



## **OPENING REMARKS**

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

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**NATIONAL COUNCIL G4, PARLIAMENT BUILDING,  
WINDHOEK**

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**Honorable Speaker, of National Assembly**

**Honorable Members,**

**Mr. Tousy Namiseb: Secreatry of National Council**

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

**Representatives, Enhancing Participatory Democracy in Namibia  
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**Mr. E. Amutenya: Deputy Executive Director, OPM**

**Representatives: Imarketing**

**Secretariat of Parliament,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen**

I warmly welcome each and every one of you to the launch of our new and revamped website. We are very excited to announce the launch of our newly designed website. Technology advancement and innovation especially in the time of global pandemics and the world moving towards digitalization is crucial as it allows not only accessibility but also easy dissemination of information and interaction.

After five months of hard work and dedication, we are delighted to officially announce the launch. Our intention has always been to make the new website responsive, easier to navigate, and more user-friendly. We have also enabled our website to accommodate livestreams of parliament

events thus reinforcing our mantra of “taking parliament to the people”. As a parliament, it’s important for us to make information regarding our services easily accessible to the public. We endeavor to provide the public and our partners with the most accurate, up-to-date parliamentary information. The website further serves as a huge repository of information on core parliamentary business. Besides online publication and engagement, people will be able to easily and conveniently access Bills and other legislation.

Our goal with this new website is to engage our stakeholders and the public (especially during these times when Public Gallery is not available to the public due to Covid). Livestreaming of parliamentary sessions and other activities will be done directly on our website. This will also allow active public participation on parliamentary matters. The website will also allow more automated features meant to improve website content update notwithstanding the fact that it will be hosted by (OPM) in order to improve security and reduce cost.

In concluding, let me reiterate my sincere hope that this website will result in success and with your cooperation and engagement will establish a cornerstone of public and stakeholder engagement.

Ladies and Gentlemen, We are LIVE,

**I THANK YOU**