



KEYNOTE ADDRESS BY HER WORSHIP QUEEN O KAMATI,
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WINDHOEK, ON THE OCCASION OF
THE JOINT SIGNING CEREMONY OF THE MEMORANDUM OF
UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN:

1. CITY OF WINDHOEK AND WELWITCHIA UNIVERSITY
2. CITY OF WINDHOEK AND NAMIBIA AIRPORT COMPANY
(NAC)

DATE: 11 NOVEMBER 2024

TIME: 10H00

VENUE: COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Program Director, Mr. Christopher Eita; Manager: External Relations and Networking;

Your Worship Cllr. Joseph Uapingene, Deputy Mayor of the City of Windhoek;

Cllr. Bernadus Araeb, Chairperson of the Management Committee of City of Windhoek;

Honourable City Councillors Present;

Ms. Elize Petersen, Deputy Chairperson of the Board of Directors, Namibia Airports Company;

Prof. Scholastika Ipinge, Chancellor and Co-Founder of Welwitchia University;

Mr. Moses Matyayi, Chief Executive Officer of the City of Windhoek

Mr. Bisey /Uirab, Chief Executive Officer of Namibia Airports Company;

Prof. Marius Hedimbi, Acting Vice-Chancellor of Welwitchia University;

Dr. Andreas Mwoombola, Group Chief Executive Officer of Welwitchia University;

Senior Officers, Executives and Officials of both Welwitchia University, Namibia Airports Company and the City of Windhoek;

Members of the media;

Ladies and gentlemen,

Good morning!

It is an honour to stand here today as we gather to celebrate a significant milestone in the journey of cooperation, growth, and shared ambition for the City of Windhoek.

This joint signing ceremony marks the beginning of two important partnerships: the signing of Memorandum of Understandings with the Namibia Airports Company and Welwitchia University.

Firstly, I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the leadership and representatives of both the Namibia Airports Company and Welwitchia University. Your presence here today speaks to a shared vision—a vision that sees Windhoek as a hub for economic, social, and educational development. I am confident that this partnership will not only benefit our organizations but will also extend far beyond, enhancing the lives of all our residents.

Partnership with Namibia Airports Company

The City of Windhoek and the Namibia Airports Company are joining forces with the goal of strengthening urban mobility, improving infrastructure, and fostering a more connected Windhoek. This MoU is more than just an agreement; it is a commitment to developing an efficient, safe, and sustainable transport network that serves both our residents and visitors. By aligning our resources and expertise, we aim to create a system that supports growth and provides the foundation for a thriving and resilient city.

With this partnership, we envision improvements that will enhance Windhoek's status as a gateway to our beautiful country, making our city a more attractive destination for international visitors and business stakeholders alike. This is particularly crucial as we continue to expand our economy, attract investments, and position Windhoek as a central player in Namibia's development.

Partnership with Welwitchia University

Our partnership with Welwitchia University reflects our commitment to education, innovation, and the empowerment of our community. This MoU opens the door to collaborative projects in research, public health, social development, and skills training. We recognize that a strong education sector is essential to building a prosperous and inclusive society.

Through this collaboration, we aim to create opportunities for young people, professionals, and aspiring leaders to gain the skills and knowledge needed to make positive contributions to our city and our nation. Together, we will work to develop programs and initiatives that meet the needs of our community while also enhancing the capacity of our local workforce.

Directors of Ceremonies, Ladies and Gentlemen's, today's signing ceremony symbolizes a future of shared goals and mutual support. We look forward to working closely with our partners to transform these agreements into meaningful actions that will have a lasting impact on our community. Together, we will tackle challenges, seize opportunities, and pave the way for a more connected, educated, and prosperous Windhoek.

To our Accounting Officers and Vice Chancellor,

Let these Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) serve as guiding tools to transform our areas of cooperation into actionable activities. It is essential that these activities be regularly monitored and evaluated to ensure their effectiveness. I encourage more frequent communication and collaboration between our teams, with a focus on developing tangible, measurable results that contribute to the success of our shared goals.

Let us work together to turn these agreements into concrete outcomes that can be tracked and refined for continuous improvement.

In closing, let me express my gratitude once again to everyone who has contributed to making these partnerships possible. Thank you for your commitment, your vision, and your dedication to the

betterment of our city. I am excited to see the many successes that lie ahead as we embark on this journey together.

Thank you, and may these partnerships flourish for the benefit of all.