



Republic of Namibia

STATEMENT

BY

HON. DR. PEYA MUSHELENGA, MP

MINISTER

MINISTRY OF URBAN AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ON THE OCCASION OF THE

**APPOINTMENT OF NATIONAL HOUSING ENTERPRISE (NHE)
BOARD MEMBERS**

FOR THE PERIOD

1ST OCTOBER 2018 UP TO 30TH SEPTEMBER 2021

MINISTRY OF URBAN AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

ROOM NO. 202: MINISTER'S BOARDROOM

TUESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER 2018 @ 08:00

- **Director of Ceremonies;**
- **Mr. Tjerije Philip, Special Advisor to the Minister;**
- **Senior Officials from the Ministry;**
- **Mr. Gisbertus Mukulu, CEO of NHE**
- **Distinguished invited guests;**
- **Members of the media;**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen.**

It is with great pressure and honour to be here today and to make some announcement that will have an impact on the delivery of houses in the country.

Housing has gained prominence as one of the key national development priorities and an important vehicle for addressing poverty and inequality as well as for bringing about social harmony, economic advancement and ensuring political stability.

This is why as a nation we have made the provision of and access to decent housing as one of the key development priorities as encapsulated in our Vision 2030, National Development Plans and the Harambee Prosperity Plan.

Director of proceedings

It is my conviction that the housing challenge is not insurmountable if we, as Government, private sector and the community at large, pull our resources and efforts together to develop inclusive, equitable and innovative strategies to address our common challenge.

Our presence here today is a re-affirmation of our shared recognition and resolve, collectively as a nation and as individual caring citizens, that all citizens of this Republic have a right to decent and affordable housing, improved sanitation and shelter.

One of our key vehicle in the quest to deliver affordable houses to our people is the National Housing Enterprise, better known as NHE.

As we are all aware National Housing Enterprise (NHE) was created and is governed in term of the National Housing Enterprise Act 5 of 1993. It is this very same Act of Parliament that makes provision and empowers the Minister of Urban and Rural Development to appoint the leadership or Board of the NHE. As may be aware, the term of the former board members of NHE came to an end on the 30th September 2018 and as a result new members need to be appointed to steer and give direction to the NHE.

Director of proceedings;

Ladies and Gentlemen; and

Members of the media

To assist me in making an informed decision in the appointment of the board member, I have earlier requested for a report from Price Water Coopers, the NHE auditing firm during the expired term of the board member and it was on the basis of that report that I have considered the extensions of their term. One of the positive feedback from the report is the tremendous achievement of the board during considering their short period in office favoured for a further period in office in order for them to continue the good.

I would therefore, like to announce that by the powers vested in me as the Minister of Urban and Rural Development, I have decided to appoint the following as Board of Directors of the NHE for a further of three (3) years with effect from the 1st of October 2018 up to the 30th September 2021:

- Mr. Sam Shivute (Chairperson)**
- Ms. Aisha Isaak;**
- Mr. Oscar Capelo;**
- Ms. Petrina Ndahafa Nakale; and**
- Mr. Elton Khoitage !Gaoseb**

I would like to make use of this opportunity to congratulate the Board of Directors on their renewed mandate and wish them success in this assignment. I would like to make use of this opportunity to congratulate the Board of Directors on their renewed mandate and wish them success in this assignment. Your re-appointment comes at a right time when I as your line Minister has been charged by His Excellency the President with the task of drafting the Urbanisation and Spatial Development Policy that will do away with the shacks and enter a new epoch of proper housing for our people. In providing housing NHE should, therefore, work closely with the Ministry and local authority to share ideas in the design of low-cost houses that maintains a considerate standard of living.

Furthermore I would like to charge the new board with the following tasks:

NHE must provide quality affordable houses that are not costing more than N\$500, 000.00; and

Consideration must be given to high quality houses.

I thank you all for your kind attention.