



VOTE OF THANKS

**BY HON. MODESTUS AMUTSE,
CHAIRPERSON OF THE PARLIAMENTARY
STANDING COMMITTEE ON ICT AND INNOVATION**

**ON THE OCCASION OF THE OFFICIAL
LAUNCH OF PARLIAMENT WEBSITE**

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**NATIONAL COUNCIL G4, PARLIAMENT BUILDING,
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Honorable Speaker, of National Assembly

Honorable Members,

Mr. Tousy Namiseb: Secretary of National Council

**Ms Natalia Russman: Resident Representative, Konrad Adenaur
Stiftung Foundation (KAS)**

**Representatives, Enhancing Participatory Democracy in Namibia
(EPDN) Programme**

Mr. E. Amutenya: Deputy Executive Director, OPM

Representatives: Imarketing

Secretariat of Parliament,

Ladies and Gentlemen

Permit me to start by thanking you all for making time to be part of this event be it in person or through online platforms.

This event highlights what we and our partners have achieved and also take stock of lessons learned to date. There is a saying that “*although we have promising results, we need to go further and achieve more*” this is reflected in that even though our previous website has given us great results, what has been presented today shows us that we can do more to improve what we have and attain greater results.

As said by the Hon. Speaker and Dr. Shimaneni on the functionalities of the newly launched website; it shows that Parliament continues to improve and enhance its ability to communicate and relate to key stakeholders, thereby transforming the Parliament of Namibia into an accessible institution. Through platforms such as these, we are striving to promote high levels of participation in the democratic governance of the country and bring Parliament closer to the people, especially during times of uncertainties such as during the time of COVID 19.

With this few remarks, Allow me to express my gratitude and sincere appreciation to the Konrad Adenaur Stiftung Foundation (KAS) for their generous and continuous support over the years in different areas and also for providing funds to ensure the success of this project.

I also express my profound gratitude to the Office of Prime Minister for hosting the website, EPDN for proof reading and advising the team, Imarketing for website development and Parliament staff for coordinating and facilitating the project.

Finally, I would like to appeal to our partners (KAS and EPDN) to continue assisting Parliament in its endeavors. Let me also implore MPs and the Parliament Secretariat to ensure that the website is always up to date and all information are accurate at all times.

I THANK YOU.