



**Republic of Namibia**

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

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**ON THE OCCASION OF THE**

**INAUGURATION OF DAWEB CONSTITUENCY**

**OFFICE IN HARDAP REGION**

**THURSDAY, 07<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2018**

**MALTAHOHE**

- **Director of ceremonies;**
- **Honourable Esme Sophia Isaack, Governor of Hardap Region;**
- **Honourable Councillor Edward Wambo, Chairperson of the Hardap Regional Council;**
- **Honourable Herculius Jantze, Regional Councillor of Daweb Constituency;**
- **Honourable Regional and Local Authority Councillors present;**
- **Esteemed Traditional Leaders present;**
- **Leaders and members of the Daweb Constituency Development Committee;**
- **Residents of Daweb Constituency;**
- **Invited guests;**
- **Members of the media;**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen;**

**Good morning!**

**It is my distinguished honour and privilege to officiate at this important occasion, marking the inauguration of the newly constructed Daweb Constituency Office in Hardap Region.**

**Following the Fourth Delimitation Commission in 2013, Namibia was demarcated into 14 regions and 121 Constituencies of which two new constituencies were created in Hardap Region. The creation of Daweb and Aranos Constituencies has brought the number of constituencies in the Hardap Region to a total of eight (8) constituencies. The establishment of the Daweb Constituency was necessitated by the vast Gibeon Constituency of which Daweb was part of.**

**Other new Constituencies created in Namibia are in Kavango West, Ohangwena, Kunene, //Kharas, Oshana, Zambezi and Oshikoto regions.**

**The purpose of the Fourth Delimitation Commission was to create new regions, dividing regions into constituencies based on their geographical features and the areas of local authorities among others.**

**Director of Ceremonies;**

**Ladies and Gentlemen;**

**The Government through the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development has allocated a total of N\$ 10 million toward the realisation of this investment during the 2014/15 to 2015/16 financial years. I was informed that the office was successfully constructed and handed over to the Hardap Regional Council in December 2016.**

**The purpose of this investment is to enable the staff members of the Constituency office to have a conducive working environment for them to serve**

**the community of Daweb Constituency and enhancing operational efficiency and effective service delivery. Thus, I would like to appeal to all six staff members of this Constituency office to redouble their efforts and serve the community with dignity and without discrimination under the visionary leadership of the Constituency Councillor Honourable Hercules Jantze.**

**I further urge all residents of the Daweb Constituency to make use of the office by getting information; register their problems and other services available.**

**Director of Ceremonies;**

**Ladies and Gentlemen;**

**In line with the Decentralisation Policy, the aim is to bring services closer to the people and provide relief to community in traveling long distances to the public offices to get services they want. Other**

**benefits of decentralisation include the stipulation of greater participation and articulation of local views and needs and promote participatory development and good governance. It also empowers Regional Councils and Constituencies to plan and implement local needs and demands.**

**Director of Ceremonies;**

**Ladies and Gentlemen;**

**I would like to commend the Governor, Chairperson, Constituency Councillor and the contractor for ensuring that the Constituency office is completed on time despite all the challenges encountered during the construction of this facility. Hence, you are hereby urged to ensure that this property is properly taken care of to ensure that it is also utilised by the upcoming generation.**

**On this note, it is now my pleasure to declare the newly constructed office of the Daweb Constituency officially opened.**

**Thank you for your kind attention.**