

## DTA OF NAMIBIA

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## **ELECTION MANIFESTO**



**MOVING NAMIBIA FORWARD** 







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Dear Country men and women

It is indeed a privilege to share our thoughts with you the citizenry of our republic Namibia on our grand vision and mission to move our nation's socio economic agenda forward through delivering a strong, prosperous economy and a secure modern republic.

Our plan is to build a stronger Namibia by building a stronger economy, stronger community's cleaner environment and more modern infrastructure. Our priority is to build a stronger more productive and diverse economy through lowering of taxes, more leaner and efficient government and more productive business sector that will deliver more jobs, higher wages and better services for all the citizens of our country.

With a modernised economy and the right policies Namibians can have a competitive manufacturing industries, a dynamic service sector and growing knowledge economy a modernised agricultural sector a value added Mining sector. We can achieve strong vibrant small and medium enterprises creating stronger jobs for growth.

We will put in place an education policy that is both vital to the individual and national development and it will be a solemn priority of my Presidency. We pledge to provide free education from pre-primary to Tertiary level, we will build institutions of higher learning within regions and raise the quality of education at levels with a greater emphasis on vocational training skills development, better trained

teachers and well equip facilities to equip our youth jobs in the future.

We will deepen our economic base by unlocking dead capital in rural areas and shall modernised agriculture double the numbers of farmers by developing virgin lands and providing them with water infrastructure to secure a robust industry and food sustainability.

We will ensure that the social grants system is a means to lift many out of poverty and particular emphasis shall be placed on supporting single mothers that raises children in difficulties the state will ensure that every child opportunity is not hampered by economic conditions.

I will be an effective and active transformational leader ensuring efficiency at every level of government so that every Namibian have a voice and can directly benefit from our developmental agenda. The waste of resources of the state and corruption shall be fought at fronts never seen with vigour and determination.

I believe in the fast potential of Namibia and in our people ability to continue moving Namibia forward to a bright future in which all shall benefit and shared prosperity.

There is and should be no limit to what we and our generation can achieve. It is our time to redirect the socio economic agenda for ourselves and successive generations to come.

Be the change you want to see and let's work together towards this noble ideals and put our party and candidature in reality by voting for fresh new ideas that can move our Namibia forward come November 2014.

McHenry M.K Venaani





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## PARTY TOP POLICY PRIORITIES -

- We will build a build a stronger more productive diverse economy with lower taxes more efficient leaner government and more productive business sector that will deliver more jobs and higher incomes for you and family.
- We will modernised the unequal property regimes in rural areas through educating communities and demarcation for every citizen to be given a life opportunity to own piece of Namibia as stimulant of the economy.
- We will get budget back under control cut waste and start reducing debt to keep interest rates as low as possible and protect the Namibian economy from future economic turbulences.
- We will build a buffer zone between Namibia and Angola to provide for more secure disease free zone to ensure farmers north of the redline to receive equal prices on their animals as means to stimulate economic growth.
- We will deliver better education by improving training of teachers and improvement of infrastructure and curriculum development as well free universal education as means to harness the potential of the youth with emphasis on vocational skills training.
- We will legislate that it becomes compulsory that every child under the age of 16 must be in an educational institutions be it formal or vocational as means to enhance skills development and increase numerical access to learning. We shall work to provide every school going child with a digital sun charged laptop to increase our children competiveness in IT.
- We will allocate 2.2% of national revenue annually towards establishing a Youth Enterprise Capital Fund to enable youth access interest free business financing either individually or in groups without traditional collateral requirement with a strong training and mentoring to ensure viability and corruption free process.
- We will provide better housing for our citizenry through developing of two leg approach resettlement policy that include urban land to provide more service lands to needy communities and by providing subsidy to first time home owners.
- > We will improve doctor patient ratio, We will deliver better health services by putting local community in charge of hospitals and clinics with cooperation with regional councils.
- We will implement the National Medical Benefit Fund [NMBF] to provide medical insurance to all Namibians this fund is provided for in the current Social Security Act.
- We will build a partnership between the state and private health sector to lessen the cost of services and improvement of quality services.





# 1.UNLEASHING OUR REAL ECONOMIC POTENTIAL

It is extremely difficult to do things time and again the same way and to expect a different result, our hopes and aspirations may not be achieve if we do things the same way. After nearly 25 years of our country independence the majority of our people are still confronted with widespread poverty and wallowing in an unacceptably low quality of life. We are offering a new direction towards our dear Republic on the path of growth prosperity for today and future generation. By transforming our economy grow our business sector create jobs and securing a better life for all. We need to transform our country to move Namibia Forward. We need to transform Namibia into a good society that gives to the Namibians a good life.

Many of our nation's citizenry go about their lives every day with just too many challenges to enable them to live a comfortable life. Our education system is weak to absorb the labour demand, our health infrastructure are in bad shape hospitals more the often lacks water, sanitation in shanty towns is nearly at low zero. The structure of our economy has not been able to achieve needed growth

The world around us is rapidly changing and we are lacking behind, Development occurs through well-conceived and executed plans and policies that conforms to the changing needs of our society. Currently our nation's

development agenda has become a wish instead of a clear vision. We will not achieve vision 2030 under the current way of doing things. We need to move our beloved nation forward and bring hope and opportunity to our citizens and that defines our transforming agenda.

Our agenda is to unleash our real potential by changing our systems, process and outcomes to that of modern society and state where things are better for its people. It encompasses changing our economy from its pre independence structure to a modern 21st century economy, one driven by knowledge value addition and industrialisation that will create jobs, by modernising the Agriculture sector to increase food security and productivity, transform our education system that it produces capable, confident well skilled human resource that will feed an expanded economy.

Our raisin detre is to transform Namibia into a modern nation with an attractive quality of life and a strong economy that is business and development focus. We are firmly aware that this transformation requires strong man and woman of courage to provide firm and strong leadership,

We envision free and open Namibia that offers opportunities for all a vision we can all



relate to. By providing a conducive environment within which all Namibians can achieve their aspirations

We have a team of capable talented leadership to implement this program of transformation.

Our Nation must and can change. DTA OF Namibia invite you the citizen of our Republic to make this change happen that will move our Namibia forward join us and vote McHenry Venaani and the DTA in the November 2014 polls.

## » The importance of responsible economy Strategy

We have an economic plan for Namibia – a plan to deliver a strong prosperous economy based on the fundamental truth that the best long term economic strategy for the country is to get our finances in order, build a strong growth powered economy with less debt and make Namibia more productive and competitive in the global economy. Our plan is to deliver more jobs, higher real wages and better living standards for all Namibia.

## » The key Ingredients of our economic plan:

- We will boost productivity to secure greater prosperity and build modern infrastructure
- We will help small business create stronger jobs growth
- We will lower taxes to stimulate stronger economic growth and unleash our real economic potential
- We will live within our means get the budget back under control and pay back debt
- We will deepen our engagement with SADC and Africa and pioneer new trade routes to BRICS nation
- We will broaden the scope of property ownership to include rural communities to double our economic potential

### » Building a strong, productive and prosperous economy with less debts benefit everyone:

We firmly believe a strong, productive and prosperous economy, ideally free from the burden of debt is the basis for realising all our other goals for Namibia. In fact it provides the financial means to enable us to help those in need particularly the poor majority.

A prosperous economy with less debt is the essential ingredient that allows us to secure our hopes and aspirations for all our citizenry.

### » We will live within our means and get the Budget Back under control:

## Protecting Namibia future for generations to come

Our economic plan for Namibia— a plan to live within our means and get the budget back under control. Our nation's net debt of 26% of GDP Namibia is more vulnerable to economic shock and has a lesser protection in the event of another global financial crisis. This is our firm commitment to get the budget debt under control and get on the path of real prosperity. A sound budget management means sustainable surplus over the medium—term because governments have to live within their means if we wish to bequeath a tomorrow for future generations a better off generation as oppose to worse off one.

We shall management the economy and budget responsibly to ensure our children are not burdened by unfairly high taxes and left with an unfair legacy. We shall protect this economy from economic shocks and create conditions which keeps interest rate as low as possible and reduce debt interest payments, which are now costing the Namibian Public N\$30.9 billion our expenditure priorities must come under check if the situation persist our debts becomes risky, instead be better spent on needed services such as health and Education and for tax relief.



## » Getting the Budget back under control:

We will

- Get the budget under control start delivering real budget surpluses pay down debt.
- Establish a national audit to identify savings and efficiencies in areas of government, so we reduce government debt and start delivering a better value for money and sustainable budget surpluses in the future
- End government waste and ensure better value for money in government programmes so that Namibia no longer needs borrowing money to prop up our budget

Reviewing the performance of State Owned Enterprises and limiting the bailouts and unmasking the high salary wage bills that characterises them

## » Living within our means on sustainable basis:

We will restore prudent financial management and live within our means on a sustainable, longer term basis to restore structural integrity to the budget.

We will

- Act in a responsible way to protect Namibian families and deliver better efficient public services whilst repairing Namibia Budget and putting it on sustainable basis
- Get spending down by fixing the overlap between various government programs and reducing the size of the bloated civil service, with emphasise of natural attrition.
- Deliver a more effective and responsive public service focused on your needs.

## » Fiscal Policy

The tax policy of the DTA OF Namibia which is based on the principle of justice, neutrality, understand ability and ease of administra-

tion will be supported by monetary and fiscal policies aimed at creating sound macroeconomic environment conducive to stability of the balance of payment and prices, to sustain economic growth and to achieve the highest rate of possible employment and economic stability.

The DTA OF Namibia assigns high priority to all social services with the view to address social inequalities. We regards the redistribution of wealth through prudent and targeted government expenditure as an important component of our fiscal policy. We will accordingly address socio-economic problems aggressively without abandoning fiscal discipline and in such a manner as not to impair the growth of our economy.

### » Boosting Productivity and Securing Greater Prosperity

In a competitive global economy, standing idle is never an option. Hence we must immediately take necessary decisions to boost productivity growth and encourage world best practice to modernise and transform Namibia competitiveness in business and industries for the 21 Century.

### » Our Better Productivity Plan

Our Plan is designed to make Namibia more productive and to make our economy more competitive because it's the key to building a better future with better prospects for all our citizenry

We will implement our Better Productivity Plan and deliver higher productivity Growth by

Making public institutions more cost effective and responsive so they can contribute to Making Namibia more productive

Cutting government red tapes so business become more productive and devote their energies towards business and growth of jobs

Improving competition rules so competitive forces drive productivity growth

Rebalancing workplace relations to reduce



union militancy in workplace and encourage better pay for better work

Implement a national minimum wage by narrowing the high gino coefficient gap in consultation with stake holders

Getting greater value from infrastructure spending so every dollar of spending become more productive and infrastructure contribute to real economic growth

### » Helping Small Business create Jobs for Growth:

We have an economic plan for Namibia – a plan to help small business grow and create stronger job growth. Small and Medium Enterprises employs almost half of the national workforce, by unshackling the SME sector we will unleash the potential of small business to grow and create more jobs.

## Lowering taxes and reducing Business cost

 We will deliver a modest company tax cut funded from savings in the budget

- We will stop small business paying 7% more for electricity and 5% more for water to boost ease on growth
- Work to reduce the red tape that makes it hard to make to establish a business in Namibia with a specific focus on streamlined small business regulatory system for registration as well labour registration
- We will reform the procurement policy to bring down the cost of bidding and makes the process more accessible
- Breaking tenders in smaller contract to allow small companies to compete and receive the jobs allow bigger participation.
- Establish a Youth Venture Capital Fund from a 2.2% allocation from national revenue annually to help youth with bankable project to receive funding, mentoring and coaching without being asked any collateral
- Enhance youth specific affirmative action on government procurement to 25% so as to mainstream the participation of youth run business in economic Development







## 2. EDUCATION: THAT DRIVES GROWTH

DTA believes that education is the most powerful tool for the advancement of the nation and the most potent weapon to fight poverty. Education in Namibia needs to be revitalized and reorganized to make future generations proud of their culture, heritage and history and also for creating confidence in the vitality of Namibia.

Every effort shall be made to ensure 'equality of opportunity in access and success' to all learners; creating a harmonious, and cohesive egalitarian society that practices democratic values.

This would be possible only when Education accords due emphasis on national integration, social cohesion, and patriotism. It must also be analyzed how far education has contributed to moral, ethical values in the individuals and the society.

We have to become a knowledge society and has to reverberate with educated skilled manpower of high standards required to meet the challenges of 21st century. This requires a bold and visionary leadership to introduce appropriate policy and structural changes. Highest priority would be given to address the acute shortage of teachers and researchers, quality of education and research, and also the employability factor associated with most of the courses. Education should not only lead to employability but also job creation and entrepreneurship by introducing a national multi-skills orientation program.

We intend to review and revise education system; the salary structures associated with the teaching staff and most importantly, address the shortfall of faculty and related issues in the country.

The system shall be made people-friendly and the credibility of the system shall be restored. Investment in education yields the best dividend. Public spending on education would be raised to and involving the private sector would further enhance this.



### » Redirecting Education Towards Quality

#### DTA would take the following steps:

- Mechanism would be set up for Educational Policy performance audit and to have real time information about its performance. Program shall be strengthened and expanded with a goal to remove illiteracy.
- Universalization of secondary school education and skills development through functional school shall be seriously pursued with particular focus on rural, and marginalize communities.
- Provide free tertiary education to students and Vocational teaching
- Girls shall be provided all possible help to continue and complete school education.
- The digital divide shall not be allowed to create further divisions in the learning situations of children.
- Provide every going child with a solar laptop to ensure IT competitiveness
- Special pedagogy would be developed for differently-abled students.
- Establish a national E-Library to empower school teachers and students.
- Initiate a multi-country student exchange program for broadening the horizon of school going children.
- Creative talents of students will be recognized and encouraged.

## Higher Education that Produces Quality Citizenship:

The basic objective of higher and professional education is not only rapid advancement of the affluent sector of the society but also to improve the lot of the last man in the line. The content should be designed to prepare the students to understand the current challenges and equip themselves to be able to readily adjust in a fast changing global scenario. Policy interventions would include:

- Enhancing the pivotal role of the teachers by reworking the work culture of teacher training institutions with a goal to prepare committed and performing teachers
- Optimum utilization of physical and manpower resources
- A mechanism for close interaction between industry (including SME), academia and community would be instituted.
- Needs assessment exercise will be done for identifying the future needs across sectors, and the
- Same would be used for developing appropriate courses for higher education, to ensure that the economy get human resources
- Country has adequate manpower for every sector, both established and emerging, in the economy will provide autonomy with steps to ensure accountability for institutions of higher learning.
- Will raise the standard of education and research, so that Namibian universities become at par with the top global universities and find their place in the global league.
- The credibility of the regulatory bodies shall be restored. The procedures to make appointments to senior positions shall be made transparent and merit and ability shall be the sole criterion.
- We will legislate the Apprenticeship Act to facilitate our youth to Earn while they Learn

#### Vocational Training:

DTA would set up Massive Open Online Courses and distance learning teaching classrooms to make it convenient for working class people and housewives to further their knowledge and qualifications. Correspondence courses will be started in new domains for self-employment; family run businesses, entrepreneurship and innovation, and these courses would be provided for free to women. The goal would be to prepare the youth for jobs being created by the emerging sectors, foster a spirit of innovation and entrepreneurship, leading to more incomes and job creation.



DTA will set up a National Commission on Education to report in one year on the state of education and the reforms needed. Based on the report, We will implement a National Education Policy to meet the changing dynamics of the population's requirement with regards to quality education, innovation and research, aiming to make our nation a knowledge based by equipping its students with the necessary skills and knowledge and to eliminate the shortage of manpower in science, technology.

## Skills - Focusing on Productivity and Employability:

Skillful hands, bright minds, discipline and perseverance must make our nations talent an asset worldwide. We have to live up to this potential, preparing our young to be employable worldwide. We have to make our youth productively employed and gainfully engaged. We also have to develop Namibia as a Knowledge Powerhouse. We have to train and nurture our human resource. We have to use it for leap-frogging our Nation into the future. We will take up skill development on a mission mode, at an unprecedented scale.

#### Skill Mapping:

- To help scientifically plan our national human resource development that Namibia would need (like engineers, architects, doctors, nurses, lawyers, accountants, plumbers, carpenters, welders, etc.).
- We will run short-term courses, in the evenings, focusing on employable skills.
- We will also set up Centers of Excellence in various sectors in partnership with the Industry.
- To ensure industry responsive manpower, we will bring together industry, universities and government.
- We will promote vocational training on a massive scale. Rigid segregation of formal education and skill development will be broken; a mechanism will be es-

tablished to give vocational qualifications Academic Equivalence

- We will also create institutional mechanisms to refresh and upgrade abilities through continuing education to make them employable.
- We will focus on need based skill development and employability; making our youth employable even in the most sophisticated jobs.

#### We will:

- Put emphasis on imparting soft skills to enhance employability including a national program on foreign languages.
- Launch a national program for digital empowerment through computer literacy of the people, especially the youth.
- We will assess the talent and capacity of our youth from an early age; so they can be groomed accordingly.
- We will push for greater practical and research training encouraging real world experience through internships and apprenticeships.

## » Children - The Future of the Nation:

DTA is committed to address the issues related to children, like malnutrition and undernutrition, problem of child labor, and, sexual abuse, school dropouts and teenage pregnancies. DTA will take the following steps to ensure survival, development, participation and protection of children:

- Lay special emphasis on vulnerable children and especially those belonging to the vulnerable communities' street dwellers and those with disabilities.
- Ensure effective implementation of the Right to Education, Right to Food Security encapsulated in our constitution.

Endeavour to inculcate values amongst children.



### Youth - Making our Economic Progress a reality and Unstoppable:

The future of our country lies in the young of our society, their potential should DTA considers youth as the most productive asset of the nation who can make it possible for our economy to achieve our intended double digit growth.

All sectors dominated by youth are doing exceptionally well. Namibia is the one of the youngest country to gain independence and this necessitates that the policies must be based on the judicious mix of experience of energy, and be 'Youth inclusive', so that youth are an integral part of the development process.

We commit to review and revise policies to seek participation of youth in decision-making and nation building process and actively get the youth to participate in decision-making bodies.

- We will initiate the 'Young Leaders program' in all sectors, to recognize, reward and involve these exceptionally talented youth to serve as role models and mentors for others.
- DTA will initiate nation-wide 'constituency level incubation and accelerator program for encouraging innovation and entrepreneurship.
- Procedure to avail Student's loans will be simplified and loans made affordable.
- We will finance Youth business through a program that would coach and train them without being asked collateral that holds many startups proposal on hold how? We will allocate 2.2% of national revenue annually towards establishing a Youth Enterprise Capital Fund to enable youth access interest free business financing either individually or in groups without traditional collateral requirement with a strong training and mentoring to ensure viability and corruption free process.







President Venaani with Australian Prime Minister John Howard





President Venaani with
British Prime Minister David Cameron

## 3. FOREIGN POLICY

We will prioritize the development of economic opportunities in our Foreign Policy . We will deepen and open markets abroad for Namibia goods and services and attract Foreign Investments.

We shall create an asymmetrical partnerships and avoid skewed partnerships that work in the interest of few countries such as China and others Our Diplomatic mission shall be synchronized and placement would be based on geo economic interest, we will support missions abroad to strive to link our businessmen with foreign counterparts in strategic partnerships to develop the private sector and carry Namibia image as strong driver of economic growth.



#### » Multilateralism:

International organizations provide opportunities for global players to engage on global challenges that require coordinated action on international platforms. Namibia under our leadership shall play an important role on equal footing to the setting of the rules of international security and global economic order that benefits all. We will maintain our sovereign independence and yet engage the powerful nations and partners without deferring to them. We shall further deepen our multilateralism.

#### Namibia and the United Nations:

We will not falter in our support for the United Nations and its Agencies importantly WTO, World Bank and the IMF. We shall commit ourselves towards a strong democratize UN structure to address skewed world affairs, We will work hard to create a climate of new ideas that advances humanity and ensure conflict free world, debt relief ,international finance health improvement and market access in the developing nations.

#### Namibia and SADC:

Our government shall persistently pursue a role of promoting peace and stability to ensure the economic and social development of the countries

We will promote dialogue and negotiations as means of settling disputes and resolving conflicts

We will work towards realizing the advantages of expanded market for inter-regional trade and economic co-operation we will work towards the realization of all the SADC objectives notably the free movement of goods and services.

#### Namibia and the AU:

We will work to make our African Union work more efficiently, purposefully and robust for the general advancement of Africa and all its people

We will support genuine aspirations of all African States towards the realization of Africa Development objectives especially the realization of Africa Economic Community.

#### South -South Co Operation:

DTA led government shall promote south – south cooperation in areas of trade

Our missions in countries of the south will be empowered to pursue economic contacts that will deepen trade, investments science and technology. Their expertise in various areas shall be tapped for our nation's economic benefit.





# 4.HEALTH SERVICES: IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND LOWER THE COST

Namibia needs a holistic care system that is universally accessible, affordable and effective and drastically reduces the out of pocket spending on health. DTA accords high priority to health sector, which is crucial for securing the economy.

The overarching goal of healthcare would be to provide, 'Health Assurance to all Namibians and to reduce the out of pocket spending on health care', with the help of government.

We will call for radical reforms in the healthcare system with regards to national healthcare programs and delivery, medical education and training and financing of healthcare. Our government would focus on the following reforms in healthcare:

- The last healthcare policy dates back to 2010 Namibia now needs a comprehensive healthcare policy to address the complex healthcare challenges, keeping in view the developments in the healthcare sector and the changing demographics. DTA will initiate the New Health Policy.
- Provide a clear mandate to provide uni-

versal healthcare that is not only accessible and affordable, but also effective, and reduces the spending for the common man.

- Education and Training Will review the role of various professional regulatory bodies in healthcare and consider setting up an overarching lean body for healthcare. High priority will be given to address the shortfall of healthcare professionals.
- Modernize Government hospitals, upgrading infrastructure and latest technologies.
- Increase the number of medical and paramedical colleges to make Namibia selfsufficient in human resources
- Move to pre-emptive care model where the focus and thrust will be on child health and prevention.
- School health program would be a major focus area, and health and hygiene will be made a part of the school curriculum.
- Focus on Rural Health care delivery.
- Senior Citizens healthcare would be a special focus area.



- Give high priority to chronic diseases, and will invest in research and development of solutions for chronic diseases like obesity, diabetes, cancer,
- Occupational health programs will be pursued aggressively.
- Utilize the ubiquitous platform of mobile phones for healthcare delivery and set up the 'National eHealth Authority' to leverage telemedicine and mobile healthcare for expanding reach and coverage and to define the standards and legal framework for technology driven care.
- Universalization of emergency medical services
- Program for Women Healthcare with emphasis on rural,
- Mission mode project to eradicate malnutrition.

### » Hygiene and Sanitation

Have a far reaching, cascading impact.

- Create an open defecation free country by awareness campaign and enabling people to build toilets in their home as well as in schools and public places.
- Set up modern, scientific sewage and waste management systems.
- We will introduce Sanitation Ratings measuring and ranking our cities and towns on 'sanitation'; and rewarding the best performers.

#### » Senior Citizens:

DTA is committed to the welfare of senior citizens, especially their security and health care. We will take measures to deal with the issues related to the senior citizens in a focused manner.

#### DTA will:

- Increase pensions to N\$ 1500 for all our pensioners commensurate the inflation and standard of living
- Provide financial support, exploring ideas

- like additional tax benefits.
- Invest in setting up and improving oldage homes.
- Harness their experience in the National Interest.
- Devise schemes and programs to engage the Senior citizens as volunteers / part time workers in various development programs of the government, in urban and rural areas. This will not only help in utilizing their time, but also it would be an effective utilization of their experience and may add an additional source of income for them.

### » Citizens living with Disabilities:

Over 65000 people are suffering from disability, and DTA considers it a serious neglect. The welfare and rehabilitation of disabled people is integral to our vision of a caring society and that of a responsive government.

#### The DTA commits to:

- Use technology to deliver low cost quality education to specially-abled students 'in-home' through E-learning.
- Identify each and every special needs person across the country - establishing a web based disability registration system to issue universal ID for all applicable government benefits (healthcare, transportation, jobs, education etc).
- Ensure disabled friendly access to public facilities, public buildings and transport.
- Ensure maximum economic independence of the disabled by creating more income generation models for them.
- Support and aid voluntary organizations working for the care of the disabled
- Provide a higher tax relief for the family member taking care of the disabled.





# 5.POVERTY: PUSHING BACK THE FRONTIERS

Our party shall use all in its power to fight against poverty creating a platform to listen to the poor , marginalized and left behind.

Every Namibian has a right over everything that it has. From this, he or she is free to weave his or her own dreams.

We will not only empower our citizens with the ability to dream; we will enable them with the capability to actualize their dreams.

The real test of the success of a development process lies in the happiness of the common man. The fruits of growth and development must reach the weakest, most deprived and remotest of people. With firm belief in the concept of - uplifting the poorest of the poor - Extreme Poverty and malnutrition will be treated as a National priority, and will be addressed on serious note.

#### We will:

- Strengthen Delivery of poverty alleviation programs through convergence, transparency and efficiency.
- Identify 100 most backward constituencies and towns of the country to bring them at par with other areas s through

prioritized and integrated development.

- Implement a national poverty strategy to the poor through a Basic Income Grant model
- Aim to gainfully employ rural poor in agriculture and allied activities.
- Enable the urban poor to develop skills so that they take advantage of the emerging opportunities.
- Facilitate partnership across all levels of government, civil society, academic and financial institutions in this national mission of poverty alleviation.

## » Minorities - Equal Opportunity

DTA believes that in Namibia 'Unity in Diversity' lies its biggest strength. We cherish the depth and vibrancy that the diversity in our society adds to the nation.

DTA is thus committed to the preservation of the rich culture and heritage of our country minority communities; alongside their social and economic empowerment. It is unfortunate that even after several decades of inde-



pendence, a large section of the minority, and especially San, Zemba and Ovatue communities continues to be stymied in poverty. Our Modern Namibia must be a nation of equal opportunity.

DTA is committed to ensure that all communities are equal partners in our nation's progress, as we believe that no one should be left behind

#### We will:

- Ensure that the young and the girl child in particular get education and jobs without discrimination.
- Strengthen and modernize minority educational systems and institutions; dovetailing them with modern requirements.
   We will initiate free caring student facilities for San and other minorities to ensure education for them to get out of the circle of poverty
- Empower with vibrancy in Livelihood and Entrepreneurial opportunities.
- Augment their traditional artisanship and entrepreneurial skill, - strengthening these sectors through better market linkages, branding and access to credit.
- Curate their rich heritage and culture maintenance and restoration of heritage sites; digitization of archives
- Ensure a peaceful and secure environment, where there is no place for either the perpetrators or exploiters of fear.
- Recognize Traditional Authorities of marginalized and minority such as Ovazemba, Himba and Basters communities leadership to build a strong culture of pride and leadership

## »Rural Development - High Priority:

Two-thirds of our people live in villages. Lack of amenities to live and opportunities to work, however, are restricting our rural life. Both these factors are the result of prolonged neglect. A full-fledged program for 'Rural Rejuvenation' will be made and implemented which will comprise of integrated strategies for personal, economic and social wellbeing

of the villagers.

Through the idea of modernize rural, we will bring urban amenities to our rural areas, while retaining the soul of the village.

Agriculture, rural development and poverty alleviation go hand in hand. Major thrust area for rural development would be to improve village level infrastructure in terms of roads, potable water, education, health, supply chain, electricity, broadband, job creation, security in rural areas and linkage to markets.

## » Urban Areas - High Growth Centers:

More than one-third of our population is already living in our cities and towns. Soon, the urban areas will cover half our people. Moreover, our cities should no longer remain a reflection of poverty and bottlenecks. Rather they should become symbols of efficiency, speed and scale.

We will look at urbanization as an Opportunity rather than a Threat.

Major steps will be undertaken in Transport and Housing for 'Urban Upliftment' in Namibia.

The approach to urban development will be based on integrated habitat development - building on concepts like Twin cities and Satellite towns.

Upgrade existing urban centers, transitioning focus from basic infrastructure to public utility services like Waste and Water Management - for a clean and healthy city life.

Cleanliness and Sanitation will be given priority - efficient Waste and Water management systems will be set up. Model towns will be identified for rolling out integrated waste management infrastructure.

Wi-Fi facilities will be made available in public places and commercial centers.

Urban poverty alleviation scheme would be a key thrust area.

Use technology for scientific, strategic and long term town planning - including GIS based mapping.

Build quality integrated Public Transport systems, discouraging usage of private vehicles





## 6. HOUSING

We will roll out a massive Low cost Housing programs to ensure that by the time the nation completes 36 years of its Independence, every family will have house of its own. It will be an innovatively designed scheme that dovetails various existing programs and also encourages the housing sector by appropriate policy interventions and credit availability including interest subventions, where necessary.

Our proposed program will further ensure that these houses are equipped with the basic facilities of toilet, piped water supply, electricity and proper Access. To do this we will amongst others:

- Prioritize all our resources towards this goal.
- Establish an Urban Land Resettlement scheme to benefit urban hunger of service land and put equity in the hands of the poor
- Provide housing subsidy to first time home buyers
- Innovatively structure the program to converge and dovetail various existing programs, while adding the missing links.
- Simultaneously encourage the overall housing sector, through appropriate policy interventions and credit availability.





# 7. LAND REFORM: A PROPERTY OWNING DEMOCRACY

The DTA OF Namibia is convinced that in order to maintain the production capacity of land, which is a renewable resource, security of tenure and accountability which resorts with ownership, are extreme important factors.

We firmly recognize that the land question is a highly emotive issue and its handling must be of cardinal maturity and care.

The following prerequisites must accordingly be achieved

- A conservation strategy which will guarantee sustained use of the resource
- Development of virgin lands with fencing and water infrastructure
- We shall resettle urban poor on urban land to give equity to the poor and lessen land hunger on many Namibians
- We will create developing commercial land for 15 years leasehold for graduation purposes of more farmers
- Shall regular audit resettlement farms infrastructure and put punitive measures for those deliberate vandalism of property
- Shall increase stock and implement loans to assist farmers achieve productivity
- Incentives to ensure that productivity is optimized
- The development of the existing diverse systems of land tenure must be an evolutionary process which should progress

towards a leasehold system and ultimately freehold system.

The strategy will aim at:

- Addressing and ameliorating constraints in the subsistence sector
- The maturing of subsistence farming into commercial production
- Populating newly developed areas with commercial farmers who are equipped with the necessary abilities to make a success of program with reasonable certainty
- The evaluation of farmers after a probationary period before the allocation of land
- The settlement or resettlement of farmers on an economic basis
- The active involvement and cooperation of the local population in planning and implementing programs

The DTA OF Namibia believes that the question of foreign owned land ownership and multiple farms ownership are not issues of Agriculture policy but challenges of political nature which ought to be addressed with political and administrative strategies such as inter alia the imposition of rates, duties or levies, the enforcement of the principle of productivity and measures of similar kind.





# 8.AGRICULTURE: MODERNIZATION AND PRODUCTIVITY

Agriculture is the engine of nation's economic growth and the largest employer, and we commits highest priority to agricultural growth, increase in farmer's income and rural development. DTA will:

- Increase public investment in agriculture and rural development.
- take steps to enhance the profitability in agriculture
- The cost of production, cheaper agriculture inputs and credit; introducing latest technologies for farming and high yielding seeds.
- Put in place welfare measures for farmers above 60 years in age, small and marginal farmers and farm labors.

- Introduce and promote low water consuming irrigation techniques and optimum utilization of water resources.
- Introduce soil assessment based crop planning and setting up mobile soil testing labs.
- Re-orient pest management and control programs.
- Implement and incentivize the setting up
  of the food processing industry that has
  remained just a plain talk till now. This
  will lead to better income for farmers and
  create jobs. We aim to set up 'agro food
  processing clusters', with high value,
  export-quality and vacuum packed food
  processing facilities, etc.



- Set up the 'Organic Farming and Fertilizer Corporation of Namibia', to promote organic farming and fertilizers, and provide incentives and support for marketing organic produce.
- Implement a rural farm insurance scheme to take care of crop loss due to unforeseen natural disaster.
- Establish rural credit facilities.
- Promote horticulture, floriculture, beekeeping and poultry for generating jobs and income for rural Namibia
- Promote fish farming and aqua culture.
   Measures would be taken for the welfare of fisherman
- Create Cluster based storage systems
- Introduce the concept of consumer friendly farmers' market to reduce wastages and increase incomes and risk coverage.
- Develop capacities in the regions to set up seed culture labs in each district and regional agriculture innovation labs to conserve agro-biodiversity.

### » Food Security

DTA will take steps to ensure that the benefits of the scheme reach the common man and that the right to food does not remain an act on paper or a political rhetoric. We will review all the laws and schemes, in consultation with the regional leadership, to ensure a corruption-free efficient implementation of food security, which would be a priority.

#### We will:

- Address the issue of under-nutrition and malnutrition.
- Provide fencing to poor communities to protect their crops and ensure security
- Seek the participation of voluntary organizations in running community kitchens.

### » Water – A commodity needed to be preserve to drive our Growth:

Trends indicate that Namibia would be a 'water stressed' state by 2025, and the gap between the demand and supply would be lesser.

DTA recognizes the seriousness of the issue. Water is a dwindling resource, with the threat of water scarcity looming large. We will address this in a comprehensive manner across multiple dimensions.

We will launch multi-pronged 'water strategy:

- We will harnessing rain water to reduce dependence on ground water.
- Develop underground reservoir to contain efundja in the northern regions and use water for irrigation
- Encourage efficient use, water conservation, recycling and rain water harvesting.
- Sewage treatment plants to prevent the pollution of rivers.
- Desalination plants for drinking water supply in coastal cities
- Inter-linking of rivers based on feasibility.
- Examination of ground water to eliminate toxic chemicals, particularly arsenic and fluorides

To ensure drinking water security to all

#### We will:

- Encourage setting up of drinking water supply grid in water scarce areas.
- Promote decentralized, demand-driven, community-managed water resource management, water supply and environmental sanitation.
- Facilitate piped water to all households





# 9.GOVERNANCE: ADMINISTRATIVE, JUDICIAL, POLICE

#### » Administrative:

Today, people of this country are frustrated with the present system. Our administrative set up should be people-centric, responsive and result-oriented. With this in mind, we are committed to bring the following reforms:

The administration and its members will be made truly accountable to their tasks as well as the people through rigorous evaluation process.

Good performance will be rewarded

Non-performers will be given opportunities and training support to improve.

Rationalization and convergence among the Ministries, departments and other arms of the

Government will be ensured to focus on delivery

Open up government to draw expertise from the industry, academia and society.

Services of youth in particular will be tapped to contribute in governance with Fellowship and Internship programs launched at various levels.

#### » Judicial:

DTA is committed to ensure Justice for All - justice which is prompt and accessible. Understanding that Justice Delayed is Justice Denied, we will adopt a multi-pronged approach to address the high pendency of cases in our judicial system. We will:

- Accord high priority to judicial reforms to address the issue of appointment of judges, filling the vacancies, opening new courts, setting up a mechanism for speedy clearance of the backlog of cases at various levels in the judiciary.
- Initiate a mission mode project for filling the vacancies in the judiciary and for doubling the number of courts and judges in the subordinate judiciary.
- Create a fund for modernization of courts to improve the operational efficiency of courts.
- Set up a separate class of courts for cases involving specified commercial laws which fast track the litigation process such as dealing with Traffic Fines.
- reform the criminal justice system to make dispensation of justice simpler, quicker and more effective and after examining the recommendations of the earlier reports on this subject
- Initiate the computerization and networking of courts all over the country.



- Extend fast track courts to all layers of the judiciary.
- Expand alternative dispute redressed mechanisms through Tribunals.
- Review and reduce significantly the number of cases, in which the Government is a litigant in the next five years.
- Periodically review and refine/ scrap outdated laws.
- Give special emphasis to the development of Alternate Dispute Resolution mechanisms – like, Arbitration and Conciliation centres.
- Set up a comprehensive National e-Library, empowering Lawyers.
- Aim to enhance the number of women in the Bar as well as Bench, reducing the gender gap in judiciary.

We will simultaneously reform the legal system to make it more accessible to the common man.

#### We will:

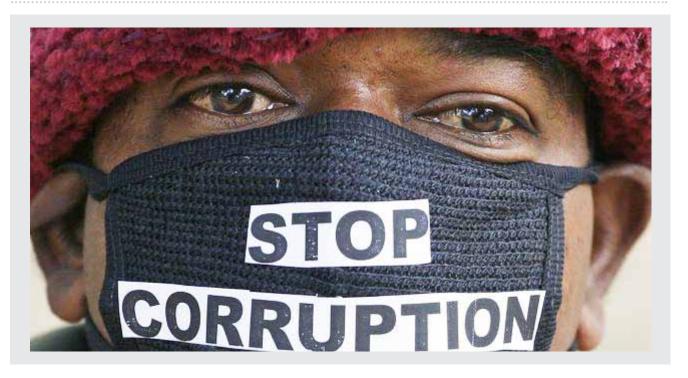
- Undertake a comprehensive review of the legal system to simplify complex legislations - converge
- Overlapping legislation, as well as remove contradictory and redundant laws
- Establish an institutional mechanism to periodically review and give suggestions for refining our laws.
- Simplify legal procedure and language.
- Make legal information open and freely accessible.
- Run legal awareness programs and introduce in school curriculum - making the common man aware of his rights and duties.

#### » Police:

Our police forces are entrusted with the crucial responsibility of maintaining law and public order, which forms one of the central pillars of our democracy. We will work with the Regions to empower them with the authority, independence and resources necessary to deliver:

- Roll out a comprehensive strategy for bringing the Namibian Police at par with international standards.
- Facilitate training and capacity building of Police forces.
- Modernize the police force, equipping them with the latest technology.
- Initiate the networking of police stations across the country for intelligence sharing and crime control.
- Strengthen Investigations, making them Swift, Transparent, Fair, Clear and Decisive - acting as an inescapable deterrent to wrong- doers and a protective shield to the innocent
- Develop specialized expertise in investigation; through continuous training, especially in evolving competencies.
- Overhaul our intelligence set up, with special focus on coordination and integration of human and technological intel - comprehensively gearing it towards collecting real time, specific and actionable inputs.
- Modernize our Prison system with technology and infrastructure; to strengthen the security as well human rights and correctional dimensions.
- Work towards evolving common national standards and protocols.
- Train and technologically enable the police to track, pursue, as well as prevent Cyber Crime.
- Reinterpret the age-old concept of community policing in modern times; evolving ways for the police to reach out to the people, building bonds of trust and friendship including spreading out into areas of public safety and public wellness.
- Give special emphasis for improving the working conditions and welfare of police personnel.





## 10.ANTI-CORRUPTION

Corruption has been tolerated in Namibia for too long. It distorts our economy, frustrates our progress and damages our reputation. It is time to get tough on

those who seek to use their positions of power for their own personal gain.

#### THE OPPORTUNITY

The DTA will clean up Government by introducing some of the toughest anti- corruption legislation in the world.

#### **SOLUTIONS**

The DTA will:

- Give the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) the power to prosecute corruption cases as happens in other African countries.
- Set up local anti-corruption boards at Constituency level with the power to refer cases to the ACC or to the Director of Public Prosecutions.

- Ban anyone convicted on corruption charges from working in Government, in any public sector job.
- Enact the necessary legislation so that Namibian companies found guilty of corrupt practices will be liable to have their assets frozen by the courts.
- Ban foreign companies found guilty of corrupt practices from operating in Namibia.
- Introduce an automatic freeze on the assets of anyone indicted on corruption charges (with appropriate judicial approval).
- Introduce the automatic suspension of any official indicted on corruption charges
- Put an end to Parliamentary immunity from
- corruption charges





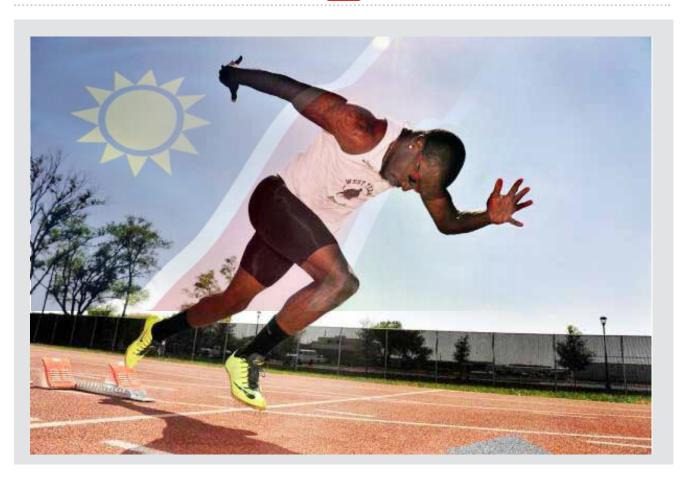
# 11.WOMEN: MOTHERS OF OUR SOULS BUILDERS OF OUR NATION

DTA recognizes the important role of women in development of the society and growth of the nation, and remains committed to give a high priority to Women's Empowerment and welfare. We recognize the need for women's security as a precondition to women's empowerment and will undertake the following for women welfare:

- Women's welfare and development will be accorded a high priority at all levels within the government, and DTA is committed to 30% reservation in parliamentary seats with in line with SADC Protocol and AU requirements
- Legislating a law that creates an economic access to loans with financial sector in which commercial banks and microfinance institutions provide women effective access to a range of financial services and products tailored to their needs, including credit and savings.
- Provide Single Mothers Grant to mothers that earn less then N\$ 2000 a month with more than one child of whom father

- makes no contribution to guarantee that no child is left behind and ease the burden of single parenting
- Program for women healthcare in a mission mode, especially focusing on domains of Nutrition and Pregnancy with emphasis on rural communities. This is in reference to the high maternal mortality rates in Namibia.
- We will enable women with training and skills - setting up dedicated Women Centers
- Strict implementation of laws related to women, particularly those related to gender based violence.
- Fund for relief and rehabilitation of rape victims to be introduced by Government, DTA will clear this on priority
- Establishment of Safe Havens/Shelters for survivors of Gender Based Violence





# 12.SPORTS THAT MAKES OUR NATION PROUD

DTA recognizes the importance of sports in society and for all age groups. Sports have a direct relation to fitness, good health and productivity. Namibia has not fared well in sports, and needs to invest for promotion of sports in an organized manner.

DTA will promote all sports - traditional and modern.

- More funds will be allocated to sports, and we will encourage the Regions to fully discharge their responsibility in the promotion of sports.
- Steps would be taken to inculcate a culture of sports at the school level by arranging sports facilities and training needs for promoting a healthy lifestyle, and making sports as a compulsory part of the school curriculum.

- Launch a 'National Sports Talent Search System', so that extraordinary sporting talent is identified at a very young age. Such promising boys and girls will be selected for special training. Attractive career path needs to be planned for sportspersons providing security of career through jobs in government, and private sector.
- Establish sports academies across the country.
- Special scheme would be devised for sportspersons to ensure social security.
- Encourage business houses to patronize sports and sportspersons.



## 13. NEXT GENERATION INFRASTRUCTURE

#### We will:

- Set up Gas Grids to make gas available to households and industry.
- Critical development of Kudu Gas Field and explore other gas fields
- Set up a National Optical-Fibre Network up to the village level; and Wi-Fi zones in public areas.
- Harness satellite technology and expertise for development.

# 14.OUR ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

The present generation has to make this world a better place to live. A better place not only for us, but for our future generations as well. We have to nurture the environment, institutions, people, resources and amenities. We have to combine the past, the present and the future. We have to have a holistic view of human life for sustainable development. We have to develop the assets and amenities for ourselves in a manner that leaves an equally good or even better environment for the future generations.

We will put sustainability at the center of our thoughts and actions, working on the principle that inclusive growth cannot be limited by the barriers of time and space - it has to be built on the foundations of the past, leverage on the opportunities of the present, and preserve and enhance its resources for the future. We will take Climate Change mitigation initiatives with all seriousness and work with the global community and institutions in this regard.

#### We will:

- Encourage Cleaner production.
- Cleaner fuels will be promoted so as to

- bring down the pollution levels particularly in the cities.
- Ecological Audit of projects and pollution indexing of cities and townships will be done on scientific basis.
- Pollution control mechanisms will be set up on priority basis.
- In addition to protecting the existing forests and wildlife reserves, the unutilized land of the country will be used for social forestry.
- Guidelines for Green buildings and energy efficient work places will be brought out.
- Human Resource Development in Environment Technology will be promoted.
- Set up fool proof mechanisms for protection and preservation of wild life.
- Encourage citizen's participation in reforestation, agro-forestry and social forestry, through targeted programs.
- Encourage and incentivize innovative garbage disposal and waste management practices.



## 15.TOURISM: UNTAPPED POTENTIAL

We recognizes the Economic value of the Tourism Industry as earner of Foreign Exchange major contributor to the GDP and provider of many employment opportunities and will administer to realize its full potential.

# 16.TRANSPORTATION THAT DRIVES THE ECONOMY

The DTA realizes the importance of travel for the vibrancy of the economy and social unity.

#### DTA will:

- Create a public transport system, which can reduce the dependence on personal vehicles for transport, thereby, reducing cost, time to travel as well as ecological cost
- Reduce transport traffic fines in the country
- Special focus on developing skilled human resources to meet future demand.
- Prioritize Safety and invest in long required overhaul of stressed infrastructure, strict norms and warning systems. Railways Modernization, inducting of state-of-the-art technology.
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- We shall modernize existing and operational Airports, and build new ones

especially connecting smaller towns and all tourism circuits. In addition, there is a potential for inland air transportation to various remote and local locations in the country.

- Such air strips will be developed so that low cost air travelling becomes possible within the country.
- Railways Modernization, inducting of state-of-the-art technology.
- Feasibility of electric train from Okahandja and Rehoboth to Windhoek to ease transport on roads.
- Special focus on developing skilled human resources to meet future demand.

Prioritize Safety and invest in long required overhaul of stressed infrastructure, strict norms and warning systems.

Develop National logistics network for faster movement of goods.

We will encourage to tap into private sector resources as well as expertise. An institutional framework would be established for the same; while regulators would be given great-







er autonomy as well as accountability.

## 17.ENERGY: POWER FOR ALL

Ensure every Namibia has access to electricity by 2020.

Encourage and develop projects and create an enabling environment based on international best practices to both attract private enterprise and speed up the delivery of energy projects for the benefit of the people of Namibia.

Encourage new private energy generators in the Namibian market and increase private investment in existing state-owned companies such as Nampower, Nored and Cenored.

To initiate Namibian Projects to ensure reliable power supply for all our towns and cities.

Revamp the current rural electrification program to bring electricity to every village through small renewable energy projects such as solar panels and wind turbines, funded by the sale of Regional energy assets. Encourage private sector participation across the whole renewable energy sector.

Give low-cost loans for households and villages currently off the grid to buy small renewable power systems.

The loans can be paid back as part of their electricity bills using mobile money transfer services.

Introduce low-interest 5-year loans, paid back as part of electricity bills, for households and businesses that want to connect to

the national power grid.

Encourage the establishment of solar farms that are partly owned by the local community to supply local people with energy and sell the surplus back to Namibia Power at commercial rates.

Create an Oil & Gas Revenue Fund and give 5% of public revenues back to the local communities where resources are located and 5% to pay for the roll out of local renewable energy schemes. It will also fund the restoration and ehabilitation of excavated areas.

Set up national training and research institutes to produce world-class technical expertise in the energy sector.

Ensure sufficiency of energy supply and treat it as a catalyst for industrial growth and stimulation of national economic development.

Review legislation governing access to energy resources in order to give the source county 20% rights of the net income of the resource.

Enact legislation to ensure proper use of the expected future oil and gas revenues for the benefit of all Namibians.

Establish an in-country sovereign wealth fund based upon international best practices to secure an income from the resources of today for future generations of Namibians.





## 18.MINING

The exploitation of irreplaceable natural resources such as mineral demand circumspect and conservative policies. The mining industry as earner of foreign currency, major contributor to GDP and provider of employment is a very important component of the Namibian economy.

The policy that DTA of Namibia will consequently be directed at, the optimum development and utilization of the mineral resources of Namibia to direct benefit of the inhabitants of the country.

However, it will concurrently implement judicious management policies to integrate industrial development and environmental conservation and to see to it that mineral deposits are mined optimally so that the resources last as long as possible. Rights to prospecting and exploitation will be granted on a fair and equitable basis.

The DTA of Namibia will implement active exploration programmes to secure continuity and offer a variety of incentives to promote foreign investment (see also article 99 of the constitution) and the establishment of new mines.

Whilst the DTA recognizes the role of expatriate experts in mining industry will insist on education and specialist training of Namibian citizens by the industry with the view to advance self-sufficiency.

The DTA of Namibia will encourage the investigate/implement the building of nuclear power plant to provide electricity to Namibia and add value to uranium mining industry.





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