



*The Gateway to Endless Opportunities*

**WELCOMING REMARKS BY COUNCIL- AND MANAGEMENT  
COMMITTEE MEMBER, JÜRGEN HECHT AT THE WIKA 2025  
MAYORAL RECEPTION:**

**SATURDAY, 29 MARCH 2025 @ 10H00**

**UPPER DECK PARKING (OPEN ARCH AREA, NEW  
BUILDING)**

- **Director of Ceremonies; Mr Christopher Eita**
- **Council Members Present;**
- **President of WIKA;**
- **WIKA Royal Couples of 2025;**
- **Residents;**
- **Members of the media;**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen**

## **Good morning**

I am pleased to welcome you all to the Office of the Mayor for the traditional WIKA Karneval Mayoral Reception 2025.

As we stand at the threshold of another WIKA, we embrace the spirit of unity and celebration that defines this cherished festival. This year's theme, **“Mensch! Ärgere Dich nicht!”** (Keep calm, Carry on!), serves as a powerful reminder of the determination and positivity that strengthens our collective identity.

WIKA has grown to be an event crossing all cultural borders and may that be sustained and nurtured by participation of all the people of Windhoek and indeed the country. May the WIKA carnival always remain one of the most anticipated social highlights in our beautiful city.

Being a democratic nation, our people have been afforded an opportunity to learn how to live side by side, uphold mutual respect and accept the co-

existence of each other's culture. The WIKA is indeed one platform through which our people can live out their culture as enshrined in the Namibian Constitution. It should therefore be understood that cultural practices is a right and not a privilege. Hence, we have valid reasons to celebrate **WIKA 2025**, and beyond.

It is my hope that the **WIKA** Karneval will grow from strength to strength and contribute to the tourism industry and economic development in the city and country in general.

I wish you all a successful and joyful celebration of the **WIKA KARNEVAL 2025**.

**WIKA, WIKA, WIKA**

**I thank you.**