



NATIONAL COUNCIL

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NATIONAL COUNCIL WELCOMES APPOINTMENT OF SEVEN MEMBERS TO DEPUTY MINISTERIAL POSITIONS

The National Council welcomes the appointment of seven of its Members by Her Excellency Dr. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, President of the Republic of Namibia, to serve as Deputy Ministers in the Executive branch of Government.

The appointments, announced on Thursday, 02 April 2026, are as follows:

1. Hon. Moses //Khumub (Oshikoto Region) – Deputy Minister in the Office of the Vice President;
2. Hon. Hambeleleni Ndjaleka (//Kharas Region) – Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services;
3. Hon. Hans Haikali (Omusati Region) – Deputy Minister of Works and Transport;
4. Hon. Anselm Marungu (Kavango East Region) – Deputy Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism;
5. Hon. Wenzel Kavaka (Omaheke Region) – Deputy Minister of Information and Communication Technology;
6. Hon. Edward Wambo (Hardap Region) – Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security; and
7. Hon. Inecia Theresia Brandt (Erongo Region) – Deputy Minister of Justice and Labour Relations.

All seven are first-time Members of the National Council following their election in the 2025 Regional Councils and Local Authorities Elections.

These appointments are made within the constitutional framework of the Republic of Namibia. In terms of Article 37 of the Namibian Constitution, the President may appoint Deputy Ministers from among Members of the National Assembly and the National Council. This means that Members of the National Council may be appointed to serve as Deputy Ministers while retaining their seats as Members of the House.

Accordingly, these appointments do not create vacancies in the National Council. In terms of Article 70(2) of the Constitution, a vacancy in the National Council arises only in specific circumstances such as death, resignation or disqualification. Appointment as a Deputy Minister is not one of those grounds. Therefore, the affected Members will continue to serve in the National Council while carrying out their Constituencies and executive responsibilities. However, they will no longer be required to serve on the National Council Standing Committees, whose duty is to conduct oversight over the Executive, among others.

This is not the first time Members of the National Council have been called upon to support national leadership in the Executive. Since 1993, at least 13 Members of the National Council have been appointed as Deputy Ministers in portfolios including trade, health, mines and energy, fisheries, lands, agriculture, works and transport, and defence and veterans affairs. These appointments, over the years, reflect the confidence placed in the institutional experience, regional representation and legislative expertise found within Members of the National Council.

As the Upper House of Parliament, the National Council remains constitutionally mandated to represent regional interests, review legislation and contribute to national policy discourse. The appointment of its Members to Deputy Ministerial positions demonstrates that service in the National Council is compatible with broader national responsibilities and reflects the role of the House in supporting governance beyond its legislative mandate.

The National Council congratulates the Honourable Members on their appointments and wishes them success in the discharge of their new duties in service of the people of Namibia.

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