



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

## MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WATER AND FORESTRY

STATEMENT BY THE DEPUTY MINISTER  
HON. ANNA N. SHIWEDA

**Honorable Ministers present**  
**Honorable Parliamentarians**  
**Permanent Secretary of the MAWF**  
**Senior Government Officials**  
**Members of the Media**  
**Ladies and Gentlemen**

It is my distinct honor and pleasure to welcome such a prestigious delegation to the Republic of Namibia

Namibia is indeed honored to be sharing our experiences in our Namibia Livestock Identification and Traceability System (NamLITS) with our brothers and sisters from African continent.

We believe that through such interaction we can strengthen deer Intra-Africa collaboration.

Honorable please feel welcomed and free in Namibia which is your Continent.

The objective of this visit is to share information on the Practical implementation of the Livestock Identification and Traceability System

Namibia is having 2.2 million cattle, around 2 million sheep and 2.1 million goats

These animals are distributed throughout the country with the majority of them northern Communal Areas.

In order to ensure good animal health management and safe trade in animals and animal products it's important to have a functional a livestock and Traceability system.

Our system is based on individual identification of animals using ear tags, registration of animals on the farms or holdings, management of central database and issuance of a movement permits.

The system is working well for us despite few challenges which are manageable. The full implementation process and its challenges will be explained to you by our technical officials from the Directorate of Veterinary Service.

I welcome once again Honorable ministers and parliamentarians to the Land of that Brave.

**I thank you.**