



**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA  
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WATER AND FORESTRY**

**Vote of Thanks**

**By**

**Mr Percy Misika  
Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry**

**At the Official Hand-over-Ceremony of the Government Abattoir at Outapi**

**04 June 2018**

**Outapi**

**Director of Ceremonies;**  
**Honourable Alpheus !Naruseb, Minister of Agriculture, Water & Forestry;**  
**Honourable Ministers present;**  
**Honourable Erginus Endjala**  
**Honourable Governors present;**  
**Directors of Ceremonies;**  
**All Permanent Secretaries present;**  
**CEOs, MDs, and all Administrative heads of Public Enterprises present;**  
**Retired Commissioner Ben Shikongo, President of the Namibia National Liberation Veterans Association;**  
**Mr Jason Emvula, President of the Namibia National Farmers Union;**  
**Senior and other Government Officials present;**  
**Representatives of the Private Sector;**  
**Captain of Industries;**  
**Members of the Media;**  
**Distinguished Guests;**  
**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

As we come to the end of this important abattoir handover ceremony, allow me, on behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry, to express our deep gratitude to all of you for making time to attend.

We are particularly humbled to extend our gratitude to all the people that have contributed to the successful completion of the Outapi abattoir, as part of the project: **Beef Value Chain Development for Northern Communal Areas**. For us, the operationalization of this abattoir constitutes a milestone achievement as we strive to respond through practical means, to challenges facing the beef value chain in the NCAs.

Your concerted efforts and contributions is a sign of your commitment and dedication towards the ultimate realization of the national development agenda as articulated in the national policy documents, Vision 2030, the fifth National Development Plan, the Harambee Prosperity Plan and the Harambee

Comprehensively Coordinated and Integrated Agriculture Development Plan (HACCIADep).

In this regard, I would like to first of all, thank the Cabinet for its wisdom and directives related to the development of the beef value chains to mitigate marketing challenges experienced in these parts of our country. In the same vein, I would like to thank the Hon. Governor, Regional Councilors, Local Councilors and the Traditional Leaders for Omusati Region for their immense support, that made this handover a reality.

Director of Ceremonies,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would further like to thank the NNFU for their continued engagement of the Ministry in order to find solutions to the many challenges facing the agriculture sector and for making it a priority to attend this important event. Your future interventions in facilitating and supporting the operations of this abattoir and all other NCA beef value chain infrastructure will go a long way in the realization of both the medium and long term national development goals.

The Ministry highly appreciates the presence of the invited representatives of Government Offices, Ministries and Agencies. We believe that your witnessing of the high standard of operations at this abattoir will give impetus to increased procurement of beef produced from the NCAs through Government Procurement Process.

I also want to thank the members of the Joint Technical Committee for the operationalization of the NCA abattoirs, which was co-Chaired by the President of NNLVA and the Director of Planning and Business Development in the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry for your tireless efforts in steering the process leading up to this handover ceremony.

Special thanks go to an important member of our stakeholders, the media. We continue to count on your usual support and appreciate the important role that

you continue to play in disseminating information and ensuring that information reaches the intended recipients.

With these words, I, with the permission of the Minister declare this occasion officially closed.

I thank you.