



**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**

**Budget Motivation Speech  
For the 2014/2015 Financial Year**

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## Introduction

1. Firstly let me express our sincere thanks to the Minister of Finance as well as Director General: National Planning Commission together with experts who helped drawing up this budget.

Congratulations on a job well done.

2. Before I share with you the priorities and plans for the education sector, allow me to express my appreciation to His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Namibia, for the support extended to us over the past four years in making critical investments to education sector. Whilst we still have some challenges to overcome, I assure the nation that the lift will no longer be a lengthy one as the investments we have made are beginning to show some efficient functioning in our schools system. It is just a matter of time before these investments will begin to pay off.
3. To my fellow Cabinet Ministers and Members of Parliament, I thank you for your continuous advice and support. Education is indeed a collective endeavor, a solid investment one can never regret having made. The bright future belongs to those nations who invest heavily in education. Namibia, therefore, is on the right track. The global village is all about a stiff competition and without sound education certainly no nation can make it to the top. We owe it to ourselves and generation yet unborn to rise to the very top.
4. Chairperson of the Whole House Committee, the question is not just whether we should continue to invest in education, but also how we can make smarter investments in education. How can our education system become more productive?
5. This afternoon, I will share with you the education budget estimates for the next three years. I shall discuss the major challenges facing the education system. I shall then present you with an outline of the estimates to enable us overcome these challenges for the financial year 2014/15, programme by programme. In presenting the annual estimates, I shall outline major achievements and proposed activities to which we shall deploy the funds for which we seek approval.

