



**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**

**STATEMENT**

**BY**

**HIS EXCELLENCY, DR NICKEY IYAMBO, VICE-PRESIDENT  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA,**

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AND INTEGRATION**

**AND**

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**TOWARDS AN INTEGRATED AND COHERENT APPROACH  
TO IMPLEMENTATION, MONITORING AND EVALUATION  
OF AGENDA 2063 AND THE SDGs**

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**ADDIS ABABA, ETHIOPIA**

**Your Excellency, Mr. Hailemariam Desalegn, Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia**

**Excellencies, Heads of State and Government,**

**Your Excellency, Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Africa (UNECA): Dr. Carlos Lopez,**

**Your Excellency, Chairperson of the African Union Commission: Dr. Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma,**

**Distinguished Honorable Ministers responsible for Finance, Monetary Affairs and Economy Matters,**

**Distinguished Guests, and**

**Ladies and Gentlemen**

I am truly pleased to exchange insights with you in this beautiful ancient city of Addis Ababa, in a country whose rise Marcus Garvey, perceptively equated with that of a "new Africa, stretching her hands of influence throughout the world....."

In this respect, today's Ethiopia is light years away from the Ethiopia of yesteryear, and similarly Africa has made immense progress in the area of development. For this we pay tribute to visionary leadership such as of our host, His Excellency, Mr. Hailemariam Desalegn, Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Ethiopia, and predecessors.

In the same vein, I also bring you special greetings from our President, Dr. Hage Geingob, to whom people centered development is also very dear. Unfortunately, due to other equally weighty State matters he is unable to attend, and sent me to represent him at this conference.

Our assembly here, to discuss "an integrated and coherent approach to implementation, monitoring and evaluation of Agenda 2063 and the SDGs," positively shows that the development agenda regarding peoples' wellbeing has assumed center stage in Africa, with minor exceptions, other than the civil wars, internal strife, coups d'état and the likes.

This can be ascribed to the resurgence of an **avant-garde** class of likeminded, independent, vibrant, visionary, and transformative leadership, reminiscent of the colonial status quo challenging spirit of its 1<sup>st</sup> generation leadership such as Kwame Nkrumah, Patrice Émery Lumumba, Léopold Sédar Senghor and others. These were profoundly cognizant that the principal raison d'etre for political and economic realms is to serve the social realm.

Undeniably, today such a principled leadership is a prerequisite to foster a continent wide, united front against hunger, poverty, unemployment, climate change, disease, and so forth.

Particularly, considering that to achieve the SDGs in Africa, the following estimated annual capital investments are required: US\$55 billion until 2030 to achieve universal electricity; US\$50-100 billion by 2050 on climate change; US\$93 billion on infrastructure until 2020; US\$26 billion for universal education by 2020, and US\$31.5 billion minimum for healthcare.

The annual Illicit Financial Flows (IFFs) of over US\$50 billion or US\$1 trillion over 50 years as reported by the High Level Panel Report, and the internal revenue from the continent's natural capital are viable sources of income which in the hands of a development centered African leadership could assist with the financing of both Agenda 2063 and the SDGs.

## **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

As we muse on the appropriate implementation methodology of Agenda 2063 and the SDGs, I would like to share without proffering solutions, lessons on the Namibian development approach. Following the independence struggle same as many other sister African countries, we have invested in reinforcing the peace and stability dividend obtained in 1990.

Building on the trinity leadership concept, of peaceful power transfer from the Founding Father and President, Dr. Sam Nujoma, who laid the nation's foundations, on which Dr. Hifikepunye Pohamba, as the guarantor and consolidator of continued peace and stability served, to President Dr. Hage Gottfried Geingob, the progenitor of prosperity: The Namibian house of democracy, peace, stability and prosperity remains solidly intact.

President Dr. Hage Geingob's one year old administration, situated a clear focus and urgency into the agenda of poverty eradication, social welfare improvement, industrialization, and public service capacitation.

After 26 years of a robust politico, legal and macro-economic architectures, it became clear that the social architecture lagged behind. Hence, the new administration's impetus on effective governance, transparency, corruption, inclusivity, inequality, poverty and so forth to affirm the need for a resilient socio-economic fabric, able to create wealth and eradicate poverty.

In this regard, President Geingob and his Executive Team employ powerful all-embracing emotive metaphors such as *the Namibian House*, *Harambee*, *No One Must Feel Left Out*, *One Namibia* and *One Nation*, to help frame the citizenry's lenses, as integral co-workers in the nation building project. Thus, fidelity to a common

vision, as opposed to a tribal, regional, or religious cause is assuming vested primacy in our Namibian lives.

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Being actionable in his intents, the President, accompanied by members of the Executive Team engaged nation-wide community consultations, declared his assets, and set performance agreements for Cabinet Ministers. In the process cascading down leadership accountability in the civil service, from the Permanent Secretary, to the lowest civil servant, to infuse coherency and focus on project implementation.

Having, planned, consulted, and inspired, President Dr. Geingob, has declared 2016, as the Year of Implementation, and is therefore scheduled to unveil tomorrow through his State of the Nation Address, the **Harambee Prosperity Plan (HPP)**. This will be a targeted, high impact plan, cum implementation tool, complementing the existing National Development Plan 4.

Centered on Social Development; Effective Governance and Service Delivery, Economic Development and Infrastructure Development, in the African Spirit of self-reliance, Namibia will first turn to its own internal resources and only afterwards to international partnerships for program funding.

The monitoring and evaluation function established in the Presidency will play an important role to gauge the synchronization and progress of the HPP, Agenda 2063 and SDGs with other relevant institutions. Through a fully integrated comprehensive fifth National Development Program employing local execution modes and tools whilst speaking to both local and global commitments, monitoring and evaluation and reporting thereof would be made much easier.

## **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

We do have our pressing every day development challenges, such as climate change, persistent national droughts spells, 28% unemployment, inequality, inadequate housing and widespread poverty. Meeting these challenges will automatically enable us to meet Namibia's goals under Agenda 2063 and the SDGs.

Precisely, due to the presence of such challenges despite the substantial progress we have made in the past 26 years, Government has decided to notch up the lever higher by changing the approach, content, pace and tools for addressing these persisting challenges.

Hopefully, the Namibian approach could provide, lessons if any, in addressing the subject before us today.

**I Thank You.**