



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

**WELCOMING REMARKS BY MR. PERCY W. MISIKA, PERMANENT SECRETARY,
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE, WATER AND FORESTRY AT THE OFFICIAL
LAUNCH OF THE 5 YEARS MINISTERIAL STRATEGIC PLAN AND THE
NATIONAL POLICY ON SUBDIVISION AND CONSOLIDATION OF AGRICULTURAL
LAND**

26 April 2018

OLD CABINET CHAMBER, OFFICE OF THE PRIME MINISTER

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Director of Ceremony;
Honourable Alpheus !Naruseb, Minister of Agriculture, Water and Forestry;
Honourable Anna Shiweda, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Water and Forestry;
Honourable Governors present;
Deputy Permanent Secretaries present;
Senior and other Government Officials present;
Captains of Industries;
Representatives of Public Enterprises;
Representatives of the Private Sector;
Representatives of the Farmers Unions;
Representative of our Institutions of High Learning;
Distinguished invited Guests;
Members of the Media;
Ladies and Gentlemen

Good Morning!

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to this important occasion. I would like to sincerely thank everyone present here for responding positively to our invitation, and for taking time from your busy schedules to come and witness the official launch of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry's five years Strategic Plan and the National Policy on Subdivision and Consolidation of Agricultural Land. We highly appreciate your attendance.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The two documents which are about to be launched are key to the agricultural sector. The Five years Strategic Plan (2017/2018 – 2021/2022) will serve as a guiding framework for the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry's (MAWF) and it is through this document that all our programmes and projects will be implemented to respond to the needs and aspirations of our stakeholders. The strategic plan is set to achieve the NDP 5 desired outcomes and the Namibia Harambee Prosperity Plan which are geared towards the realization of the country's Vision 2030. The formulation of this Strategic Plan

followed an extensive consultation process involving various stakeholders at regional and national level.

The National Policy on Subdivision and Consolidation of Agricultural Land is equally important as there can be no agricultural development without land. The process for development of this Policy was intensive and also followed a participatory exercise through which all stakeholders were engaged. This policy is the first of its kind and is really long overdue. Taking into account the increasing Namibian population and the growing demand for food, it is imperative that a clear Policy framework that will guide the process of subdivision and consolidation of agricultural land is put in place. This policy promote coordination of agricultural land use planning, land administration, land development as well as environmental protection in an effort to guarantee environmental, social and economic stability.

We believe that the full and successful implementation of these documents will improve the performance of our sector and enhance its contribution to the country's socio-economic development.

With these few words, I wholeheartedly welcome you all to this occasion.