



**OPENING REMARKS ON THE OCCASION OF THE OFFICIAL HANDOVER
OF TRACTORS PROCURED BY WMF ON BEHALF OF MAWF ON 22 JUNE
2018**

By Ms. Johanna Andowa

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DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES,

HONOURABLE ANNA SHIWEDA, DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE, WATER AND FORESTRY;

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MR MUSHOKOBANJI MWILIMA, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NAMIBIA NATIONAL FARMERS UNION (NNFU);

CAPTAINS OF INDUSTRIES;

SENIOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS;

MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA;

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS;

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN;

IT IS INDEED A PRIVILEGE AND A GREAT HONOUR FOR ME TO HAVE BEEN INVITED TO THIS PRESTIGE OCCASION TO DELIVER OPENING REMARKS.

IS A DISTINCT PLEASURE AND HONOUR TO WELCOME YOU ALL TO THIS IMPORTANT DAY AS WE ARE ABOUT TO WITNESS YET ANOTHER MILESTONE AS PART OF MAWF'S EFFORTS TOWARDS THE DEVELOPMENT THE AGRICLUTRUAL SECTOR.

WE ARE TO WITNESS OFFICIAL HANDOVER OF 35 TRACTORS PROCURED BY WMF FOR THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WATER AND FORESTRY.

THE TRACTORS TO BE HANDED OVER WILL BE USED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DRY LAND CROP PRODUCTION PROGRAMME.

**DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES,
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,**

NAMIBIA IS ONE OF THE COUNTRIES IN SUB-SAHARA AFRICA AFFECTED BY THE VARIABILITY OF CLIMATE CHANGE, WHICH HAS A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON FOOD PRODUCTION.

TO MITIGATE THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE, THE NAMIBIAN GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WATER AND FORESTRY HAS EMBARKED UPON A NUMBER OF AGRONOMIC PROGRAMMES.

THIS INCLUDE COMPREHENSIVE CONSERVATION AGRICULTURE, DRY LAND CROP PRODUCTION PROGRAMME (DCPP), MUTATION BREEDING OF IMPROVED CROP VARIETIES OF MAJOR STAPLE CROPS OF MAHANGU, SORGHUM, MAIZE AND COWPEAS THAT ARE EARLY MATURING, HIGH YIELDING AND DROUGHT TOLERANT.

THESE PROGRAMMES ARE RESPONSIVE TO OBJECTIVES OF THE FIFTH NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP V) OF INCREASING FOOD PRODUCTION FROM 5% TO 30% AND DECREASING THE PROPORTION OF FOOD INSECURE HOUSEHOLD FROM 25% TO 12% BY 2022; THE HARAMBEE PROSPERITY PLAN (HHP) THAT “NO NAMIBIAN SHOULD DIE OF HUNGER DURING AND AFTER THE HARAMBEE PERIOD”.

THIS IS ALSO IN LINE WITH THE AFRICAN UNION AGENDA 2063 WHICH ADVOCATES ON THE USE MECHANIZATION AND BANISHING OF THE USE OF HAND HOE BY 2025 AND ENSURING THAT THE SECTOR WILL BE MODERN, PROFITABLE AND ATTRACTIVE TO THE CONTINENT’S YOUTHS AND WOMEN.

THEREFORE, MAIN AIM OF THIS EVENT IS TO WITNESS ONE OF MAJOR EFFORTS BY GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA TO IMPROVE AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND PRODUCTIVITY THROUGH MECHANIZATION THEREBY CONTRIBUTION TOWARDS ERADICATION OF HUNGER.

THE TRACTORS BEING HANDED OVER TODAY WILL BE USED IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF DCPD IN IDENTIFIED REGIONS SO AS TO PROMOTE HOUSEHOLD FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY.

**DIRECTOR OF CEREMONIES,
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,**

ON BEHALF OF THE PERMANENT SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WATER AND FORESTRY MR PERCY WACHATA MISIKA, I HEREBY DECLARE THIS EVENT AS OFFICIALLY OPEN.

SIT BACK, RELAX AND ENJOY THE OCCASION.

I THANK YOU.