



The Gateway to Endless Opportunities

REMARKS

BY

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MAYOR OF THE CITY OF WINDHOEK

AT THE OCCASION OF

**THE COMMISSIONING CEREMONY FOR THE ELECTRIFIED
HOUSES THROUGH THE ELECTRIFICATION PROJECTS IN
WINDHOEK'S INFORMAL SETTLEMENTS**

Friday, 18 July 2025

09H00

Ongwari Street (Okatunda Portion Y), Tobias Hainyeko Constituency

Director of Ceremony, Mr Moses Matyayi, Chief Executive Officer of the City of Windhoek;

Honourable Natangwe Iithete, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Mines and Energy;

Honourable Governor, Sam Shafiishuna Nujoma, Governor of the Khomas Region;

Councillor Shaalukeni John Moonde, Chairperson of the Khomas Regional Council;

Councillor Christopher Likuwa, Constituency Councillor for the Tobias Hainyeko Constituency;

Your Worship Councilor Clemencia C Hanases, Deputy Mayor of the City of Windhoek;

Councillor Illse Keister, Chairperson of Management Committee of the City of Windhoek;

Alderwoman Fransina Ndateelela Kahungu, Chairperson of the Provision of Basic Services Council Advisory Committee;

Councillor Ivan Skrywer, Chairperson of the Formalization of Informal Settlements and Integration of Groot Aub Council Advisory Committee;

All Regional Councillors, present;

All Local Authority Councillors, present;

Strategic Executives and Senior Officials of the City of Windhoek, present;

Residents of the Tobias Hainyeko Constituency;

Distinguished Invited Guests;

Members of the Media;

Ladies and Gentlemen.

Good morning,

It is with immense pleasure and a profound sense of pride that I extend a warm welcome to each and every one of you to this truly momentous occasion. Today, we mark a significant milestone in our ongoing journey towards a more equitable and prosperous Windhoek, the commissioning of the first phase of our vital electrification projects in informal areas. This initiative represents far more than just the flick of a switch, it embodies our unwavering commitment to improving the lives of all Windhoek residents, fostering sustainable development, and building a brighter future for generations to come.

As we gather here today at Okatunda, nestled within the Tobias Hainyeko Constituency, we are not simply celebrating the completion of a project, but rather witnessing the tangible results of our collective vision, hard work, and unwavering dedication. This inaugural project, specifically encompassing Block Erven 2347, 2340, 2339 and 3222 will bring the transformative power of safe, reliable, and affordable electricity to households right here in the Tobias Hainyeko Constituency. Imagine the impact: the ability to study at night, the comfort of a hot breeze on a cold day as such, the opportunity to start a small business, and the security of a well-lit home. This is the reality we are creating today, a reality that will transform lives and open doors to countless new opportunities for individuals, families, and the entire community.

This accomplishment is not the result of a solitary effort, but a powerful demonstration of what we can achieve when we work together with a shared purpose. It is a testament to the dedication and tireless efforts of the City of Windhoek, working in close collaboration with our invaluable partners in the National Government, especially the Ministry of Mines and Energy, whose support has been instrumental in bringing this vision to fruition. We also extend our gratitude to the Khomas Regional Council, whose collaboration and understanding of the community's needs have been invaluable. To our dedicated service providers, thank you for your commitment to excellence and your unwavering perseverance. And finally, a special thank you to the community leaders who have worked tirelessly to advocate for their residents and ensure the success of this project. We are united in our vision of a brighter future, one where every resident, regardless of where they live, has access to essential services, the resources they need to thrive, and the opportunity to reach their full potential.

Your presence here today, each and every one of you, underscores the profound importance of this project and reaffirms our shared commitment to uplifting our communities, one household at a time. It is a powerful symbol of solidarity and a testament to the belief that together, we can overcome challenges and build a better future for all.

We are deeply honored to have you here to officially commission this electrification project in Windhoek's informal areas, and we look forward to continuing this important work with your support and collaboration.

I thank you!

Ndesihafela Larandja

MAYOR