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**PRIME MINISTER OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA
AT THE LAUNCH
OF THE**

**NATIONAL ANTI-CORRUPTION STRATEGY AND ACTION PLAN 2021-2025
(NACSAP)**

**SAFARI COURT, WINDHOEK
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Director of Ceremonies,

- Hon. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations and Cooperation
- Hon. Loide Kasingo , Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly,
- Honorable Ministers, Deputy Ministers and Members of Parliament,
- Ms. Alka Bhatia, UNDP Resident Representative, (Virtually)
- Honourable Governors from the respective regions,
- Mr. Paulus Noa, Director-General of the Anti-Corruption Commission and Chairperson of the National Anti-Corruption Steering Committee,
- Adv. Erna van der Merwe, Deputy Director-General of ACC
- Heads of Security Services,
- Executive Directors and other Heads of NGO's
- Regional, Local Authorities and Traditional Authorities Representatives,
- Faith- Based Organizations and Non-Governmental Organizations,
- Distinguished Members of the Media,
- Ladies and Gentlemen.

Good morning!

1. I am delighted to be with you this morning at this important gathering of the launch of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy and Action Plan 2021-2025. This launch follows the validation of the strategy and action plan by stakeholders in October last year.

The inclusive approach taken in the formulation of this strategy and action plan is of great significance given that implementation thereof will require our collective action.

It ensures collective ownership of the strategy and action plan by all stakeholders, which in turn motivate stakeholders to actively partake in their implementation.

The Strategy is aimed at promoting systems of integrity, accountability and transparency across all spheres of our society.

2. At the onset, let me extend my sincere appreciation to the Director-General of the Anti-Corruption Commission, his team, all OMAs, all Regional Governors, Regional Councils, Local Authorities, Traditional Authorities, and all sectors and individuals who participated in the formulation of this important national initiative.
3. The successful conclusion of the formulation process of the strategy and the subsequent launch of this Strategy today demonstrates our commitment as a Nation to foster and promote cooperation in our quest to curb the scourge of corruption through coordinated efforts.
4. By way of background, the Strategy has its origin in several domestic and international instruments and treaties on the fight against corruption and money laundering that our country acceded to, such as the SADC Protocol against Corruption, AU Convention on Preventing and Combating Corruption, United Nations Convention against Corruption and the United Nations Transnational Organized Crime.
5. The Strategy is our country's response in fulfilling its commitments as signatory to the above mentioned international conventions and protocols.

6. The Strategy is derived from the Harambee Prosperity Plan II which calls for the development and full implementation of the National Anti- Corruption Strategy and Action Plan. It targets to continuously promote effective governance through promotion of synergies to accelerate national development agenda at all levels of our society.
7. Based on this commitment, the Strategy has already been submitted to both Cabinet and the National Assembly. Cabinet directed all implementing institutions to incorporate and cascade relevant strategic objectives into their sectoral plans.
8. The strategy seeks to;
 - Firstly, foster and promote cooperation amongst the implementing stakeholders, and
 - Secondly, to provide a coordinated approach to anti-corruption preventive programs at all levels of society, in line with the theme of the Strategy: “Nurturing synergy in the fight against corruption for the Namibia we want”.
9. The theme is built on the premise of collective action, and reminds us that we all have a role to play in fighting corruption.

Corruption is our common enemy which, if not tackled decisively, may destroy gains Namibia has thus far made, as well as future development prospects.
10. I am delighted that this Strategy has been embedded as a cross-cutting and multi-sectoral interventions to ensure contribution and support from the whole society in its implementation.

11. Implementing institutions in all sectors are thus urged to introduce corruption prevention measures in their policies. Corruption can occur in all sectors, therefore, all of us have a duty to contribute to making Namibia a corrupt free nation by implementing the strategic objectives and actions as identified in the Strategy.

I am also glad that the program of today also included an induction training. Effective implementation of the agreed interventions under the strategy require all stakeholders to have a clear understanding of their roles and responsibilities and how they feed into the desired results.

12. The Strategy has eight (08) strategic objectives and 95 actions requiring effective implementation by both public and private sectors at the national, institutional and grassroots level(s), these are inter-alias:

- Strategic Objective 1: Increasing the level of political accountability and transparency,
- Strategic Objective 2: Preventing corruption in Offices, Ministries and Agencies, Public Enterprises, Regional Councils, Local Authorities and Traditional Authorities,
- Strategic Objective 3: Strengthening efforts to deter corruption. The Strategy execution plan establishes four pillars, namely:
 - Education and Awareness,
 - Institutional Strengthening or Prevention Measures,
 - Enabling Policies and Legislations, and
 - Transparency and Accountability Mechanisms.

The framework for achieving the set targets and promoting good governance are set out, as well as calls for the nation to promote the good principles of ethics, integrity and accountability.

- Strategic Objective 4: Conducting extensive anti-corruption education,
- Strategic Objective 5: Enhance measures and increase accountability to prevent corruption in the private sector,
- Strategic Objective 6: Engaging civil society, non-governmental organizations and the media in combating corruption,
- Strategic Objective 7: Preventing corruption and promoting accountability in the sports fraternity,
- Strategic Objective 8: Enhance engagement and participation of youth in anti-corruption programmes.

13. I urge all stakeholders to implement this Strategy as an important vehicle for promoting transparency, accountability and ethics.

14. It now gives me great pleasure and honor to launch the National Anti-Corruption Strategy and Action Plan.

I thank you!