

**STATEMENT BY HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF  
WINDHOEK, CLLR. MUESEE KAZAPUA, AT THE SIGNING  
CEREMONY OF THE WINDHOEK-SAN ANTONIO, AGREEMENT OF  
FRIENDSHIP**

**SAN ANTONIO, 21 APRIL 2015, 16:00**

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**Program Director,**

**Your Worship, the Mayor of the City of San Antonio, Ms. Ivy Taylor**

**Your Excellency, Mr. Martin Andjaba, Ambassador of the Republic of  
Namibia, USA,**

**Mr. Robert Braubach, Honorary Counsel of the Republic of Namibia to  
San Antonio,**

**City Councilors Presents,**

**San Antonio Citizens,**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

**Good afternoon.**

Allow me on the onset to extend to you, warm greetings and good wishes from the Council and entire residence of the City of Windhoek, the capital City and heart of Namibia.

On the same note, I would like to on behalf of my delegation express our profound appreciation for the wonderful hospitality accorded to us since our arrival in your beautiful City on 19 April 2015.

## **Your Worship,**

Today's municipal Governance, present challenges and opportunities that demands that, cities and towns of the world cannot exist in isolation. But are part of the global village who should share and exchange experiences for the betterment of the quality of life of respective citizens.

In today's world, the city-to-city exchange can be a model in itself on how to tackle the challenges of our times efficiently, joining hands to create healthy, just societies and protecting the rights of current and future generations.

We are therefore honored, Madam Mayor, that your City Council has agreed to team up with us in realizing the aspiration of our common people.

## **Program Director,**

I am inclined to mention that the signing of our Agreement of Friendship is a historic one- as I was reliably informed that it is the ever that San Antonio entered with an Africa City. Therefore this agreement today symbolically solidifies and portrays our commitment for the cooperation between our two cities, now and for the future.

I am happy to note that the agreement is centered on areas of common interest amongst others:

- Promotion of economic cooperation and trade
- Exchange and cooperation in renewable energy
- Training and development and
- Tourism

I am also happy that we have agreed to promote friendship between citizens of our two cities- whereby enhancing cultural exchanges and people to people relationships.

I am convinced that this friendship agreement will go a long way to be of mutual benefit to the two cities. I will endeavor to work with political leaders and officials in both cities to work hard at making this agreement make better life for our respective citizens.

Let's work together to building a long lasting friendship that promotes sustainable partnerships that will benefit our respective city citizens and promote goodwill between Namibia and the United States.

In this spirit, and while wishing you the best in the upcoming elections, I would like to use this opportunity to invite Your Worship, Mayor Taylor, to Windhoek and Namibia, on the soonest convenient date. Your visit will not only provide an opportunity to share in the spirit of Namibia and the diverse culture of the people of Windhoek, but will also avail time to discuss the implementation program of projects under the cooperation agreement.

In closing, I wish to thank our Ambassador Martin Andjaba, Counsel Bob Braubach of the Republic of Namibia and all the people in San Antonio for bringing us here today to start a friendship that will grow from strength to strength.

I thank you.