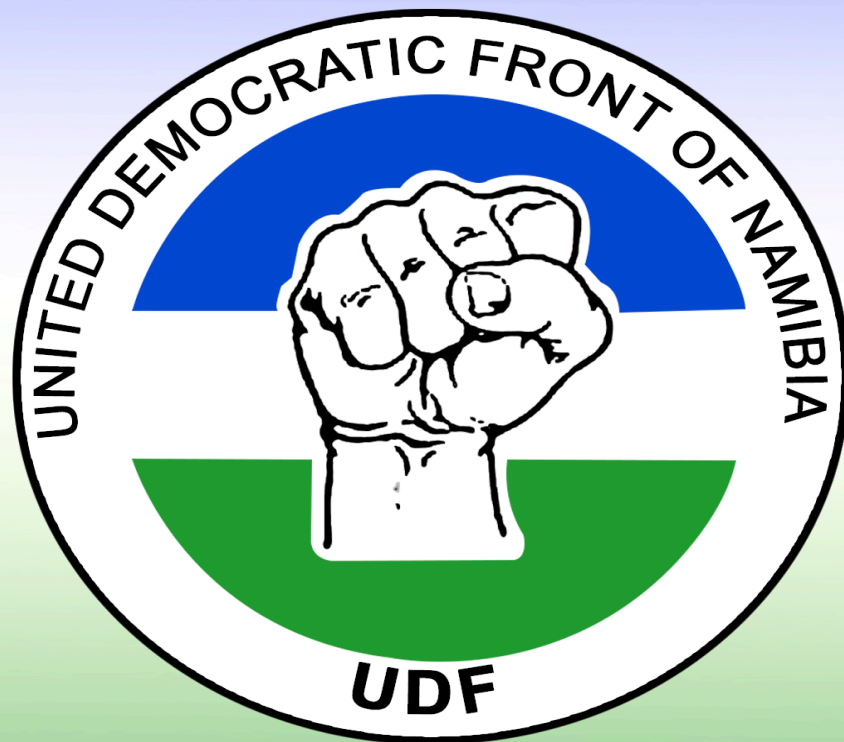


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Campaign Manifesto
2014

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1. Preface

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The year 2014 is a crucial year in the history of Namibia. It is crucial because it marks exactly 24 years since the first democratic election, which ended centuries of colonial rule and apartheid subjugation of the black majority. It is also a crucial year because the dawn of political freedom came with so many promises. But 24 years later; the conditions of majority of our people are just getting worse. The UDF understands that to positively change the conditions of our people; we need to do the following:

- a) Secure mass support in all corners of Namibia.
- b) Win political power through mobilizing and organizing all the people of Namibia to vote for the UDF.
- c) Control the State through electoral politics in order to transform it for the benefit of all people.
- d) Gain control of the economy in order to transform it to benefit all Namibians.

Since our formation in 1989 as political party, we have been able to provide a alternative political home to all Namibians irrespective of their culture, race, ethnicity, economic status and religion. The UDF has always won enough support across all spectrums of Namibian society to represent our people's interest, wishes and dreams in the government of the day. We have been instrumental in converting our mass support into actual votes all over Namibia.

The UDF PARTY Election Manifesto, unlike others, does not present promises; it offers commitments that will be implemented. Essential to our program is a struggle for democratic ownership and control of the key means of production by the people. As a democratic political party, we believe that it is only through transformation, that we will end the suffering of our people.

The Election Manifesto of the UDF is our program of action for the next 5 years. When in government, the UDF will mobilize the whole society to play a meaningful role in transforming Namibia for the betterment of all. Employment into senior positions of the UDF government will not be based on whether a person is a member of UDF or not, but will be based on their skills, education, qualification and experience in the particular field. This Manifesto is a practical and implement able program, which will shape and define the UDF PARTY government. The Manifesto represents the aspirations of the working class and the poor, and provides an alternative vision and is a solution for true transformation in Namibia.

The UDF Election Manifesto is the product of deep consultation with the people of Namibia. All UDF leaders, members, supporters and sympathizers must ensure that each and every voter in Namibia is familiar with the contents and meaning of this Election Manifesto.

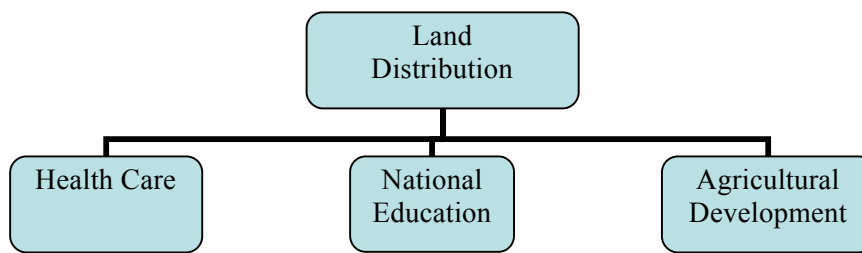
The UDF Election Manifesto takes account of the reality that there is enough wealth for everyone in Namibia. Currently this wealth is spread in a deeply unequal manner, due to prejudicial historical circumstances. Those who currently own the lion's share of Namibia's wealth acquired it illegally through colonial wars of dispossession and violent defeat of the majority of Namibia's people. The UDF plans to use political power to realize economic justice and such can only happen through maximum implementation of this Manifesto. Namibia, we present to you the Manifesto of the UDF for the 2014 General Elections. **Now is the time for economic freedom!**

2. Introduction

Thus, the aim of this manifesto is to set up and implement a viable visionary plan that would guide and direct **UDF** party to administer Namibia effectively and efficiently in accordance with the constitution, laws and good governance principles once elected into power. Besides, the manifesto, UDF also aims to vigorously urge and plead the Namibian electorate to vote for **UDF** as the only **democratic** governing political party that is ready to take over the government of Namibia. It also addresses major issues our country find itself in and ways how **UDF** administration will address them through national policies and laws.

We therefore, urge the Namibian electorate to stand up, walk to the polling station in big masses without fear and **VOTE FOR THE UDF** to enable us to address the under mentioned issues. The **UDF's** new young and energetic leadership is well experienced, qualified and eager to take the party to the next level. We only need your votes to make the dreams said hereinto to materialize.

Pillars of this Manifesto



3. Why Vote for the UDF PARTY

Namibian independence and democracy stands at a cross – road today. Twenty – four years after the Namibian people has sacrificed their precious lives for our hard won independence and democracy; most promises made before and after independence have not yet been accomplished. Our, much anticipated, much loved and much welcomed independence and democracy is becoming a laughing stock every minute, hour and day as the governing political party is making laws only in their favor.

Our democratic process has become a tiresome and boring routine exercise of electing the same political party, leaders and rulers once in every five years, while being subject to indifference, inhumanity and indignity at the hands of the very people we have chosen into power. The powers of democratic political parties are reduced in order to make one party strong and powerful. This party is using all state machinery and resources to get votes and convert these votes into power which influence state money, resources to control people and the whole country into their favor.

Although Namibia has been liberated from the foreign white colonial supremacy and rule, it has not yet been totally freed from segregation based on greed, self – enrichment, tribalism, nepotism and favoritism. Thousands of our mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters have sacrificed their precious lives for the freedom of this country. Did these heroes and heroines, die in battle, for the liberation of this country so that our own people, whom we elect ourselves into positions, plunder the country while we sit and look, instead of the colonialist? Did our peoples' blood water the freedom of our motherland for Chinese to get all tenders?

Today Namibia is facing a number of major challenges like:

1. *Corruption*
2. *Self – enrichment through government tenders*
3. *Domestic violence & Passion Killings*
4. *Increasing Unemployment rate*
5. *Raising inflation*
6. *Housing shortages*
7. *HIV / AIDS pandemic*

These impediments are threatening the peace and stability of our country and the progress of its people. As Namibians we need to stand up and face these threats together. We can solve them if our people avoid, at all cost, a one party state by voting for UDF to strengthen the multi – party democracy in Namibia. The UDF being the only alternative political home, which is even running a region (Kunene), besides SWAPO since independence, is committed to ensure that political power returns to hands of the people of this country.

UDF hereto wants to change the political landscape of our country by transforming the relationship between government and people. It is here to build trust between the government and the electorate.

We, therefore, pledge to our electorate:

1. *Open, Transparent and Systems-based Government*
2. *Pro-active, Pro-people Good Governance*
3. *Vibrant and Participatory Democracy*
4. *Inclusive and Sustainable Development*
5. *Quality life on Farms Suburbs, Villages and Cities*
6. *Flourishing Agriculture*
7. *Productive Youth & Sports Development*
8. *Involvement of Women*
9. *Robust physical and social Infrastructure Development*
10. *Innovative and Technologically driven Society*
11. *Globally Competitive Economy*
12. *Brand Namibia built on Quality*
13. *Strong, Effective and Futuristic Institutions*

To build a modern Namibia, UDF beliefs that:

1. *The best foundation is our own traditions and culture;*
2. *The best tool our own hands, minds and skills and*
3. *The best material our own ideas, wishes and aspirations*

4. Administrative Policy

The UDF led government will strictly supervise and monitor the administrative department of all ministries so that quality, effective and efficient services will be offered to all Namibian people irrespective of political affiliation, race, colour, sex, economic status and religion.

If elected to power the UDF led government will ensure that all national documents (Birth, Death, Marriage and Voters Cards) are obtained by all Namibians promptly and that the system is linked through **ICT** so that good governance can be effectively and efficiently provided by all government officials.

The UDF led government will ensure that all administrative functions nationally, regionally are well equipped with **ICT** to ensure that effective quality services are offered to all Namibians.

5. Land Distribution

Development in all its facets and faces like Agricultural development, Technological development, Infrastructural development and Economical development all depends on land and can only be done on land. From land come all necessities. We get water, food, shelter, clothes and everything including cars, cell phones, houses, fresh air etc from land. It is on land that we have to live, sleep, walk, eat and dream future dreams.

Infrastructural development like roads, houses, schools, clinics, telephone lines, as well as agricultural development like crop plantations, farming, etc, even the technological development like computers, cell phones, televisions etc can only be done on land. Having all these in mind, the UDF party, therefore, regards land ownership by indigenous Namibians irrespective of colour, race, sex, ethnicity, political affiliation, religion or economic status, a very pivotal need.

Namibia has a total land area of about 824 295 square kilometres and comprises of about four ecological regions (a. extremely arid region; b. the arid region; c. the semi – arid region and d. the sub – humid region. The country is rich in mineral deposits like uranium, gold, zinc, semi precious stones and also blessed with fertile agricultural land surface.

In fostering an economically independent and developed Namibia, the UDF party, once elected to power, will mould the Namibian populace in effectively and efficiently utilizing the land and its riches for the development of its own people. A UDF party, once voted into power, will take the land distribution as a priority area. For UDF party land is a very essential component of a country without which no ownership, development and production can be claimed.

In order to make our people economically independent our party will, once elected in government, ensure that land is in the hands of the Namibian people. The UDF led government will make financial resources available to acquire land from the most advantaged foreigners and avail it with production equipment and tools to the landless Namibians.

6. National Agricultural Development

UDF believes that Agriculture is the driving force of Namibia's economic growth and can become one of the largest employment. Hence with, the UDF led government will commit its highest priority to agricultural growth, and create a conducive environment to increase in farming income and rural development to alleviate poverty.

7. Education and Training

Our schooling system is in pitiable condition while all our children do not have access to universal free education. Education in our motherland Namibia needs to be rejuvenated and restructured to make future generations proud of their culture, heritage and history and also for creating confidence in all Namibians across all sectors.

UDF believes that education is the corner stone of any development and nation building, thus we regard education as the most powerful tool for the advancement of our democracy and the very strong weapon to fight inequality, justice and poverty. The UDF led government commits itself to the well – being of all Namibians by ensuring the provision of universal free education from **pre – primary to tertiary and vocational skills development**. We shall provide accessible, quality education to all Namibians.

8. National Health Care

The current situation in clinics and hospitals is calling for radical reforms in the healthcare system with regards to national healthcare programs and delivery, medical education and training and financing of healthcare.

UDF, therefore, will introduce a holistic health care system that is universally accessible and affordable. UDF accords high priority to the health sector, which is crucial for securing a healthy nation. The overarching goal of healthcare would be to provide, 'Health Assurance to all Namibians.

9. Youth Development

The UDF led government will treat youth, sport, recreation and culture activities as an Industry through which businesses can be created and job opportunities be established. We shall encourage and support young people who create businesses in youth, sport, recreation and cultural activities.

The UDF led government will in collaboration with all financial institutions create platform where young people can get access to finance to establish youth, sport, recreation and cultural business.



THEME:
**Now is the time for participatory
transparent socio-economic
empowerment for all**

**ONE NAMIBIA
ONE NATION**



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