises funds for its programmes.

Appointed **Professor of History** by the UNAM Academic Staff Appointments Committee in 1994, following the evaluation of relevant publications by external peers.

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

- **Special Advisor on Higher Education to the Government of Namibia, 1990-92** Leading the process that established the University of Namibia by Act of Parliament in 1992. This was done by setting up a Transitional Planning Team to implement recommendations of the Presidential Commission on Higher Education.
- **Member of Parliament, Namibian National Assembly, 1990-91**
Occupied with the setting up of national institutions and symbols, liaising with stakeholders in formulating legislation and repealing discriminatory and outdated legislation inherited from the apartheid era.
- **Member, Namibian Constituent Assembly, 1989-90**
Member of the Constitutional Committee that drafted Namibia's Constitution. Also a signatory to the Constitution.
- **Founding Trustee and Director, Namibia Economic Policy Research Unit (NEPRU), 1990-91.** Jointly set up and developed NEPRU as a research body in response to needs expressed by government. Initiated research and position papers on the economy and social issues, for use by different government departments and in particular the Ministry of Finance and the National Planning Commission. Continued to guide the research agenda of NEPRU as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees from 1991 to 2003.
- **Director, SWAPO Research Unit, 1989-91**
Provided carefully researched information for use by the leadership of the party and in television and radio broadcasts, during and after the Independence Elections of 1989. Provided useful information on developments in the different regions of the country to the Office of the Prime Minister.
- **Visiting Fellow, Southern African Research Programme, Yale University, USA, 1988-89.** This fellowship provided an opportunity for extensive research and writing on Namibian and Southern African topics.

- **Director, Pilot Study on Namibian History, University of Joensuu, Finland, 1986-87.** This project produced an in-depth study on Namibian historiography.
- **Director, Colin Winter Centre for Namibia, Oxford, UK, 1986.** This charitable centre was set up to cater for Namibian students in the UK in urgent need of accommodation and/or financial assistance.

EDUCATION

University DPhil, St Antony's College, University of Oxford, UK, 1986. Thesis title: 'The Rise of Nationalism in Namibia and its International Dimensions'.

MA, University of Warwick, UK, 1980. Thesis title: 'Some Aspects of Namibia's Political Sociology'.

University of Dar es Salaam, 1966-67, Extra-Mural studies in History, Law and Politics.

Secondary Umuahia Government College, Nigeria, 1963-66
Augustineum Training College, Okahandja, Namibia, 1960-61

Primary Rhenisch Herero School, Windhoek, Namibia.

PREVIOUS EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

Educational

- Chairperson of Council, United Nations University (UNU), 2006
- Member of Council, United Nations University, 2001-2007
- Chairperson of the Coordinating Committee for the establishment of a SADC Vice-Chancellors' Forum, 2002-03
- Chairperson of the UNESCO-sponsored UNITWIN network linking selected universities in Southern Africa with counterparts in Europe, 2003

- Member of the Board of Directors of the Academic Council on the United Nations System (ACUNS), Yale University, New Haven, CT, USA, 2003–
- Member of the Rhodes Scholarships Selection Committee for Oxford University, 2001–02
- Member of Council, University of Venda, South Africa, 1996–2003
- Member of the Executive Board, Association of African Universities (AAU), 1997–2003
- Member of Council, Association of Commonwealth Universities (ACU), 1996-97
- Member of Executive Board, United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural organisation (UNESCO), 1993-97
- Trustee, *Abacus* Educational Supplement, Windhoek, Namibia, 1991-95
- Trustee, Colin Winter Centre for Namibia, Oxford, UK, 1986-90
- Vice-Chairman, World University Service (UK), 1982-86
- President, Oxford University Africa Society, 1982

Research

- Chairperson, Board of Trustees, Namibia Economic Policy Research Unit (NEPRU), 1990–2003
- Member of the Commission on Commonwealth Studies, Commonwealth Secretariat, 1995-96
- Member of the Oxford History Workshop Centre, African Research Group, 1983-88

Other national bodies

- Board member, Namibia Institute for Democracy, 1995 –
- Chairperson, National Monuments Council of Namibia, 1992-2000
- Member of Council, Namibia Qualifications Authority (NQA), 1998–2003
- Member, President’s Economic Advisory Council, Namibia, 1992

Elections and good governance

- Board member of the Electoral Institute of Southern Africa (EISA), based in Johannesburg, South Africa, 2000–08
- Chairperson, Electoral Institute of Southern Africa (EISA), 2002-03.
- Leader of a small EISA team commissioned to evaluate and report on the electoral process in Zimbabwe, March 2002.
- Member, EISA Observer Team to the general elections in Botswana, 1999.
- Member of the International Election Observer Team to observe the Pakistani elections under the sponsorship of the US National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI), 1991.

PRE-INDEPENDENCE POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC WORK

Engaged in work with the Namibian nationalist movement, SWAPO, since 1962, including the following responsibilities and activities:

- SWAPO Deputy Representative in Tanzania, 1966-68
- SWAPO Representative for the UK and Western Europe, 1968-76
- SWAPO Secretary for Legal and Economic Affairs, 1969-76
- SWAPO Secretary for Information and Publicity, 1976-79
- Member of the SWAPO Central Committee, 1976-83

In these roles I undertook the following:

- Opened the first SWAPO office in Europe, based in London, UK.
- Catered for the welfare of Namibian students in Europe.
- Launched a campaign for the release of 37 Namibians then on trial in South Africa under the Terrorism Act.
- Lobbied political parties, governments and non-governmental agencies in virtually all countries in Europe, North America and Africa, Central America, India, China, and the former Soviet Union, for diplomatic and material support for Namibia, and also churches, trade unions, aid agencies, the EEC (now the EU), OAU, SIDA, FINNIDA, NORAD, DANIDA, etc.
- Helped SWAPO and a broad-based Belgian national committee to organize the 1972 International Conference on Namibia in Brussels, Belgium.
- Prepared and administered project requests for humanitarian aid to meet the social, legal and educational needs of Namibians inside the country and in exile.
- Produced a series of SWAPO publications, including being Editor of the official party organ, *Namibia Today*.
- Headed SWAPO's Information Department, with SWAPO offices in London, Lusaka, Luanda, Dar es Salaam, Congo-Brazzaville and Cairo.

Represented SWAPO at the following international gatherings:

- The International Court of Justice at The Hague in 1971, which judged South Africa's presence in Namibia to be illegal.
- The OAU Summits in Morocco, 1972, and Mauritius, 1975.
- The Non-Aligned Movement Summit in Lusaka, 1971.
- The International Humanitarian Law Conference in Geneva, 1974.
- The Commonwealth Summits in Jamaica, 1975, London 1977 and Melbourne 1981.
- Numerous UN General Assembly and Security Council meetings debating the situation in Namibia.
- UN Council for Namibia missions to Europe and Panama, 1981.

PUBLICATIONS

- Katjavivi, P.H. 'Namibia-German Bilateral Relations', in Bösl, A. and du Pisani, A. (eds), *Namibia's Foreign Policy in the Twenty-First Century*, Macmillan Education Namibia, Windhoek, forthcoming 2012.
- Katjavivi, P.H. 'Response to the Report of the Institute for Public Policy Research (IPPR) Issue No. 5, 2011 on 'Civil Society Perspective on Parliament', in *Parliament Journal*, Vol. 9 No.3, Sep-Dec 2011 (Windhoek).
- Katjavivi, P. H. 'From Colonialism to Bilaterality: Challenges of the Namibian-German Relationship', in Arndt, L., Krümmel, C., Schmidt, D., Schmutz, H., Stoller, D. and Wuggenig, U. (eds), *Dierk Schmidt. The Division of the Earth. Tableaux on the Legal Synopsis of the Berlin Africa Conference*, Verlag der Buchhandlung Walther König, Cologne, 2010.
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- Katjavivi, P. H. 'Namibia – From Liberation to Transformation', in *World University Service 60-Jahre World University Service in Deutschland 1950-2010*, Wiesbaden, Germany, 2010.
- Katjavivi, P. H. and Otaala, B. 'African Higher Education Institutions Responding to the HIV/AIDS Pandemic', in Tiyaambe Zeleza, P. and Olukoshi, A. (eds) *African Universities in the Twenty-First Century*, Volume II Knowledge and Society, CODESRIA, 2004.
- Katjavivi, P. H. Address to the Conference 'Cultivating Co-operation amongst Human Rights Institutions in the UNITWIN Network in Southern Africa', in *Human Rights and Democracy in Southern Africa*, New Namibia Books, Windhoek, 1998.
- Katjavivi, P.H. Joint Author, *Learning from each other: Commonwealth Studies for the 21st Century. Report of the Commission of Commonwealth Studies*, Commonwealth Secretariat, London, 1996.
- Katjavivi, P.H. Official Closing Address, in Legere, K. (ed.), *Cross-Border Languages: Report and Studies on Regional Workshop on Cross-Border Languages*, NIED, Gamsberg Macmillan, Windhoek, 1996, pp.226-8.
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- Frostin, P., Katjavivi, P.H., Mbuende K., *Church and Liberation in Namibia*, Zwan Publications, London 1989.
- Katjavivi, P.H. 'The Development of Anti-Colonial Forces in Namibia', in *Namibia: 1884-1984: Readings on Namibia's History and Society*, papers and proceedings of the conference 'Namibia 1884-1984: 100 Years of Foreign Occupation, 100 Years of Struggle', Namibia Support Committee/UN Institute for Namibia/ SWAPO, 1988.
- Katjavivi, P.H. 'Music and Peace' in UNESCO, 'Music and Peace' Programme, Proceedings of a Meeting of Experts at UNESCO headquarters, Paris, Feb.1988.
- Katjavivi, P.H. 'Some Reflections from the University of Namibia', Panel Discussion on 'New Educational Systems for Africa: Bridging the Digital Divide', Southern African Summit Organized by SADC and the World Economic Forum, Windhoek, May 1988.
- Katjavivi, P.H. 'The OAU and the Liberation Struggle in Southern Africa', in *Africa Today* 2nd edition, African Books, London, 1989.
- Katjavivi, P.H. 'Base Studies on Financial and Social Aspects of the Arrangements for Independence in Namibia', UNDP, New York, 1989.
- Katjavivi, P.H. 'Revisiting the Role of the Herero Speaking Community in Botswana in Namibia's Independence in Namibia', Yale University Southern African Program Paper, 1989.

Katjavivi, P.H. 'External Government Authority over Namibia: the UN and SWAPO', Yale University Southern African Program Paper, 1989.

Katjavivi, P.H. Contributions to 'Resistance to Colonial Rule (1884-1904)', 'The War of National Resistance to South African Colonial Rule up to the Formation of SWAPO', chapters in *Namibia Junior Secondary History Book*, Bremen University, 1988, for use in SWAPO educational centres in Africa.

Conference papers

Contributed papers at numerous academic and development conferences in Namibia, Africa, Europe, North America and Asia.

Contributions as an editor

Ed. *To Be Born a Nation*, Zed Press, 1981

Ed. *Namibia News*, SWAPO Quarterly, London, 1968-70

Ed. *Namibia Today*, SWAPO's official organ, Lusaka, 1976-79

Ed. *Historical Profile of SWAPO*, SWAPO Dept of Information and Publicity, 1978

Ed. *The People's Resistance 1976-77*, SWAPO Dept of Information and Publicity, 1978

Ed. *Namibian Political Prisoners*, SWAPO Dept of Information and Publicity, 1978