

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



**BUDGET MOTIVATION SPEECH BY THE
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Honourable Chairperson of the whole House Committee, I rise to motivate Vote 26, National Planning Commission (NPC). Just like the Auditor-General, the NPC is a technical institution which does not require detailed motivation. The Accountability Report contains the activities of the NPC during the current financial year.

**Honorable Chairperson,
Honorable Members,**

During the current financial year, the NPC undertook several activities, some of which are still ongoing. A comprehensive analysis and review of the global and domestic economy was undertaken. This culminated in the compilation of the Annual Economic Development Report. The Report highlights Namibia's average economic growth since independence. Other research areas that were undertaken are poverty mapping, logistics, energy, an impact study of the Targeted Intervention Programme for Employment Creation and Economic Growth (TIPEEG), and the analysis of the skills gap in the labour market. The NPC is also assisting regions to develop Regional Development Profiles. The profiles will include the features and characteristics of the region, and contain information such as population, poverty level, economic activities, potential areas of investment, social and economic infrastructure, and many others. The purpose is to have a clear picture of each region and be able to guide regional planning and equitable national distribution of public resources.

**Honorable Chairperson,
Honorable Members,**

I am pleased to inform Honourable Members that the NPC managed to mobilize resources in the form of grants and loans as well as technical assistance from Development Partners (DPs) to the amount of N\$ 2.517 Billion. This amount constituted grants funding of N\$ 2,131 billion and concessional loan financing of N\$ 386 million. The Namibia Statistics Agency is entering its third year of operations. It is currently producing reliable statistics that is useful for the country. I have no doubt that some of the information produced by the Agency will assist policy makers both in the public and private sector to make informed decisions. The distribution of public resources to the Regions will partly be informed by information produced by the Agency.

**Honorable Chairperson,
Honorable Members**

I now present to you the four (4) Programmes of the NPC.

The **first Programme** will involve: **Macroeconomic Planning**. The program will produce one (1) Economic Development report; four (4) research papers; and eleven (11) policy briefs as part of the Fourth National Development Plan implementation. In addition, the following activities will be undertaken:

- Midterm review of both Vision 2030 and Fourth National Development Plan;
- Convene a National Consultative Conference to discuss current developmental issues;

- In collaboration with the Ministry of Finance and Bank of Namibia, to work on Macro, Econometric, and Human Resource Development models; and
- Participate in regional, continental and global level interactions on issues related to regional integration and developmental global agenda.

An amount of **Fifteen million, Six Hundred Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$15,600,000)** is requested for this Programme.

The **second Programme** involves **Regional and Sectoral Planning and Policy Coordination**. The activities under this Programme will include the completion of Regional Development Profiles.

It will also carry out assessment of policies particularly in sectors that are identified as priorities in the Fourth National Development Plan to ascertain their relevance towards achieving the national development goals.

An amount of **Sixteen million, Five Hundred Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$16,500,000)** is required for this Programme.

The **third Programme** involves **Monitoring, Evaluation, and Development Partners Coordination**. This Programme aims to mobilise, coordinate and manage external development resources and to develop and maintain a national integrated monitoring and evaluation system for the Government. The Programme will concentrate on the following:

- Completion of the National Monitoring and Evaluation Framework;
- Fourth National Development Plan - Bi-Annual Reporting;
- Capital Projects Monitoring;
- Millennium Challenge Account-Namibia Post Compact Monitoring and Evaluation; and
- Development Partners Coordination.

An amount of **Thirty-One million, Eighty Hundred Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$31,800,000)** is requested for this Programme.

The **fourth Programme** involves **Supervision, Coordination and Support Services**.

The activities of this Programme will include rendering human resource management and development function; auxiliary services; financial management services; maintenance and safe keeping of computerized information system; and public relations.

An amount of **One Hundred and Sixty-Seven million, Seven Hundred Thousand Namibia Dollars (N\$167,700,000)** is requested for this programme.

**Honorable Chairperson,
Honorable Members,**

I humbly request this august House to consider and approve an amount of **TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-THREE MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED AND FORTY - NINE THOUSAND NAMIBIA DOLLARS (NS233,749,000)** for the programmes of the NPC.

I thank you for your attention and support.

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