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REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

TUESDAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

The Assembly met pursuant to the adjournment.

1. The Deputy Speaker took the Chair and read the Prayer and Affirmation.
2. **Announcement by the Deputy Speaker in terms of Rule 117(b) of the Standing Rules and Orders:**

The Deputy Speaker reminded the Hon. Members that; as part of the Commonwealth Games tradition, the King's Baton Relay is going to pass through all Commonwealth member states.

The King's Baton Relay carries a message from the Head of the Commonwealth, symbolizing the unity and diversity of member nations. For the first time, each Commonwealth nation and territory will receive its own uniquely customized baton, and Namibia's baton will represent our rich culture and heritage while also showcasing our commitment to environmental conservation in partnership with Ocean Conservation Namibia.

In light of the above, the King's Baton Relay delegation is scheduled to present this baton to the National Assembly on Tuesday, 30 September 2025. They will arrive at 15h30 and sit in for a bit in the gallery. They are then going to present it in the courtyard during Tea break, where MPs will be able to engage the athletes and para-athletes and to wish them luck.

3. **NOTICES OF QUESTIONS:**

- (i) Hon. Susiku (IPC) to ask the Minister of Health and Social Services (No. 201).

- (ii) Hon. Lutuhezi (IPC) to ask the Minister of Gender Equality and Child Welfare (No. 202).
- (iii) Hon. Mbinge-Tjeundo (PDM) to ask the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 203).
- (iv) Hon. Haitota (IPC) to ask the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform (No. 204).

4. URGENT ORAL QUESTIONS:

- (i) Hon. Kandorozi (NUDO) asked the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security (No. 113) – *Replied to.*
- (ii) Hon. Somaeb (UDF) asked the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (No. 114) – *Replied to.*
- (iii) Hon. Kumbwa (APP) asked the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 115) – *Replied to.*
- (iv) Hon. Mulunga (IPC) asked the Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture (No. 116) – *Replied to.*

5. Message from the Head of State in terms of Rule 117(c) of the Standing Rules and Orders:

The Rt. Hon. Prime Minister delivered a Statement by Her Excellency Dr. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, President of the Republic of Namibia on the Wildfires in Etosha National park and Surrounding Areas.

The full Statement is uploaded on Telegram.

6. Ministerial Statement in terms of Rule 136 of the Standing Rules and Orders:

The Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture addressed the Assembly on the serious incident of suspected food poisoning that occurred at Maria Mwengere Secondary School Hostel in the Kavango East Region on Sunday, 31 August 2025.

7. FIRST NOTICE OF A MOTION:

Hon. Dr. Aupindi moved, seconded by the Deputy Minister of International Relations and Trade:

That this Assembly –

MINDFULL that the Charter of the United Nations calls upon member states to promote peace, development, and to live together as good neighbours.

CONVINCED that the Cuban people have long suffered from the severe and excessive economic, financial and commercial blockade imposed by successive administrations of the United States of America, since February 1962. Many issues followed, thereafter between the two countries, which could be described as acts of

aggressions, including, ‘The Cold War, ‘The Cuban Missile Crisis’. However, despite the ‘Cold War’ ending some 34 years ago, the Blockade on Cuba remains in place today.

Today, some 63 years later, this blockade has caused economic devastations particularly on Cuba, and a great economic opportunity is being missed by both countries. The current status core is not sustainable for both countries. Estimates are that the embargo costs the U.S. economy \$3.6 billion per year. The U.N. assessed the damage to the Cuban economy from 2022 to 2023 to be at \$4.87 billion. It is evident that both countries are suffering economic devastations, with Cuba on the receiving end, the United Nations estimated in 2023 the total economic damage to the Cuban economy to be in the “trillions of dollars”.

That the National Assembly *discusses* the normalization of bilateral relations between USA and Cuba, and that we call on the United States of America, to lift the economic, financial and commercial blockade against the Republic of Cuba and its people; and that the National Assembly further call on the United States of America to immediately remove the Republic of Cuba from the list of state allegedly sponsors of terrorism.

That this Motion be discussed with absolute urgency and be approved unanimously and without delay.

On the motion of Hon. Nashinge, seconded by Hon. Mouton, debate adjourned until Tuesday, 7 October 2025.

8. SECOND NOTICE OF A MOTION:

The Rt. Hon. Prime Minister moved, seconded by Hon. Shifeta:

That this Assembly –

Discuss and take note the National Policy on Disability 2025 and its Implementation Action Plan (IAP) for the period 2025 – 2030.

Question put: That the Policy be taken note of.

Agreed to.

9. THIRD NOTICE OF A MOTION:

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform moved, seconded by Hon. April:

That leave be given to introduce a Bill to provide for the establishment of communal land boards and provide for their powers and functions; to provide for the establishment of the Communal Land Development Fund; to provide for the demarcation and extent of communal land areas; and the allocation of communal land rights; to provide for the powers and functions of chiefs, traditional authorities and land committees in the allocation of communal land rights; to provide for continuation of the Land Reform Advisory Commission; to provide for the continuation of the Land Acquisition and Development Fund; to provide for the acquisition of commercial agricultural land by the State for the purpose of land reform and for other land reform related purposes and for the allocation of such land to Namibian citizens who do not own or otherwise have the use of any or of

adequate agricultural land; to vest in the State a preferential right to purchase commercial agricultural land; to provide for the compulsory acquisition and alienation of commercial agricultural land by the State for the purpose of land reform and other land reform related purposes; to prohibit the acquisition of commercial agricultural land by foreign nationals; to regulate the leasing of commercial agricultural land by foreign nationals; to provide for the valuation of commercial agricultural land; to provide for the continuation of the Valuation Court under the name Valuation Tribunal; to provide for the imposition of land tax; to provide for the continuation of the Lands Tribunal; to provide for the appointment of authorised officers to perform certain functions under the Act; and to provide for incidental matters.

Agreed to.

Land Bill [B. 2 – 2025] read a First Time

The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform moved, subject to Rule 168(1) of the Standing Rules and Orders, seconded by Hon. April: that the Bill be read a Second Time.

On the motion of Hon. Amutse, seconded by Hon. Busch, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 1 October 2025.

10. **FIRST ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Consideration of the Performance Assessment and Post-Election Report for the Guinas Constituency by-election.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 23 September 2025, as moved by Hon. Kooper on behalf of the Deputy Speaker (page 127): That the Report be adopted

On the motion of Nekongo, seconded by Hon. Amutenya, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 1 October 2025

11. **SECOND ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate to provide direction on the ACC and the appointment of its Director-General and the Deputy Director-General among others.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 1 July 2025, as moved by Hon. Kambala (page 85): That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for thorough investigations and recommendations to this Assembly.

On the motion of Shitana, seconded by Hon. Kambala, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 1 October 2025

12. **THIRD ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on harmonizing all major elections into one single event, as it will reduce costs, increased voter turnout, improved administrative efficiency and strengthened democratic participation.

Question before the Assembly on Tuesday, 30 September 2025, as moved by Hon. Hangula (page 89): That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for thorough investigations and report back.

On the motion of Hon. Karupu, seconded by Hon. Klazen, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 1 October 2025

13. **FOURTH ORDER READ:**

Resumption of Debate on the employment conditions of all uniformed personnel services, especially members of the Namibian Police Force, Namibian Correctional Services and the Namibian Defence Force.

Question before the Assembly on Wednesday, 9 July 2025, as moved by Hon. Kaaronda (page 77): That the Motion be referred to a relevant Parliamentary Standing Committee for further scrutiny and report back.

On the motion of Hon. Somaeb, seconded by Hon. Lukato, debate adjourned until Wednesday, 1 October 2025

14. On the motion of the Prime Minister, seconded by the Minister of Defence and Veterans Affairs, the Assembly adjourned at 17:45 until Wednesday, 1 October 2025.

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Secretary: National Assembly

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