



*The Gateway to Endless Opportunities*

**OFFICIAL STATEMENT**

BY: Her Worship, dlr.  
Ndesihafeka Larangja

**THE INCOMING MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WINDHOEK**

**FOLLOWING THE:**

**ELECTION AND INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF OFFICE  
BEARERS FOR 2025**

**TUESDAY, 21 JANUARY 2025  
14:30  
COUNCIL CHAMBERS**

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- Director of ceremonies, Mr. Moses Matyayi, Chief Executive Officer of the Municipal Council of Windhoek;
- Your Worship, Immanuel Udjombala, Chief Magistrate of the Windhoek District;
- Your Worship, ~~XXX~~ **Mr. Clemensia Hanases,** Deputy Mayor of the City of Windhoek;
- All Local Authority Council Members, Present;
- Rev. Hafeni Mwaningange, NAMPOL;
- All Heads of Political Parties, Present;
- Strategic Executives and Senior Officials, Present;
- Distinguished Invited Guests;
- Members of the Media;
- Windhoek Residents;
- Ladies and Gentlemen;

**Good afternoon,**

I stand before you profoundly humbled by the honour conferred upon me as Mayor of the City of Windhoek. It is both a privilege and a solemn duty that I embrace with the utmost gratitude and resolve.

The year 2025 marks a significant milestone, as we find ourselves just beyond the halfway point of our strategic period (2022–2027).

During this period, we have set forth an ambitious array of strategic objectives, against which we have diligently reported in our monthly Ordinary Council Meetings and Annual Reports over the past four years.

As the mayor of this esteemed city, I urge us, as office bearers, to pause and reflect upon the critical success factors that will enhance our collective efforts in achieving the goals outlined in our strategic plan (2022–2027). As we approach the final stretch of our five-year term, it is imperative that we direct our focus to the following priorities, listed in sequential order of importance:

1. Impactful leadership and a unified political will on matters of major importance, such as the provision of basic services, economic development, and land and housing delivery, to name but a few;
2. Targeted and consistent stakeholder engagement inclusive of meaningful public participation;
3. Adequate funding, to ensure the financial sustainability of our initiatives;
4. Organisational culture – fostering an environment of integrity, professionalism, and accountability;
5. Process and systems efficiency, to streamline operations and enhance service delivery; and
6. A responsive organisational structure and resourcing, tailored to meet the growing and evolving needs of our community.

Let us build upon the solid foundations and achievements of this term with a renewed sense of determination. It is incumbent upon us to implement council resolutions with vigour and dedication, thereby establishing a lasting legacy that will enable the next generation of office bearers, in 2026, to build upon our work.

I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude once more for the trust and confidence extended to me. I pledge to lead with wisdom, respect, objectivity, clarity of purpose, and a commitment to open communication and consultation. I look forward to continuing this journey alongside each of you, and I extend my warmest wishes to you and your loved ones for a blessed, safe, and prosperous 2025.

I thank you.