

REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA



REMARKS

BY THE RIGHT HONOURABLE PRIME MINISTER

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ON

**THE OCCASION OF THE UNVEILING OF THE 2ND NATIONAL LAND CONFERENCE
LOGO**

**Director of Proceedings,
Distinguished Honorable Ministers, and Deputy Ministers,
Distinguished Invited Guests,
Members of the Media,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

A very good morning to you all .

I am delighted to deliver the remarks on the unveiling of the Logo for the upcoming 2nd National Land Conference

First and foremost, I would like to remind the nation that the 2nd National Land Conference will be held from 1-5 October 2018 at Safari Hotel in Windhoek, as indicated in the STATE OF NATION ADDRESS (SONA) of 11 April 2018, by His Excellency Dr. Hage Geingob, the President of the Republic of Namibia. The Conference seeks to address the structure of land ownership in Namibia and debate the following issues, amongst others:

- To review progress made towards the implementation of the Resolutions of the 1991 National Land Conference and the Land Question in Namibia;
- To deliberate over what more could be done to fast track the implementation of the 1991 Land Conference and other related issues emerging during the implementation of the land reform programme;
- The willing-seller, willing-buyer principle;
- Ancestral land claims for restitution;
- Expropriation of Agricultural (Commercial) Land in public interest;
- Urban land reform and Resettlement Criteria;
- The Veterinary Cordon Fence, and other eminent land related issues.

As we informed you earlier, the High Level Committee was inaugurated and the preparation for the Conference are underway. Further, I am pleased to inform you that the Government conducted Regional Consultation Workshops between 19-27 July 2018,

to ensure broader participation and inclusivity on matters related to land reform and administration. The reports from the regional consultations will serve as resource materials to enhance deliberations at the Second National Land Conference.

I wish to thank the Technical Committee members for their contribution towards the design of this befitting Logo that represents us all as a Nation, and also for the general support towards the preparations for the Second National Land Conference

Director of Proceedings,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I hereby unveil and launch the Logo for the upcoming Second National Land Conference.

Allow me to take you through the various elements of the Logo.

- The **Map**, in the form of a **tree**, represents our motherland, Namibia, which gives living space for everyone and our territorial boundaries.
- Our National colors with '**Green**' representing the vegetation, the fauna and flora. '**Red**' representing the blood of the Namibian's Heroes and Heroines that was shed for the freedom that we enjoy today. '**Blue**' representing our rich marine and aquatic natural resources. The bright Namibian '**Sun**' rising from the east representing the source of energy that gives life to our natural resources.
- **Livestock** and **Mealie Cob** represent agricultural potential of our land. The person working means whoever has access to land should work to contribute to the National Economy; and,
- The '**Kudu**' represents our precious wildlife and reminds us to protect and conserve our environment for future generations and for the growth of our tourism sector.

**Director of Proceedings,
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

I would like to take this opportunity to urge the nation to take this process as an important platform for progressive and objective discourse in order to find amicable and viable solutions to the land question in our country.

Lastly, I would like to appeal to all peace-loving Namibians, as we prepare ourselves for the Conference, to exercise patience, tolerance and maintain peace and order. Let us use this opportunity to build the Namibian House on the foundation laid by our Heroes and Heroines.

I thank you