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# Editor's Note

Dear Readers,

Warm greetings to you during this festive season! It is an honour to have you with us as we celebrate the spirit of unity, development, and progress in Namibia and globally. As you enjoy your festive season, the Office of the President presents Volume 24 of the Office of the President Newsletter, which keeps you informed about the Office's activities and developments nationally and internationally. By staying updated through this newsletter, you can engage more effectively with ongoing initiatives shaping our country's future.

As we delve into this edition, we are reminded of the dynamic leadership and commitment to progress that characterise our nation's governance. This edition brings you the latest updates and highlights of significant events that underscore Namibia's commitment to a sustainable development agenda and international cooperation, as well as our quest to build a united, peaceful, and prosperous Namibian House, in which no one should feel left out.

As you read through these articles, we hope you find inspiration in our leaders' unwavering commitment to building a prosperous future for Namibia.

We wish you a joyous festive season filled with health, happiness, and memorable activities.

*Dr Festus I Nafuka*

**Chief Editor: Speech Writing and Research**

# President Mbumba Champions Sustainable Development and Global Partnerships in Germany

By Katrina Jacob



President Nangolo Mbumba visited Germany to engage in discussions aimed at enhancing international partnerships and promoting sustainable development initiatives. President Mbumba's visit to Germany included participation in three key events: the Hamburg Sustainability Conference (HSC) on 7 October 2024, a meeting with German Federal President Dr. Frank-Walter Steinmeier at Bellevue Palace on 8 October, and the High-Level Business Breakfast with the Berlin Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DIHK) on 9 October 2024.

At the Hamburg Sustainability Conference, President Mbumba engaged in a high-level panel discussion

centred on the theme, "Shaping an International (Financial) Architecture that Works for the People and the Planet."

President Mbumba underscored the urgent need for a renewed global financial architecture that adequately addresses the needs of developing countries, particularly those in the Global South.

In his address, President Mbumba reflected on the outcomes of the recent United Nations (UN) Summit of the Future, which he co-facilitated. President Mbumba emphasised the necessity of global financial reforms that facilitate the achievement of Sustainable

Development Goals (SDGs).

*“Platforms like the HSC are crucial for catalysing dialogue between governments, academia, civil society, and business leaders,” he stated, highlighting the importance of collaborative efforts in tackling pressing global challenges such as climate change, poverty, and digital transformation,”* President Mbumba stated.

Additionally, President Mbumba showcased Namibia’s leadership in green hydrogen production, positioning the country as a potential global leader in this emerging sector.

President Mbumba invited international partners, including Germany, to invest in Namibia’s green hydrogen initiatives, notably the Hyphen Project, which aims to produce 2 million tons of green ammonia annually while reducing carbon emissions by 3 million tons.

During his visit to Bellevue Palace, President Mbumba met with Federal President, Dr. Walter-Frank Steinmeier.

Both leaders reiterated their commitments to reaching an agreement regarding the historical question of genocide, emphasising the importance of an accord that aligns with the expectations and demands of affected communities and Namibians at large.

In Berlin, President Mbumba addressed a distinguished assembly of business leaders at the High-Level Business Breakfast hosted by the DIHK.

President Mbumba highlighted the historical ties between Namibia and Germany, citing their enduring collaboration in trade, investment, and development.

President Mbumba urged German businesses to explore opportunities in Namibia’s core sectors, including mining, fishing, agriculture, and infrastructure.

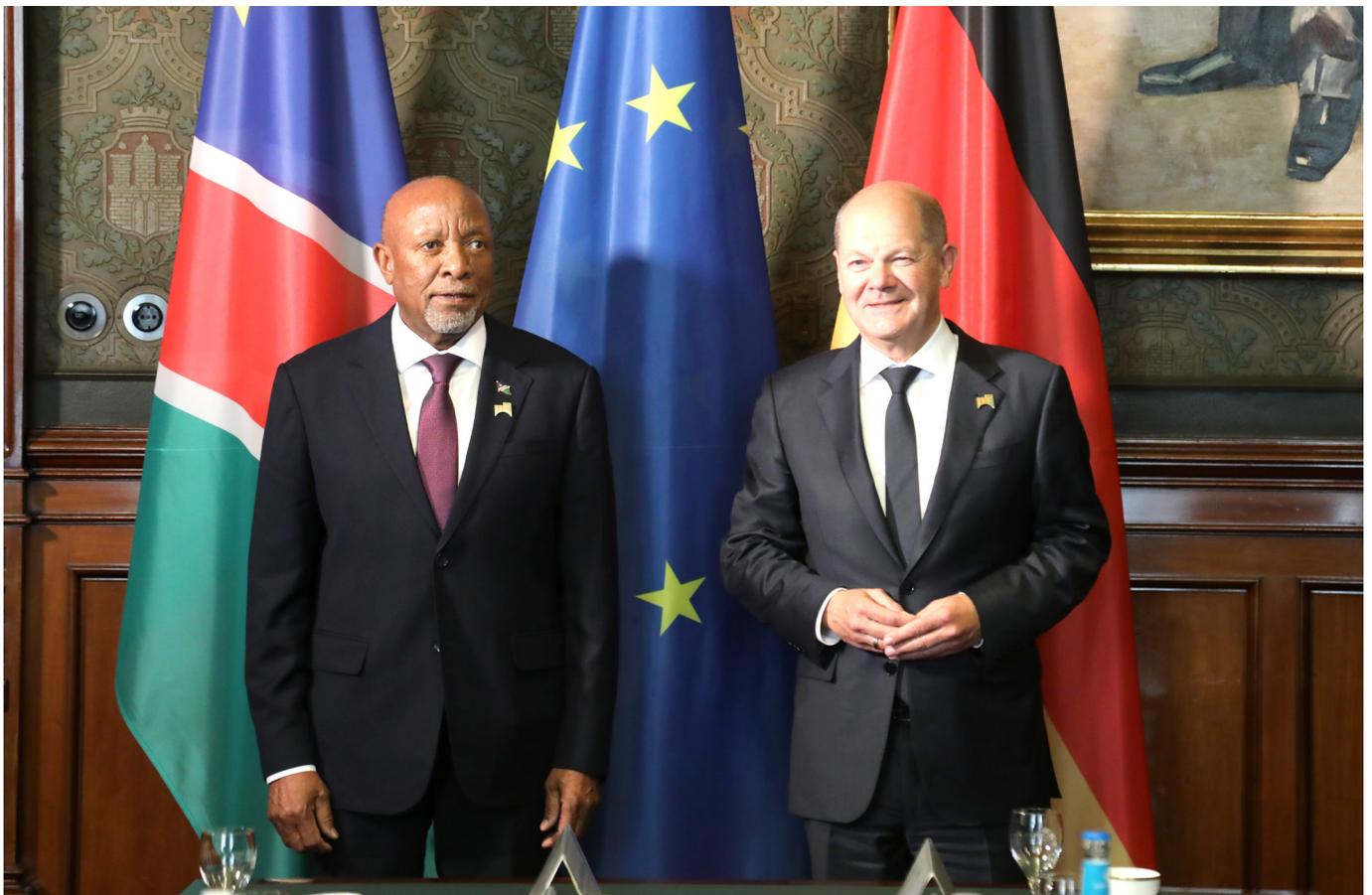
The President further articulated Namibia’s strategic vision of becoming a logistical hub for the Southern African Development Community (SADC), facilitated by investments in port, rail, and air infrastructure, thereby positioning

Namibia as a gateway to the region.

A focal point of President Mbumba’s address was Namibia’s aspiration to emerge as a global leader in green hydrogen production.

President Mbumba pointed out the country’s abundant wind and solar resources, which provide an ideal foundation for developing a robust green hydrogen industry. President Mbumba extended an invitation to German investors to collaborate on initiatives in green hydrogen and green ammonia, emphasising ongoing partnerships in skills development for this sector.

President Mbumba’s visit to Germany concluded, reinforcing Namibia’s commitment to sustainable development and international cooperation. His engagements in Hamburg and Berlin not only showcased Namibia’s dedication to addressing global challenges but also highlighted promising opportunities in green energy, trade, and infrastructure development.



# President Mbumba Co-Chairs Summit of the Future

By Dennis Shikwambi



**P**resident Nangolo Mbumba had the honour to co-chair the 2024 Summit of the Future with Olaf Scholz, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany.

This year's Summit provided world leaders with a perfect opportunity to make tough choices and the opportunity to pave the way for global peace and prosperity, restore the planet, promote digital transformation, and protect human rights.

President Mbumba stated at the Summit that the globe faces various challenges, which are climate change, inequality, and poverty, that are far too vast and complex for any one nation to tackle alone.

President Mbumba noted that the above challenges will only be overcome through unity, solidarity, and purposeful collective action, which we will rise to meet these challenges.

*"The Pact for the Future stands as a testament to the spirit of fraternity and mutual responsibility in tackling shared challenges,"* President Mbumba said.

The Namibian Head of State also extended a special word of appreciation to the Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations, Ambassador Antje Leendertse and her Deputy Ambassador Thomas Zahneisen, together with Ambassador Neville Gertze, Permanent Representative of Namibia to the United Nations, for their tireless efforts in facilitating the Summit. President Mbumba further, on behalf of the Namibian Government and its people, extended the Namibian's sincere appreciation to the Secretary General and the entire UN Secretariat for their dedicated guidance over the last two years to our respective teams as they navigated the complexities of drafting and negotiating the Pact.

For their exemplary leadership, President Mbumba thanked the Presidents of the 77<sup>th</sup> and 78<sup>th</sup> Sessions of the General Assembly for their contribution and leadership.

President Mbumba thanked H.E. Philemon Yang, the President of the 79<sup>th</sup> Session of the General Assembly, for his leadership in concluding the Pact, which is highly commendable.



Additionally, H.E. Dr. Nangolo Mbumba made use of the opportunity to acknowledge the enduring and positive relationship between Namibia and Germany.

President Mbumba reiterated that Namibia and Germany shared history, though marked by complexities, has not hindered their ability to work on a shared future rooted in mutual understanding, trust, and cooperation.

*“Today, we stand united—proud of the outcome of this*

*Summit and determined to move forward with hope,”* President Mbumba said.

President Mbumba noted that Namibia stands ready to play her part.

*“But let us not forget the true strength of this Pact lies in its implementation by member states. Let us seize this moment to reaffirm our collective commitment to building a future where no man, no woman, and no child is left behind,”* President Mbumba stated.

# Official Opening of Namibia Maritime Museum

By Herman Kangootui



H.E. Dr. Nangolo Mbumba urged all government officials, educators, students, entrepreneurs, researchers, conservationists, and citizens alike, among others, to visit the museum, participate in its programmes, contribute their own stories and artefacts, and advocate for the preservation of our maritime heritage.

President Mbumba stated this in his keynote address at the grand opening of the Namibia Maritime Museum in Lüderitz, Iikharas Region, adding that the museum stands as a symbol of our collective dedication to preserving Namibia's rich maritime history for generations to come.

*"Together, we can all contribute towards building a living archive that reflects the diversity of our nation,"* President Mbumba said.

President Mbumba stated that the late Dr. Abraham Iyambo, the former Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources, consulted on the conceptual idea of a Namibia Maritime Museum in 2004, and the Cabinet further endorsed the idea in 2009 as a component of the Lüderitz Waterfront Development Company's Second Phase.

President Mbumba stated that under the late President Geingob, our country lost a wise nation-builder and a people's President who greatly loved the people of Namibia.

*"Thus, today marks a significant milestone in the Lüderitz Waterfront Development Company agenda by establishing Phase Two through the creation of the Namibia Maritime Museum. This Museum stands as a beacon of our historical marine narrative, housed within the walls of the Lüderitz Old Power Station, a structure that has witnessed over a century of our maritime history since its completion in 1911 during the German colonial era,"* President Mbumba said.

The President stated that it is indeed a pleasing development that after many years of deliberation, planning, and finally, execution, the town of Lüderitz and the whole Namibian nation at large can proudly witness the grand opening of the Namibia

Maritime Museum, which will document the unique relationship that our people have with the ocean.

It is envisaged that the Namibia Maritime Museum will become the ultimate resource for discovering our maritime history and celebrating the important role the ocean has played in the history of our country.

President Mbumba emphasised that the Museum will ensure that historical artefacts and vessels are preserved in optimum condition and made accessible for general interest, academic study, and public education.

The President further stressed that the Namibia Maritime Museum will play an integral role in properly capturing, documenting, and representing Namibia's maritime heritage and the contribution our people have made to global seafaring.

*"To this extent, I am pleased to note that the museum will include a cultural programme and art events throughout the year, all geared towards promoting cleaner oceans and long-term sustainability,"* President Mbumba said.

According to President Mbumba, our ocean is of integral importance to us as a nation, not only from a historical standpoint but also as a means of advancing our developmental objectives.

*"The ocean contributes significantly to Namibia's economy by providing jobs, food, minerals, transportation, energy resources, ecological services, and tourism opportunities,"* President Mbumba said.

President Mbumba expressed his belief that the museum will not only become a centrepiece attraction in this town but will make a difference to the knowledge and understanding of everyone who walks through its doors.



# President Mbumba Participates at the 79<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly

By Dennis Shikwambi



Delivering his maiden speech at the 79<sup>th</sup> session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA 79), H.E. Dr. Nangolo Mbumba, on behalf of the Namibian nation and its people, congratulated H.E. Fillemon Young on his election as President of the 79<sup>th</sup> Session of the UN General Assembly.

President Mbumba further extended his appreciation to his predecessor, H.E. Dennis Francis, for successfully

steering the Assembly through trying times.

*"It was during the 78<sup>th</sup> Session that the relevance of the Assembly's work repeatedly came to the fore through reaffirmations,"* President Mbumba said.

Commenting on the theme for the 79<sup>th</sup> General Debate, which is *"Leaving no one behind: acting together for the advancement of peace, sustainable development,*

*and human dignity for present and future generations,”* President Mbumba stated that it aligns perfectly with Namibia’s shared aspirations for effective international cooperation.

*“In this regard, the adoption of the “Pact for the Future” and its annexes on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September 2024 is encouraging. Namibia is proud to have served alongside Germany as co-facilitator of the Summit of the Future. I congratulate delegates for their commitment that brought the Pact to fruition,”* said President Mbumba.

Conveying Namibia’s position, President Mbumba stated that Namibia’s interest in the Pact for the Future is grounded in the understanding that multilateral institutions, including the Security Council, do not represent African needs and aspirations.

*“The institutions created in 1945 must better respond to today’s challenges,”* President Mbumba stated.

Noting Namibia and Africa’s demand and aspiration, President Mbumba said at the core of the Pact is this recognition and the urgency for profound global transformation.

*“At the heart of our quest to rebuild trust in multilateralism is a legitimate demand to be recognised as equal partners. These partners should be partners who can be trusted. Partners in the fight against war, poverty, global injustice, and inequality,”* President Mbumba stated.

The Namibian Head of State stated that Namibia is concerned about the impact of climate change, adding that changes in ocean temperatures have affected fish stocks with potential long-term consequences for our livelihoods, ecosystems, and tourism.

*“Due to climate change in Sub-Saharan, Namibia and the rest of the SADC region are going through the El Niño phenomenon, which has adversely impacted food security. In this regard, Namibia had to declare a State of Emergency to address the severe effects of drought,”* President Mbumba said.

President Mbumba stated that as we approach the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration, we are presented with a renewed opportunity to strengthen gender equality.

*“Namibia remains among the top nine countries globally that have closed at least 80% of the gender gap. In the past 12 months, we have achieved perfect parity in the National Assembly, where 50% of representatives are women,”* President Mbumba stated.

President Mbumba emphasised that 2024 is the year of elections in many parts of the world, and Namibia is no exception; therefore, Namibia is preparing for the 8th Presidential and National Assembly Elections on 27 November 2024.

*“Some political parties, including the ruling party, have nominated female candidates. We hope that the*

*United Nations will have a female Secretary-General in the near future,”* said President Mbumba.

President Mbumba stated that Namibia is working to develop a sustainable energy mix in order to support our industrialisation aspiration and to combat climate change.

*“We are establishing green industrialisation ecosystems for decarbonising industries that find it difficult to lower their greenhouse emissions,”* stated President Mbumba.

On the international front and to bring about peace and security in Gaza, President Mbumba noted that there is an urgent need for the Assembly to support the modalities to actualise the advisory opinion rendered by the International Court of Justice regarding the ongoing conflict in Gaza.

Further stating that prolonged occupation of the Gaza Strip by Israel does not justify or make acceptable the hardships and injustices endured.

*“This is particularly true for the people of Gaza, who continue to be brutally massacred. As a country that has endured genocide, Namibia believes that Israel, by intent and by action, is committing genocide. Namibia continues to call for a ceasefire and for humanitarian assistance to flow unhindered into Gaza,”* added President Mbumba.

President Mbumba stated that the economic embargo against Cuba, which has caused economic hardships, continues to affect the sister Republic of Cuba, adding that Namibia calls for the end of the economic, financial, and commercial blockade against Cuba.

President Mbumba reiterated Namibia’s call for the immediate and unconditional lifting of illegal sanctions against Zimbabwe, which hinders the country’s capacity to achieve Sustainable Development Goals.

President Mbumba expressed his concern on the United Nations Charter, its purposes, and its principles, which he described as the continued disenfranchisement of the people of Western Sahara who are denied their right to self-determination.

*“This 79<sup>th</sup> Session of UNGA must do more to change this situation,”* President Mbumba said.

President Mbumba stated that the United Nations system can be strengthened if we hold hands and work together as bridge builders, as illustrated by the Summit of the Future.

*“By choosing the way of collaboration over enmity, peaceful dialogue over war and conflict, and de-escalation over escalation, we can achieve our shared goal of a more peaceful, just, and prosperous world,”* President Mbumba said.

# President Mbumba Delivers Maiden Speech at the SADC Ordinary Summit

By Herman Kangootui



President Nangolo Mbumba delivered his maiden speech during the 44th Ordinary SADC Summit of Heads of State and Government in Harare, Republic of Zimbabwe. The summit was held under the theme: “Promoting Innovation to unlock opportunities for sustained economic growth and development towards an industrialised SADC.”

President Mbumba stated that he shall continue from where my predecessor left off by remaining committed to the goals and principles of our regional organisation and the aspirations of our people, adding that he will tirelessly endeavour to play my part in ensuring that their dreams and hopes for a better future will materialise into a region characterised by peace, unity, and economic prosperity.

*“I join you in discharging this cardinal responsibility of contributing to the advancement of initiatives and programs aimed at fostering economic growth and addressing regional challenges for the betterment of*

*the living conditions of our people,”* President Mbumba said.

Furthermore, President Mbumba expressed his deepest gratitude to Your Excellency Dr. Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa, President of the Republic of Zimbabwe, on his assumption of the chairmanship of the Southern African Development Community.

*“I am confident that under your able leadership, we will witness the continuation of the collective efforts and progress that we all aspire to see in the SADC region,”* President Mbumba said.

President Mbumba thanked all the Heads of State for the solidarity and support that was extended to the Namibian people during that difficult period of the passing of President Hage G. Geingob.

While on this sad subject matter of bereavement and loss, President Mbumba conveyed Namibia’s heartfelt



condolences to the Government and people of the Republic of Malawi following the tragic death on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2024 of the Right Honourable Dr. Saulos Chilima, Vice President of the Republic of Malawi.

*"Similarly, I would also like to convey our sincere condolences to the Government and people of the United Republic of Tanzania on the passing of His Excellency Mzee Ali Hassan Mwinyi, the second President of the United Republic of Tanzania, on February 29, 2024. We salute these departed sons of Africa for their steadfast leadership and admirable service to their countries and the SADC region at large,"* President Mbumba said.

President Mbumba emphasised that Namibia remains committed to the SADC Principles and Guidelines for Democratic Elections and will respect the findings of SADC and will pay attention to the advice and recommendations during the National and Presidential Elections scheduled to take place on 27 November 2024.

President Mbumba reiterated that the objectives of the Regional Strategic Indicative Development Plan 2020-2050 cannot be achieved if the fundamental pillar of peace, security and good governance is compromised.

*"Our region is still faced with persistent security*

*challenges in the eastern Democratic Republic of Congo, following the resurgence of conflict and activities of armed groups, including the M23. This is a source of great concern for the region, as it poses a potential threat to regional peace and security. It therefore requires a collective effort and stronger political will for us to ensure that peace comes to the people of the DRC,"* President Mbumba said.

Additionally, President Mbumba extended his sincere condolences to the Governments whose brave sons and daughters have sacrificed their lives while deployed in the SADC Mission in Mozambique (SAMIM) and the SADC Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (SAMIDRC).

*"They lost their lives in support of the noble efforts of the Government of the Republic of Mozambique and the Government of the Democratic Republic of Congo to combat violent conflict and instability in our two sister countries,"* President Mbumba said.

President Mbumba also commends all Member States for providing resources and materials in support of the SAMIM objective, adding that, due to these collective efforts, the situation in Cabo Delgado has normalised and the displaced persons are returning to their places of origin.



# Commissioning of Heads of Missions by President Mbumba

By Dennis Shikwambi



**D**elivering his charges for new Heads of Missions on 10 September 2024 at the State House of the Republic of Namibia, H.E. Dr. Nangolo Mbumba stated that he has appointed them, distinguished citizens of the Republic of Namibia, to represent him in their host countries as Ambassadors of the Republic of Namibia.

*"You are well aware of the interests between Namibia and your host countries, and I believe that you share my desire to consolidate and enhance these relations. My faith in your characters and ability gives me complete confidence that you will carry out your duties in a manner fully acceptable to the leadership of your host countries,"* President Mbumba stated.

President Mbumba stated that he entrusted new Ambassadors to the confidence of the leaders of their respective host countries, trusting that they will be favourably received and give full credence to what they shall say on behalf of the Republic of Namibia, as well as the assurances that they bear of my best wishes for

the prosperity of your host country.

The OATH they have taken, they have made a public commitment to uphold and defend the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Namibia at all times. They have made a vow to promote, protect, and place Namibia's national interest above all else, emphasised President Mbumba.

In his charges, President Mbumba further informed new Ambassadors that the national interest of Namibia and the well-being of all Namibians should be at the forefront of all their engagements, further urging them that their actions must translate into tangible benefits for the Namibian people and contribute to our developmental agenda, as well as our quest to build a united, peaceful, and prosperous Namibian House, in which no one should feel left out.

*"During your diplomatic tour, I expect Namibia to gain more trading partners. You must endeavour to find niche markets for our products, as well as*



*to work towards improving our image and global competitiveness rankings,”* President Mbumba urged new Ambassadors.

In his conclusion, President Mbumba charged Ambassadors to go well and maintain their love and loyalty for the Republic of Namibia; hold high the banners of liberty, justice, and freedom. President Mbumba appointed H.E. Selma Nghinamundova, Ambassador of the Republic of Namibia to the Federative Republic of Brazil; H.E. Elizabeth Kakukuru, Ambassador of the Republic of



Namibia to the Republic of Botswana; and H.E. Richard Stanley Tsandib, Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal.

President Mbumba appointed H.E. Selma Nghinamundova, Ambassador of the Republic of Namibia to the Federative Republic of Brazil; H.E. Elizabeth Kakukuru, Ambassador of the Republic of Namibia to the Republic of Botswana; and H.E. Richard Stanley Tsandib, Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal.



# Namibia Commemorates Geingob's Legacy with Dr. Hage G. Geingob Freeway Unveiling

By Katrina Jacob



In a moving ceremony marking what would have been the 83rd birthday of the late former President Dr. Hage Geingob, the Government of the Republic of Namibia honoured his legacy by renaming the Hosea Kutako International Airport Road to the 'Dr. Hage G. Geingob Freeway.' This tribute, held on 3 August 2024, gathered national leaders, family, and dignitaries to celebrate Dr. Geingob's profound contributions to the nation he helped shape.

President Dr. Nangolo Mbumba presided over the renaming ceremony, joined by Former President Hifikepunye Pohamba and Former First Lady Monica Geingos. Addressing a crowd of officials and invited guests, President Mbumba reflected on Dr. Geingob's lasting legacy, describing him as 'a big man with a big heart' whose journey was marked by courage and dedication to Namibia.

Dr. Geingob, who passed away on 4 February 2024, was remembered for his vision of a united Namibia, championing inclusivity and nationhood throughout his leadership.

*"His influence extended beyond Namibia's borders, creating a lasting impact on African diplomacy and regional cohesion,"* President Mbumba said.

Furthermore, President Mbumba evoked the symbolism of the new freeway as both a physical and ideological

path inspired by Dr. Geingob's ideals.

*"President Geingob showed us the way to excellence. He showed us the way to success,"* President Mbumba remarked.

The President highlighted that the Dr. Hage G. Geingob Freeway stands as a testament to Dr. Geingob's commitment to accountability, transparency, and inclusivity, echoing his famous 'Namibian House' philosophy in which every citizen has a place.

The renaming ceremony underscored Dr. Geingob's support for developing Namibia's infrastructure as an economic enabler. According to President Mbumba, the national road network of nearly 50,000 kilometres serves as a 'lifeblood' for sectors like logistics, retail, and mining. The Dr. Hage G. Geingob Freeway, an essential link in Namibia's transport network, enhances connectivity to regional corridors that connect Namibia with neighbouring countries, boosting trade and regional integration.

The day's events culminated with a symbolic unveiling of the new signage by members of the Geingob family, along with government and Roads Authority officials. The renaming of the freeway honours not only a revered national leader but also a legacy of service, unity, and hope for future generations of Namibians.

# President Nangolo Mbumba Comments All at Conferment of the Most Ancient Order of Welwitschia Mirabilis

By Herman Kangootui



President Nangolo Mbumba stated that he would not be the person he is today without those people that have played an invaluable role in shaping his beliefs, thoughts, and character as he navigated the course of his destiny.

President Mbumba was speaking at the occasion of the conferment of The Most Ancient Order of Welwitschia Mirabilis at State House.

This accolade that was conferred by H.E. Hifikepunye Pohamba, Former President of the Republic of Namibia, recognises individuals who made significant contributions to the nation and is named after Namibia's iconic desert plant (Welwitschia).

During the event, President Mbumba emphasised that leaders are not born but created and are forged in the furnace of life and moulded by their experiences as they traverse the course of destiny.

*"It is therefore my privilege to acknowledge those family, friends, comrades, and colleagues who have made this day possible. To my dear wife, you exemplify the verse from the book of Proverbs 31:10, which states that, 'A truly good wife is the most precious treasure a man can find.' I am therefore grateful that during my life journey, I was able to find the most precious treasure a man can find,"* President Mbumba stated.

President Mbumba added, *"I am indebted to my maternal grandparents, who laid the foundation for my*

*success. Their nurturing, discipline, and guidance have allowed me to achieve success beyond my greatest expectations."*

President Mbumba expressed his gratitude to teachers, pastors, and elders in Namibia and during exile days, who played a great role in his life to impart words of wisdom, morals, and values that guided him on his life's journey.

*"Through these interactions I learnt the precious mores of humility, respect for others, sharing what you have with those who are less fortunate, and simply just to be more caring human being,"* President Mbumba said.

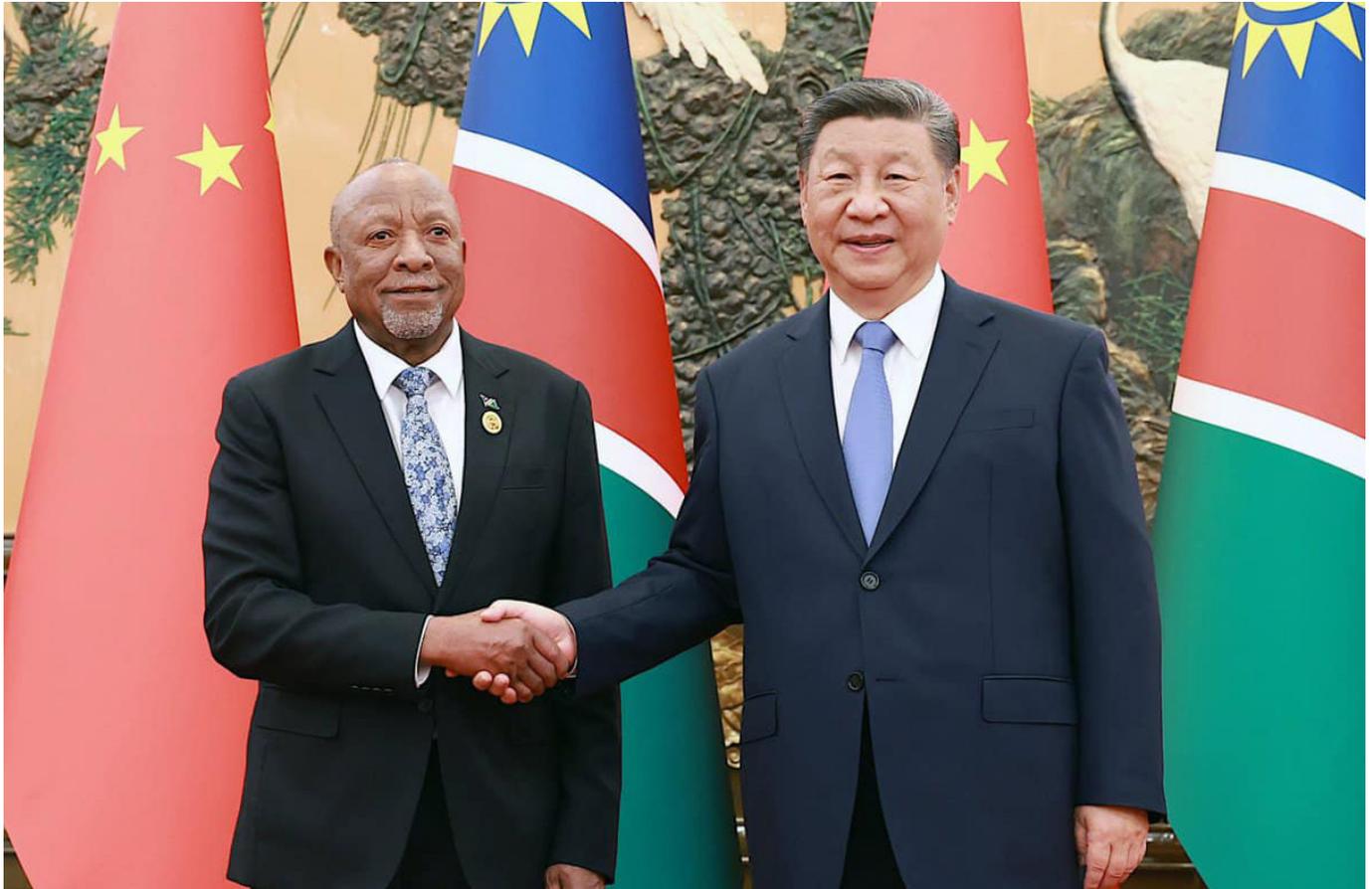
Furthermore, President Mbumba thanked H.E. Hifikepunye Pohamba, Former President of the Republic of Namibia, and H.E. Sam Nujoma, Founding President of Namibia, for their guidance and the roles they played in his life.

President Mbumba thanked the great people of our beloved nation, the Land of the Brave, for the trust and confidence they have vested in him during his current tenure and in his various portfolios.

*"Words cannot express fully the depth of my gratitude and emotions; however, I thank you all wholeheartedly for bestowing upon me this great honour of The Most Ancient Order of Welwitschia Mirabilis,"* President Mbumba said.

# Namibia and China Forge Stronger Ties at FOCAC 2024

By Katrina Jacob



**H**is Excellency Dr. Nangolo Mbumba, President of the Republic of Namibia, participated in a four-day working visit to the People's Republic of China. During the visit, Namibia played a key role at the 9th Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC), held from 2-6 September, and engaged in high-level bilateral discussions with Chinese President Xi Jinping. This visit represents a significant advancement in bolstering Namibia's economic and developmental partnerships with China.

President Mbumba's engagements in China were packed with high-profile meetings aimed at deepening Namibia's ties with China, one of its most significant economic partners.

*"Namibia is committed to advancing mutually beneficial partnerships that drive sustainable development, create jobs, and transform our key sectors,"* President Mbumba remarked.

During high-level talks with Chinese President Xi Jinping,

President Mbumba reaffirmed Namibia's commitment to deepening its partnership with China.

*"Namibia values its strategic relationship with China, which has played a key role in our economic growth and development. Our discussions today pave the way for further collaboration in critical sectors like energy, technology, and infrastructure,"* said President Mbumba.

A significant outcome of the meeting was China's pledge to provide a N\$1 billion grant for housing projects for Namibian police officers, along with an additional N\$500 million for future development projects. China also committed N\$50 million in aid for Namibia's ongoing drought relief efforts.

## **Bilateral Business Engagements**

President Mbumba also engaged with top Chinese business leaders to attract investment in Namibia's key sectors. At the Namibia-China High-Level Business Forum held in Beijing, President Mbumba urged

Chinese companies to consider Namibia's strategic opportunities in renewable energy, agro-processing, and technology.

*"Namibia is poised to become a hub for green energy development and industrialization. We invite Chinese businesses to partner with us as we focus on value addition and job creation,"* President Mbumba stated.

Namibia's goal, President Mbumba emphasised, is to shift from exporting raw materials to developing industries that promote long-term economic self-reliance. The President's tour of Huawei's headquarters underscored the importance of digital technology in Namibia's development, with discussions centred around smart cities and digital governance.

### **FOCAC Discussions on Industrialisation and Agricultural Modernisation**

At the FOCAC summit, President Mbumba highlighted Namibia's ambitious plans for industrialisation and agricultural modernisation. President Mbumba stressed the need for reforms in global financial systems to make development funding more accessible.

*"Developing nations must be empowered to pursue their national development agendas. Industrialisation without financial inclusivity will only widen the gap between developed and developing nations,"* President said.

President Mbumba also noted that Namibia aims to

establish agro-processing centres to stimulate rural economies and create jobs. By acquiring affordable technologies from China, Namibia hopes to add value to its agricultural produce, particularly in regions affected by high unemployment.

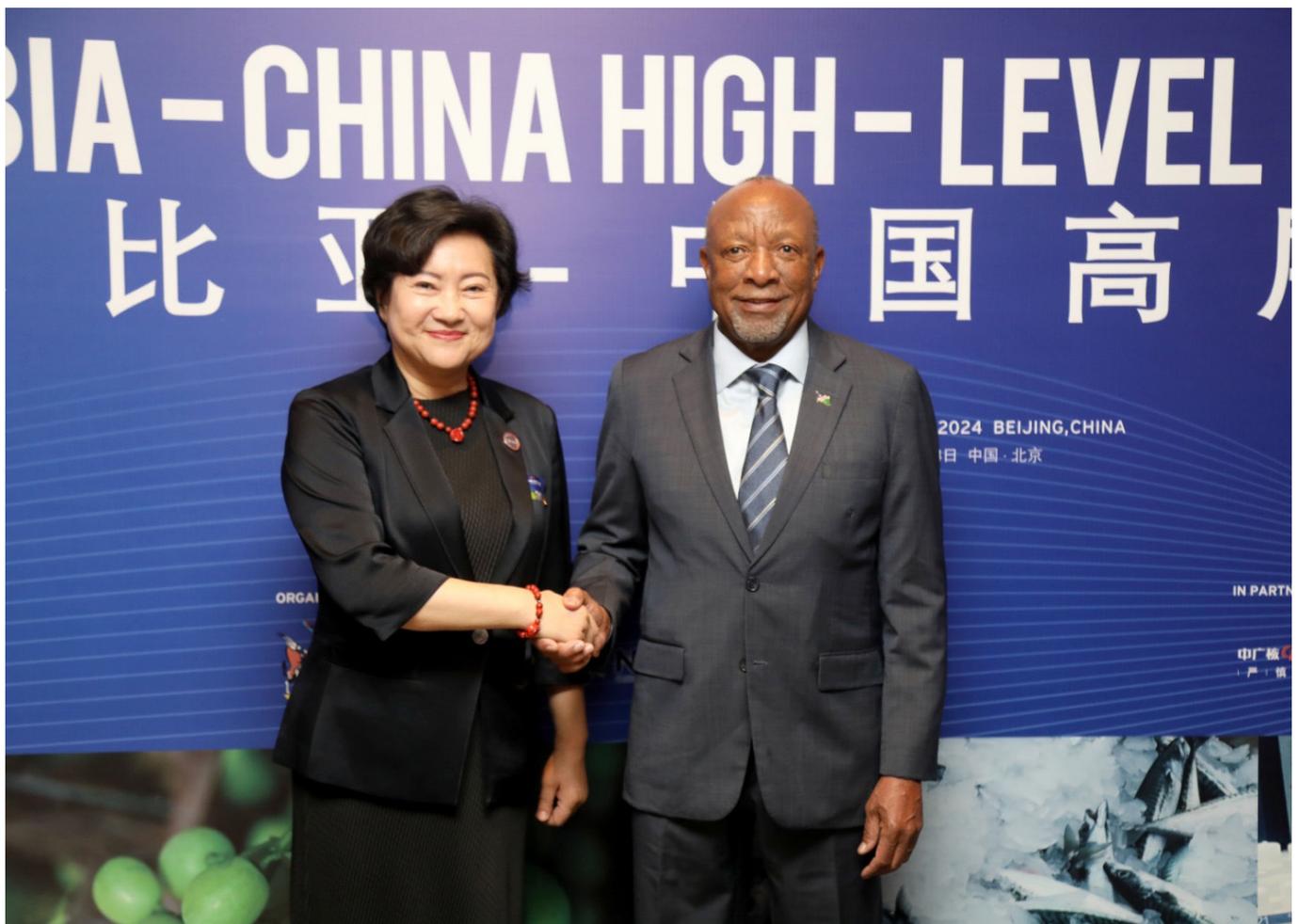
### **Stronger Future Partnerships**

The Namibian delegation's visit ended on a high note with renewed optimism for the future. President Xi Jinping lauded Namibia's resilience and reiterated China's commitment to supporting Namibia's development.

*"Our relationship with Namibia is based on mutual respect and shared prosperity. We are ready to deepen our cooperation and support Namibia's sustainable development goals,"* President Xi stated.

Reflecting on the success of the visit, President Mbumba expressed confidence that Namibia's partnership with China would continue to grow. *"We are building a foundation for the future. With China's support in key sectors, we can achieve Namibia's Vision 2030 goals and ensure a prosperous and sustainable future for all Namibians,"* President Mbumba stated.

President Mbumba's visit has opened new doors for investment, secured much-needed development aid, and strengthened the foundation for continued cooperation between Namibia and China.



# Inauguration of Hoachanas Periodic Magistrate's Court by Vice President Nandi-Ndaitwah

By Herman Kangootui



H.E. Dr. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, Vice President of the Republic of Namibia, inaugurated the Hoachanas Periodic Magistrate's Court in Hoachanas, Hardap Region.

In her speech, the Vice President stated that it is the responsibility of the government to ensure that services are brought closer to the people to alleviate the long distances and strenuous travelling expenses that our fellow countrymen and women must travel to access basic services.

The Vice President thanked the Minister of Justice and the Chief Justice for their commitment to ensure that our people have access to justice and for inviting me to officiate at this event, an honour and privilege that is highly appreciated.

*"With reference to today, we must all know that justice is a right that cannot be limited, and we must always strive to ensure that it is adequately provided throughout the length and breadth of this great country of ours,"* Vice President Nandi-Ndaitwah said.

The Vice President expressed her gratitude to the Office of the Judiciary and the Ministry of Justice for their collectively redoubled efforts to bring the services closer to the people, as Namibia is a vast country and Decentralisation Policy is aimed at doing that.

H.E. Dr. Nandi-Ndaitwah stressed that through the development of physical infrastructure, the country is alleviating youth unemployment and building a society with sound institutions that are readily available to all.

The Vice President emphasised that the opening of this Periodical Court is timely and will help alleviate the time and costs spent on travelling to and from the crime scene to investigate, submission of dockets, and prosecutors travelling from their duty stations as far as Rehoboth to come and attend to cases.

H.E. Dr. Nandi-Ndaitwah states that the Namibian Government continues to tirelessly build a policy, legal, and institutional framework that embodies the principles of justice, fairness, and equality.

*“The right to a fair trial, enshrined in Article 12 of our Constitution, guarantees that every Namibian, regardless of their background or circumstances, has the right to a fair and impartial hearing before a competent court. This right is fundamental to our democracy and the protection of individual freedoms. Without access to courts, these rights are at risk of violation,”* Vice President Nandi-Ndaitwah said.

H.E. Dr. Nandi-Ndaitwah urged the civil servants in that facility to seize this opportunity to improve the quality

of service they provide, ensuring that every person who walks through these doors receives the justice they seek and deserve.

*“The development of this court required visionary leadership and enthusiastic cooperation from mandated Government partners—notably the Ministry of Justice and the Judiciary. Let us guard these facilities against any form of vandalism and optimally make use of them,”* Vice President Nandi-Ndaitwah said.

The Vice President expressed her wish that this Court be elevated to a Permanent Court, with Judicial Officers, Prosecutors, and Legal Aid Counsels seating and living in the community of Hoachanas.

Furthermore, the Vice President encouraged the young people who reside in this area to be inspired to take up studies in the fields that will be needed in the operationalisation of this Court and be employed meaningfully.



# Vice President Nandi-Ndaitwah Opens Ongwediva Trade Fair 2024

By Katrina Jacob



Her Excellency Dr. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, Vice President of the Republic of Namibia officially opened the 23rd edition of the Ongwediva Annual Trade Fair. In her keynote address, H.E. Dr. Nandi-Ndaitwah emphasised the importance of embracing innovation, economic diversification, and public-private partnerships as Namibia positions itself for future growth in a rapidly evolving global market.

Speaking on behalf of President Nangolo Mbumba, who could not attend due to other national commitments, Vice President Nandi-Ndaitwah underscored the role of the Ongwediva Annual Trade Fair in bridging tradition and innovation, aligning with this year's theme.

*"Innovation is critical for businesses to become competitive both locally and globally. This trade fair provides a platform for local businesses to engage with new technologies and ideas that will enhance their productivity and competitiveness,"* Vice President Nandi-Ndaitwah said.

The Ongwediva Annual Trade Fair brings together key stakeholders, with a host of activities, exhibitions, and networking opportunities available for participants from various sectors. With over 457 exhibitors, including 17 international participants, the event continues to serve as a hub for trade and investment opportunities within Namibia and across the SADC region.





Highlighting the importance of youth and SMEs, the Vice President Nandi-Ndaitwah called on young entrepreneurs to seize the opportunity to learn from experienced business leaders.

*“The future of our country lies in the hands of the youth. The government is committed to creating policies that support young entrepreneurs and local businesses,”* Vice President Nandi-Ndaitwah added.

The Vice President Nandi-Ndaitwah reiterated the Government’s commitment to supporting farmers, especially through technological innovations and climate resilience strategies, to ensure sustainable agricultural productivity.

The Trade Fair is also seen as a critical platform for Namibia to engage in international trade, with participation from businesses beyond the country’s borders. Vice President Nandi-Ndaitwah expressed appreciation for the ongoing support from sponsors such as MTC, FNB Namibia, and Standard Bank, among others, who played a significant role in making the event possible.

As the Trade Fair opened its doors to the public, the Vice President urged all participants to take full advantage of the opportunities provided, learn from each other, and contribute to the country’s socio-economic development. The event fosters stronger trade relations and drives Namibia’s ambition to be a key player in the African Continental Free Trade Agreement.

# Courtesy Visit by Limpopo Provincial Delegation

By Elia Kanana



The Omusati Regional Governor, Honourable Erginus Endjala, welcomed a visiting delegation from South Africa's Limpopo Province. The courtesy visit, lasting several hours, provided an opportunity to explore shared values, historical connections, and potential avenues for economic and cultural collaboration between the two regions.

The Limpopo delegation, led by the Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Hon. Grace Nakedi Kekana, represented various sectors, including agriculture, tourism, manufacturing, innovation, culture, and trade. The diverse group exemplified Limpopo's commitment to fostering inter-regional relations and exploring areas for mutual development with Namibia's Omusati Region.

Hon. Endjala introduced the delegation to Omusati Region's unique historical significance, notably as the birthplace of Namibia's national liberation struggle, launched at Omugulugwombashe in 1966. Hon. Endjala

also emphasised the natural and cultural similarities between Omusati and Limpopo, citing both regions' strong agricultural foundations, rich heritage, and shared commitment to preserving an African identity.

During the visit, discussions also highlighted socio-economic issues, particularly the need for enhanced cultural exchange and intra-regional trade between Omusati Region and Limpopo Province.

The visit concluded with a tour of significant landmarks in Outapi town, with the regional leadership proudly showcasing local heritage and innovation. The delegation visited the iconic Baobab Tree at the Ombalantu Heritage Centre, a powerful symbol of local history and resilience. They also toured the War Museum, which commemorates the region's pivotal role in the liberation struggle, and the Solar PV Plant, highlighting Omusati Region's progress in sustainable energy.

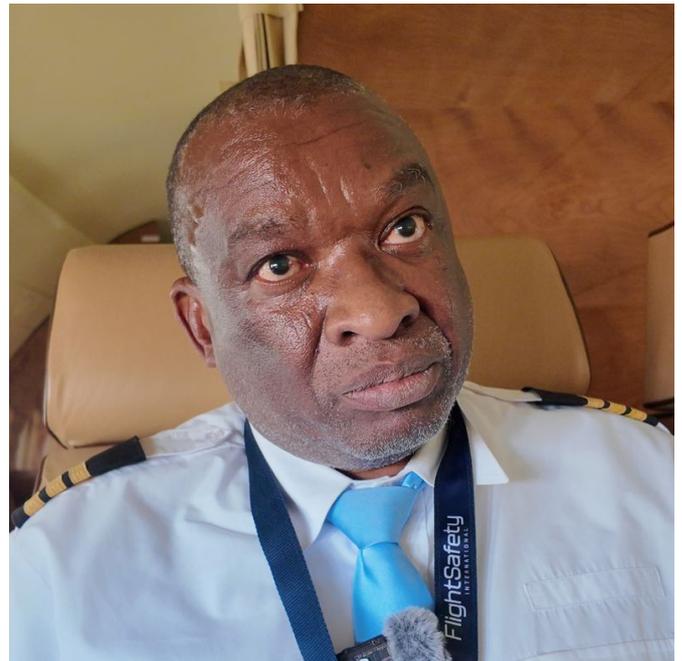
# Veteran Pilot Captain Naftal Gabriel Retires After Nearly 40 Years of Service

By Katrina Jacob

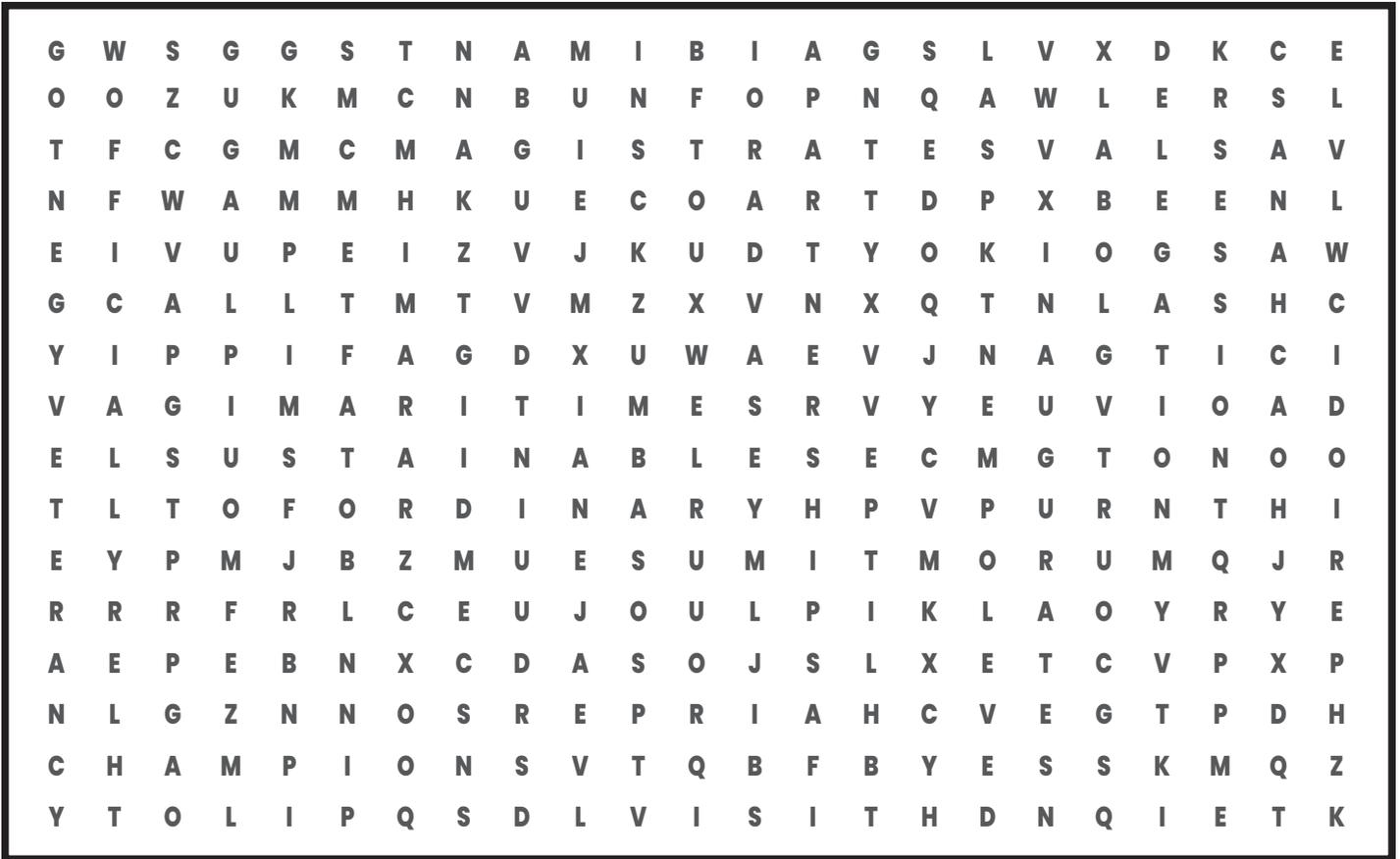
Captain Naftal Gabriel, a veteran of Namibia's government air transport services, has retired after nearly four decades in aviation, with his final flight on 20 September 2024 marking the end of a lengthy and steady career. Starting in 1986 with training at Ethiopian Airlines, Gabriel's path took him through roles at the Ministry of Fisheries and the Ministry of Works, ultimately leading him to the Office of the President in 2022.

Throughout his tenure, Gabriel was responsible for flying Namibia's top officials, including the Founding President, Former President, Prime Minister, and current President. Colleagues noted his calm and reliable approach, particularly when dealing with the pressures of government transport responsibilities.

The Office of the President has acknowledged Gabriel's contributions, citing his work as part of the foundation of Namibia's government aviation services. His departure leaves a gap in an area where experienced hands are few, with future pilots looking to his example for standards in government service.



# Volume 24 Crossword Puzzle

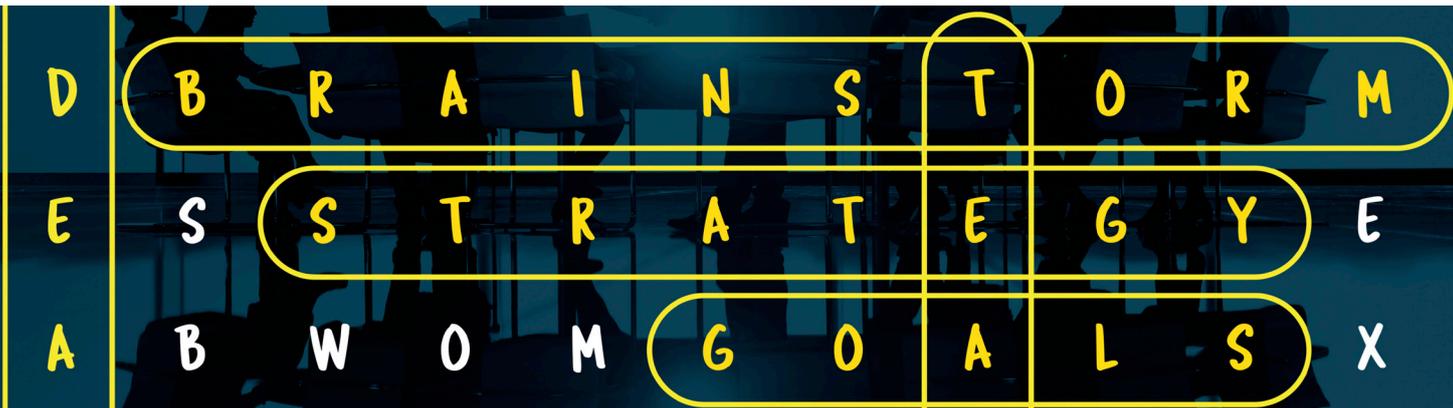


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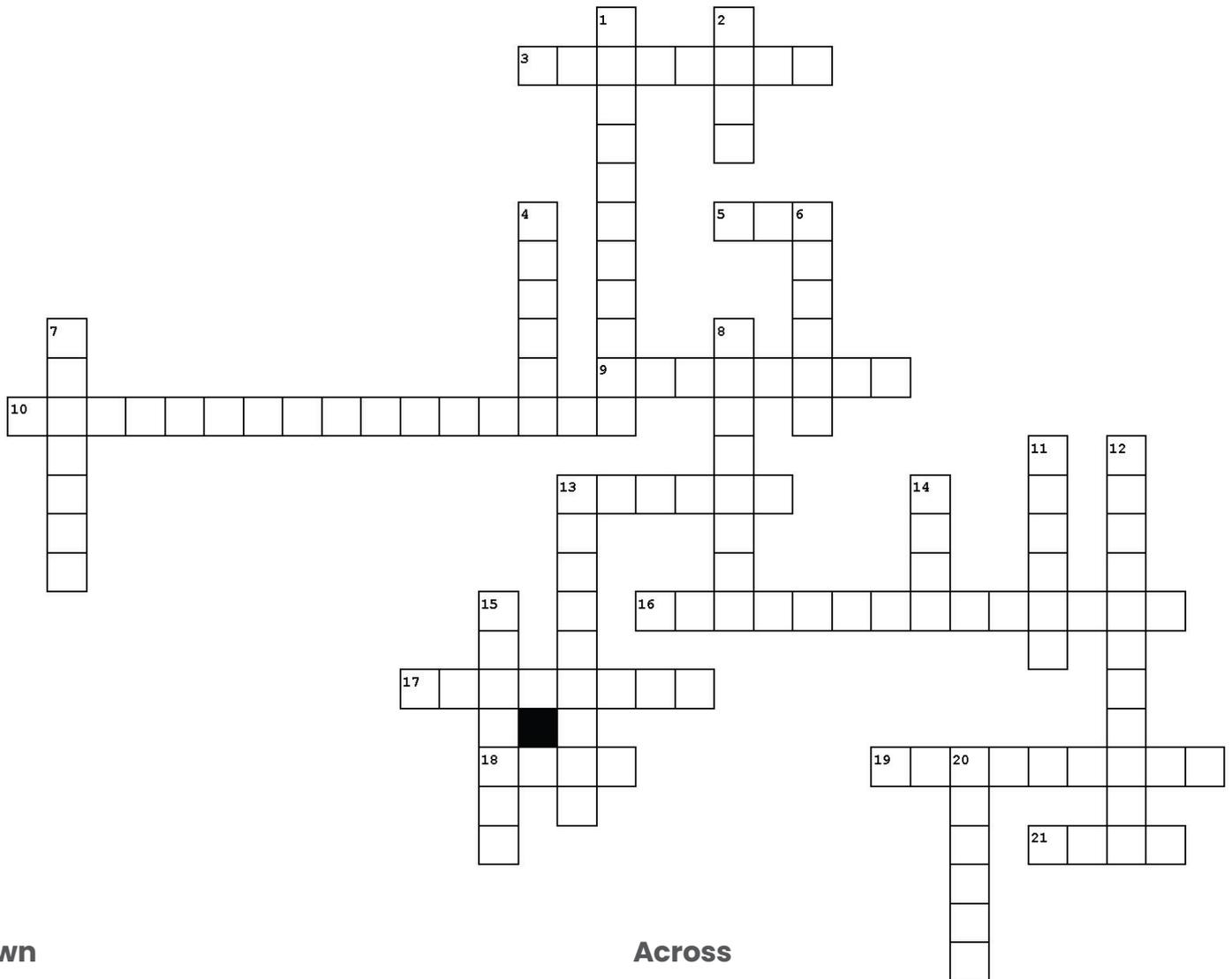
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# An Overview of Volume 24



## Down

1. The Vice President Nandi-Ndaitwah reiterated the Government's commitment to supporting farmers, especially through technological innovations and climate resilience strategies, to ensure .....agricultural productivity.
2. The ..... stock that the Namibian Head of State stated that Namibia is concerned about is the impact of climate change, adding those changes in ocean temperatures with potential long-term consequences for our livelihoods, ecosystems, and tourism.
4. The government and people of the Republic of Malawi experienced the tragic death of the Right Honourable Dr. .... Chilima, Vice President of the Republic of Malawi.
6. Cervical cancer is a growth of cells that starts in the.....
7. The abbreviation of SADC Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo.....
8. The name of the palace where President Mbumba met with Federal President Dr. Walter-Frank Steinmeier.
11. The surname of the head of delegation that visited Omusati Region, Namibia.....
12. The Namibia Maritime Museum plays an integral role in properly capturing, ....., and representing Namibia's maritime.
13. The Vice President expressed her wish that this Court be elevated to a Permanent Court, with Judicial Officers, Prosecutors, and Legal Aid Counsels seating and living in the community of.....
14. For how many decades did Captain Naftal Gabriel, a veteran of Namibia's Government Air Transport Services (GATS), serve in aviation, with his final flight on 20 September 2024 marking the end of a lengthy and steady career?
15. The name of the South African province that visited Omusati Region, Namibia....
20. The region in which H.E. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, Vice President of the Republic of Namibia, inaugurated the Hoachanas Periodic Magistrate's Court.

## Across

3. President Mbumba stated that as we approach the 30th anniversary of the Beijing Declaration, we are presented with a renewed opportunity to strengthen gender.....
5. The abbreviation of the Hamburg Sustainability Conference
9. The town in which the grand opening of the Namibia Maritime Museum was held.
10. The place name of the Omusati Region's unique historical significance, notably as the birthplace of Namibia's national liberation struggle, as launched in 1966.
13. .... project aims to produce 2 million tons of green ammonia annually while reducing carbon emissions by 3 million tons as per Namibia's green hydrogen initiatives.
16. The main types of cervical cancer are squamous cell carcinoma and.....
17. The country from which H.E. Dr. Emmerson Dambudzo Mnangagwa assumed the chairmanship of the Southern African Development Community.
18. The first name of the Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany who co-chaired the 2024 Summit of the Future with H.E. Dr. Nangolo Mbumba, President of the Republic of Namibia.....
19. The Airlines, which Captain Naftal Gabriel attended in 1986, with a training path that took him through roles at the Ministry of Fisheries and the Ministry of Works, ultimately leading him to the Office of the President in 2022.
21. The abbreviation of Sustainable Development Goals

# Health Tips and Awareness



## Cervical Cancer

Cervical cancer is a growth of cells that starts in the cervix. The cervix is the lower part of the uterus that connects to the vagina.

Cervical cancer begins when healthy cells in the cervix develop changes in their DNA. A cell's DNA contains the instructions that tell a cell what to do. The changes tell the cells to multiply quickly. The cells continue living when healthy cells would die as part of their natural life cycle. This causes too many cells. The cells might form a mass called a tumour. The cells can invade and destroy healthy body tissue. In time, the cells can break away and spread to other parts of the body.

### Causes

Most cervical cancers are caused by Human Papillomavirus (HPV), a sexually transmitted infection. HPV spreads through sexual contact (anal, oral, or vaginal) and can lead to cancer. Most people will get HPV at some point in their lives and not realise it because their bodies fight the infection. But if your body does not fight the infection, it can cause the cells of your cervix to change to cancerous cells.

### Signs and Symptoms

When it starts, cervical cancer might not cause symptoms. As it grows, cervical cancer might cause signs and symptoms, such as:

- Vaginal bleeding after intercourse, between periods, or after menopause;
- Menstrual bleeding that is heavier and lasts longer than usual;
- Watery, bloody vaginal discharge that may be heavy and have a foul odour; and
- Pelvic pain or pain during intercourse (dyspareunia).

If cancer has spread to nearby tissues or organs, symptoms may include:

- Difficult or painful urination, sometimes with blood in urine;
- Diarrhoea, or pain or bleeding from your rectum when pooping;
- Fatigue, loss of weight, and appetite;
- A general feeling of illness;
- Dull backache or swelling in your legs; and
- Pelvic/abdominal pain.

### Types of Cervical Cancer

Cervical cancer is divided into types based on the type of cell in which the cancer begins. The main types of cervical cancer are Squamous cell carcinoma and Adenocarcinoma.

#### Squamous cell carcinoma

This type of cervical cancer begins in thin, flat cells, called squamous cells. The squamous cells line the outer part of the cervix. Most cervical cancers are squamous cell carcinomas.

#### Adenocarcinoma

This type of cervical cancer begins in the column-shaped gland cells that line the

cervical canal. Sometimes, both types of cells are involved in cervical cancer. Very rarely, cancer occurs in other cells in the cervix.

### Risk Factors

- Screening history
- Smoking tobacco
- Increasing number of sexual partners
- Early sexual activity
- Other sexually transmitted infections, including HIV
- A weakened immune system
- Exposure to miscarriage prevention medicine and
- Family history

### Complications

- Pain
- Bladder and bowel changes
- Kidney damage
- Blood clots

- Bleeding
- Fertility or pregnancy challenges and
- Side effects of cancer treatment

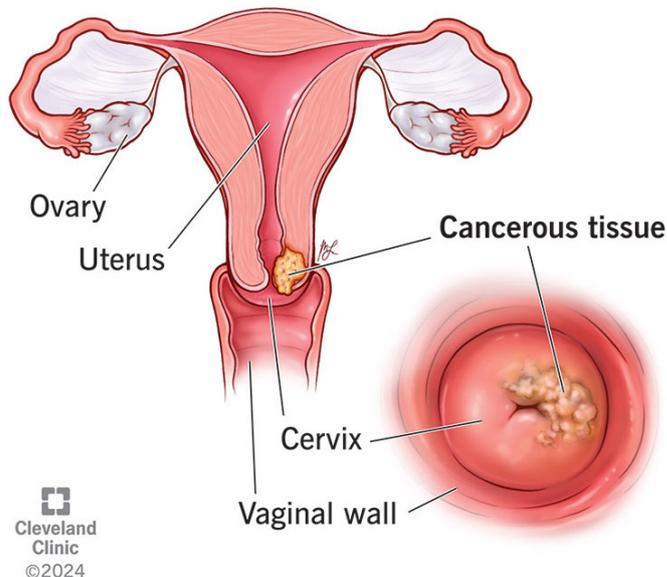
### Prevention/Health Tips

#### To reduce your risk of cervical cancer:

- Ask your doctor about the HPV vaccine;
- Have routine Pap tests;
- Practice safe sex; and
- Do not smoke.

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# Office Staff Wellness



## GENERAL TIPS:

- Maintain good posture: Avoid slouching.
- Exercise regularly: Strengthen muscles to support the back.
- Lift properly: Bend knees when lifting heavy objects.
- Take breaks: Stand, stretch, or walk every 30 minutes to avoid prolonged sitting.

## OFFICE SETUP:

- Supportive chair: Support the back with your feet flat on the floor.
- Computer screen height: Keep it at eye height, about an arm's length away.
- Keyboard/mouse: Position them to keep arms bent and wrists straight.

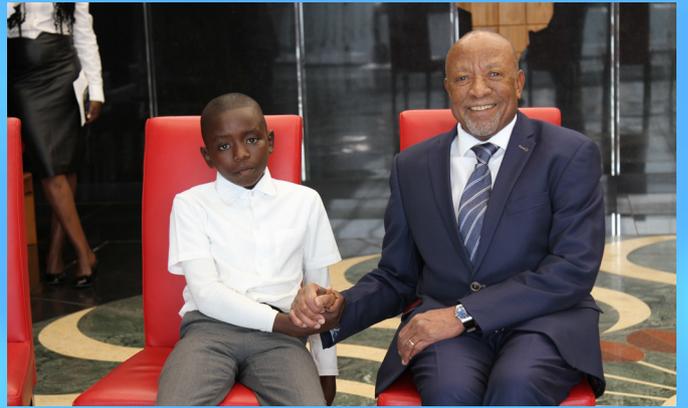
Following these simple tips and setting up your workspace can help prevent back pain.

For information about the Office wellness and sessions currently at State House, contact:

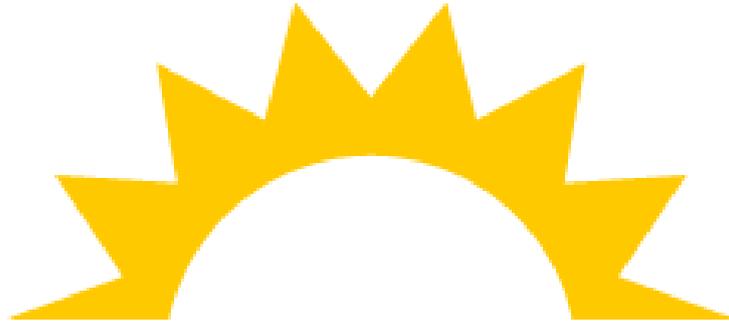
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# Photo Gallery



State House Visits by Groendraai Primary School, Emma Hoogenout Primary School, Nossob Combined School and Khorixas Constituency Schools in Kunene Region



# HARAMBEE PROSPERITY PLAN

## PILLARS AND SUB-PILLARS

 <b>Effective Governance</b>	 <b>Economic Advancement</b>	 <b>Social Progression</b>	 <b>Infrastructure Development</b>	 <b>International Relations and Cooperation</b>
<b>Accountability &amp; Transparency</b>	<b>Optimize Stewardship of Natural Resources &amp; Public Assets</b>	<b>Zero Deaths from Hunger Poverty</b>	<b>Energy Supply Security</b>	<b>Enhance Economic Diplomacy for Economic Recovery</b>
<b>Strengthening the National Anti-Corruption Mechanisms</b>		<b>Delivery of Urban Land, Housing &amp; Sanitation</b>	<b>Water Supply Security</b>	
<b>Improved Performance &amp; Service Delivery</b>	<b>Enhance Productivity of Priority Economic Sectors</b>	<b>Improved Access to Healthcare</b>	<b>Strengthen Namibia's Position as a Transport and Logistics Hub</b>	
<b>Enhanced Citizen Participation &amp; Engagement,</b>	<b>Develop Complementary Engines of Growth</b>	<b>Improved Access to Quality Education &amp; Sports</b>	<b>Expand Coverage for Information and Communication Technologies</b>	
<b>Enhancing Security &amp; Rule of Law</b>		<b>Arresting Gender Based Violence and Violence Against Children.</b>		



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