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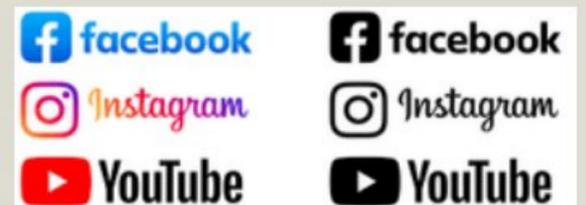
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Unity of Purpose

President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah during Heroes' Day commemoration in Katima Mulilo, expressed concern that Namibians were increasingly "at each other's throats" across families, communities, politics, religious institutions and traditional authorities. The President called on the Namibian citizens to always lift each other up and push forward together for the common good.

For many years the Caprivi region now Zambezi was battling with the hovering cloud of tribalism. However, over the years the region has made progress in working together in the spirit of One Namibia, One Nation. This unity of purpose was cemented on 04 August at the celebrations of Batshara cultural festival, where for the first time all four traditional authorities were represented at a cultural festival.

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These are some of the stories featuring in this edition. In addition four traditional authorities celebrated cultural festivals where Prime Minister Elijah Ngurare was the keynote speaker starting with the Masubia, Batshara, Tulikonge and Lusata cultural festivals.

The premier preached the message of unity and emphasized that traditional authorities are constitution-imbued with the responsibility of promoting peace and stability of the nation-state.

Other notable developments that took place in the previous quarter include the handover of 50 households under the Shack Dwellers Federation of Namibia (SDFN) at Bukalo Village Council, which were electrified by the Northern Namibia's Regional Electricity Distributor (Nored) as well as the ground-breaking for the construction of 500 houses under the SDFN.

The new facilities which were constructed at Sangwali Combined School by the Namibia Fish Consumption Promotion Trust (NFCPT), in partnership with the Namibian Institute of Mining and Technology (NIMT) were officially handed over in July.

It is therefore evident that it is only through Unity of Purpose that development can take place. Until next time, Happy reading!

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NNN Preaches Unity... Heroes' Day Celebrated in Zambezi

Aron Mushaukwa

Speaking during the 59th Heroes' Day Commemoration at the Katima Mulilo Sports Complex in the Zambezi region on 26 August, President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah expressed concern that Namibians were increasingly "at each other's throats" across families, communities, politics, religious institutions and traditional authorities.

"We are failing to lift each other up and push forward together for the common good. It troubles me deeply that we are too much at each other's throats... We are all one," she said

She thus reminded the nation that the sacrifices of those who fought for freedom of the liberation of Namibia should remind every citizen to uphold the values of unity, peace, inclusivity and progress.

"The aim was freedom and independence, if not for them, then certainly for the generations that would come after them. The brave sons and daughters of Namibia rose up and took arms to liberate the motherland, after having pursued all peaceful means to secure peace, freedom and independence for all Namibians," stated the president. At same time she pointed out that "as we reflect on our past, let us continue to build the Namibia we want, a just and shared prosperity. We must continue to engage so that we build trust among ourselves. Trust is the heart of our democracy; without it, despair can breed actions that threaten the very fabric of our society."

The president further called on all leaders at every level and across the entire political divide, traditional, religious, community, business and civic to renew their commitment to the maintenance of peace, justice and sustainable development.

"I urge citizens to resolve our differences with respect, tolerance, and sensitivity by peaceful means and not resort to violence. For those who have not seen or have no knowledge of what it took to liberate our country, I appeal to you, treasure the peace, liberty and justice we are able to enjoy today, for it was paid for in blood and through untold sacrifices," implored the Head of State.

President Nandi-Ndaitwah also announced during Heroes' Day commemoration that "government has decided to designate symbolic graves at the Heroes Acre in remembrance of Brendan Simbwaye and Tobias Hainyeko."

Envisioning the future, the president stated that "our resolve must be to protect our hard-won political freedom, while recognising that the battle to gain economic independence and prosperity for all, has not yet been won. The struggle to uplift the living conditions of all our people require our collective commitment to overcome the vagaries of poverty, hunger, unemployment and gender-based violence, drugs and alcohol abuse. It requires us to fight the evils of abuse of power, corruption and mismanagement of public resources. With the natural resources at our disposal we must make a commitment to ensure that every Namibian is living a decent life."



President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah speaking during Heroes' Day commemoration. Photo: Aron Mushaukwa

President visits Kalimbeza rice project



President Netumbo Nandi- Ndaitwah and delegates paid a visit to Kalimbeza rice farm in Zambezi region. Photos: Marythar Kambinda

Marythar Kambinda

President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah paid a visit to Kalimbeza rice farm in Zambezi region, on Wednesday the 27th of August 2025.

Nandi-Ndaitwah's visit to Kalimbeza rice farm in the Zambezi region highlights the government's ongoing efforts to address challenges and boost agricultural productivity in Namibia. The visit comes at a crucial time when the farm, which spans 229 hectares, is working to overcome setbacks such as a nonfunctional rice milling machine, and aims to maximize its production potential. During her visit, the President engaged with various stakeholders and emphasized the importance of strengthening the region's role as a key food producer, reaffirming her commitment to fostering sustainable agricultural development across Namibia.

The Kalimbeza rice farm has faced numerous challenges over the last years, with a nonfunctional rice milling machine being the recent obstacle. The rice farm covers an area of 229 hectares, with 150 hectares allocated to the production of rice. During the 2024/25 season, 38 hectares were cultivated, yielding a harvest of 108 tons of rice.

Nandi-Ndaitwah reiterated in one of her sentiments that Zambezi region is regarded as one of the bread baskets of Namibia, together with Kavango East and Kavango West regions, and will therefore be one of her priorities during her term in office, to ensure that they reach their full potential in production food.

Nandi-Ndaitwah held discussions with H.E. Mr. Mirza Nurhidayat, the Indonesian Ambassador to Namibia, and the Vice Chancellor of the University of Namibia Prof. Kenneth Matengu on matters of cooperation to expand the farms capacity and impact.

President Nandi-Ndaitwah's visit to Kalimbeza rice farm underscores the government's commitment to revitalizing key agricultural sectors in Namibia, particularly in regions like Zambezi that hold significant potential for food security and economic growth. The collaborative discussions with international and local stakeholders highlight a shared vision to enhance production capacity and overcome existing challenges.

Other dignitaries who formed part of the discussions with the President included the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform Inge Zamwani, as well as the Deputy Minister Ruth Masake. Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sport, Arts and Culture Sanet Steenkamp, Minister of Justice and Labour Relations Wise Immanuel including Minister in the Office of Presidency Christine //Hoebes. They were joined by Zambezi governor Dorothy Kabula and the Chairperson of Zambezi Regional Council Warden Simushi.

Prime Minister applauds the Mafwe community for cultural diversity



The Mafwe Royal headquarters hosted the Lusata annual Cultural Festival on 28 September 2025. Photos: Marythar Kambinda

Marythar Kambinda

The Mafwe Royal Establishment headquarters through the Chief of the Mafwe, Litunga George Simasiku Mamili VII, held the Lusata Annual Cultural Festival at Chinchimane, Zambezi region on Sunday, 28 September.

Hundreds of people from outside the region, as well as neighbouring countries such as Botswana and Zambia graced their presence at the festival which takes place on a yearly basis.

Prime Minister Dr. Elijah Ngurare was the guest speaker at the occasion, which marked the fourth and last cultural event for the region in 2025. Ngurare had stated at the Masubia cultural festival which took place in July that he would be attending all four festivals and kept with his promise by closing off the festivities at Lusata.

Ngurare in his address stated that the Mafwe Community's traditional and cultural values, norms and moral fabric have held this community together for centuries.

The Prime minister emphasised that the importance of cultures and traditions in any community cannot be underestimated. "We are what we are today because of those moral values we have learned from our norms and customs, passed on to us from generations."

This is what Lusata Cultural Festival is displaying today. We cannot run away from our longstanding customary practices and the continuity and respect for their application, said Ngurare.

"We should celebrate our traditions, show interest in our cultural practices, art, music, and history. Lusata preserves cultural practices and heritage of the Mafwe Community for succeeding generations to emulate and embrace with pride," he said.

Ngurare further added that preserving there should be a holistic approach to cultural preservation, balancing tourism goals with the community well-being. "In other words, tourism is an important element of our economy, but so too the well-being of our communities living near conservancies.

Ngurare further commended the Mafwe Traditional Authority for the demonstrated unity in diversity since independence. "Traditional authorities are an important architecture in our governance set-up. Government recognizes the important role they play in shaping our communities."

Ngurare concluded by stating that Lusata Cultural Festival is a magnificent mosaic of diverse cultures, and customs that come together to form a rich tapestry of unity in diversity of the Mafwe people.

Mashi Traditional Authority celebrates Tulikonge festival

Aron Mushaukwa

The annual Tulikonge cultural festival was celebrated on 21 September at Choi, the traditional seat of Nfumu Joseph Tembwe Mayuni III of the Mashi Traditional Authority. The celebration marked 28 years of the re-establishment of the traditional authority under the leadership of Mayuni III, and 21 years since government's recognition.



Prime Minister Dr. Elijah Ngurare and Nfumu Joseph Tembwe Mayuni III of the Mashi Traditional Authority, arriving at the Tulikonge cultural festival. Photo: Aron Mushaukwa

In his annual address Mayuni his area of jurisdiction remains one of the most underdeveloped in the Zambezi region and the country at large. He pointed out a lack of potable water, lack of electricity, long distances between schools, lack of community projects, and claimed discrimination in sharing of resources from the conservancies as some of the challenges.

He thus appealed to Prime Minister Dr. Elijah Ngurare who was the guest of honor to address those challenges. “I do not want my people to be divided due to the conservancies but I want them to share resources equitably,” stated Mayuni.

The Mashi traditional leader further stated that the issue of overlapping of boundaries between traditional authorities in Zambezi remains one of the stumbling block to development.

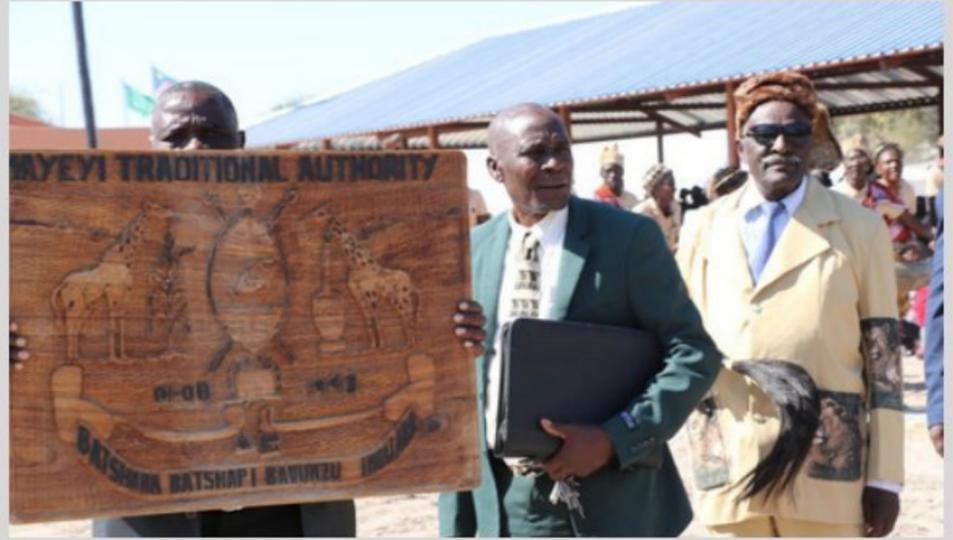
“It is important that the jurisdiction of each traditional authority should be clear to facilitate the efficient facilitation of disputes. What we advocate for is traditional boundaries, leaving people free to stay wherever they wish to stay in Namibia while respecting people’s customs and traditions,” he appealed.

In his remarks Ngurare stated that traditional authorities are constitution-imbued with the responsibility of promoting peace and stability of the nation-state.

“They do so by administering traditional laws and customs ensuring, amongst others, the security of communal land rights, resolution of disputes amongst subjects, protection of our natural resources and cultural heritage,” stated Ngurare.

He added that “traditional authorities have evolved to become a reliable and trustworthy extension of the Government service-delivery machinery.”

Ngurare commends Zambezi TA for making history through unity



Marythar Kambinda

Photos: Aron Mushaukwa

The Batshara Annual Cultural Festival took place at Sangwali in Judea Lyaboloma constituency of Zambezi region on the 3rd of August 2025, with a rich cultural heritage that brings people from all walks of life such as those from Botswana who share the same history of the Mayeyi community.

Prime Minister Dr. Elijah Ngurare highlighted that for the first time, all four traditional leaders in the Zambezi Region, have come together under one roof to celebrate their cultural heritage as one people, which is history in the making.

Shikati Boniface Lutibezi Shufu of Mayeyi Traditional Authority as the host, Munitenge Moraliswani III of the Masubia Traditional Authority who was represented by his Ngambela Albius Kamwi, Nfumu Joseph Tembwe Mayuni of the Mashi Traditional Authority, and Litunga George Simasiku Mamili VII of the Mafwe Traditional Authority, all came together to celebrate with the Mayeyi people at the Batshara cultural festival.

“This is indeed as telling as it is fulfilling. You are proudly embracing the clarion call of our President, Her Excellency Dr. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, who always says, and I quote: ‘I don't want to lead a divided nation,’” stated Ngurare.

Ngurare stated that Batshara Batsapi Annual Cultural Festival, through which the Mayeyi Community displays its distinct and rich cultural heritage through customs, norms, moral values, music such as the popular Shiboli, arts, cuisine, folklores and many other traditional beliefs have shaped the Mayeyi Community as we know it today.

“Chief Boniface Shufu, you are the custodian of the culture and identity of your community. Traditional leaders must lead and listen to the people they lead. At the end of the day, the people know best. This is an instructive lesson taken from the proud history of your people who had persevered for years to be where and who they are today,” stressed Ngurare.

Ngurare further called on the traditional authorities to continue embracing other traditional authorities, near and far, not only in Zambezi but throughout Namibia and in Botswana as well.

“It is unity that has brought the Mayeyi people from Botswana here. It's unity that has brought the Masubia, Mafwe, and Mashi traditional authorities here. Let's embrace unity. A traditional authority that is an island onto itself is like an empty vessel that makes a loud noise, which signifies nothing. Let us embrace one another in spite of our differences,” said Ngurare.

The Prime Minister further said that with unity we can help the country to achieve all its developmental programs, “and we can realise unfettered access to social amenities including water, sanitation, telecommunication, hospitals, schools, housing, roads including proclamation of local authorities and thereby create much needed employment opportunities for all our people.”

PM calls on Masubia to be proud of their unique cultural identity



Marythar Kambinda



The annual Masubia Cultural Festival, which has been in hiatus for six years, with the last festival taking place in 2019 drew people from different parts of the country, including those from neighbouring Botswana and Zambia to celebrate cultural diversity at the Masubia Royal Establishment in Bukalo on the 26 of July 2025.

Prime Minister Dr. Elijah Ngurare, who was the guest speaker at the event stated that peace and unity are strong keys in the strengthening and development of the community. "I am therefore happy to see the Masubia coming together under the Theme: "Vwikuhane Vwetu, (Our Vwikuhane/ Subia)."

Ngurare emphasised how culture and traditions play an important role in the formation of a community and as a people. "We are who we are because of our culture. Our social behaviour and norms shape our identity through knowledge, beliefs, arts, customs and laws passed onto us from one generation to another since time immemorial," stated Ngurare.

Ngurare further stated that a person without culture is like a tree without roots. Any wind can knock it off balance, as without culture, one will never be able to pass judgments about what is good and what is evil, what is moral and what is wicked.

Minister of Urban and Rural Development James Sankwasa highlighted the fact that unity as a tribe is what has been achieved at the festivities and called on the chief to ensure the continuation of unity of the Masubia. "The Chief is the custodian of the traditions, culture and all customs of a given tribe," stated Sankwasa.

Masubia Chief Gilbert Muhongo Mutwa Moraliswani III, in a speech read on his behalf appealed for peace and unity.

"We are a people bound by shared history and deep connection to this land. These are the foundations on which our strength is built. Let us not allow this division to weaken the bond that ties us together; therefore, I offer my sincere apologies for the wrongs that I have committed, and I commit myself to working tirelessly to rebuild trust and understanding within our tribe," implored Moraliswani III.

Moraliswani III emphasised that this was not a time to blame others but a time for healing. "It is a time for us to come together to create a future where all voices are heard, where all members feel valued, and where our shared future is one of peace, prosperity, and humanity," he stated.

The Chief further pledged to support the government by availing arable land for green schemes and building of schools and clinics in order to supporting government efforts, "which are that of bringing rural development to most of our people."

Fifty Shackdwellers Houses Electrified at Bukalo

Aron Mushauwa

BUKALO –Urban and Rural Development Minister James Sankwasa has called on community members to be vigilant and protect government infrastructure against those who seek to destroy and vandalise. He made these remarks at the official hand over of 50 households under the Shack Dwellers Federation of Namibia (SDFN) at Bukalo Village Council, which were recently electrified by the Northern Namibia's Regional Electricity Distributor (Nored).



Stakeholders during the ground-breaking for the construction of 500 houses under the SDFN. Photo: Aron Mushauwa

“We cannot deploy our Namibian police all over and in every corner of our villages to curb this unwanted theft. But as citizens if everyone of us takes upon himself - herself to say I will protect whatever belongs to the public.

I will be a police officer; I will report whatever I see. Whoever I see tampering with government infrastructure I will alert the authorities. Can I plead with you to do that?” stated Sankwasa.

He added: “If we don’t do that it is us who are going to be the losers. When copper wires are being stolen in Bukalo Village Council, it means even if we put houses there, there will be no electricity,” he cautioned.

He further thanked Nored and the line ministry for electrifying the shack dwellers houses in Bukalo. “Electricity is important, because it allows our kids to have computers, to have access to internet where they can access study materials not necessarily through the library. They can study long hours. Unlike during the time when I was here using a candle which affected our eyesight,” stated Sankwasa.

The event also marked the ground-breaking for the construction of 500 houses under the SDFN; and the handing over of those plots to Development Workshop Namibia for land servicing. Sankwasa appealed that even though Shack Dwellers plots are usually small stakeholders should make sure that the plots allocated will accommodate future expansion.

“We must know that the people who are going to be residing here will one day afford to buy a car; will one day afford to have two-three families. Therefore, the plots should be of a size that it can accommodate family expansion,” appealed Sankwasa.

According to SDFN Project Officer Kamolokamwe Augusto the allocation of land by Bukalo Village Council is highly appreciated and they are committed to ensuring that they deliver quality houses.

“This generous contribution of land is not just a transaction. It is a transformational opportunity that we intent to maximise. Our goal is to build the maximum number of houses possible on these plots if not all. So that more families can benefit from decent shelter and stable future,” he stated.

Sangwali Combined Schools gets new facilities

Aron Mushaukwa

SANGWALI – The new facilities which were constructed at Sangwali Combined School by the Namibia Fish Consumption Promotion Trust (NFCPT), in partnership with the Namibian Institute of Mining and Technology (NIMT) were officially handed over in July.



Stakeholders during the handover of new facilities which were constructed at Sangwali Combined School by the Namibia Fish Consumption Promotion Trust. Photo: Aron Mushaukwa

The new facilities includes three classrooms, a storeroom and an administration block which has the principal's office, a strong room, a reception area, an additional office, and a staff room were constructed at a cost of about N\$1.9 million. Speaking during the handover NFCPT CEO Victor Pea stated that “the journey that led us here began with a social media video, showing learners being taught under trees during the rainy season in January 2023. Moved by this reality, NFCPT committed to making a difference.”

He further pointed out that education is a catalyst for social transformation, and it is for this reason NFCPT through corporate social investment programs is dedicated to make a meaningful change.

“Upon learning of the learners' hardships, we first donated our old event tent to provide immediate relief. Simultaneously, we mobilized resources to build a permanent, more conducive learning environment,” stated Pea.

Pea further explained that he personally visited the school in August 2023 and “during this visit, I observed that teachers were cramped in a small staff room, and the principal was using a store room as her office. Recognizing the urgent need, we added an administrative block to the project to accommodate essential facilities.”

In her remarks NFCPT Board of Trustees Chairperson Suzan Ndjaleka pointed out that the handing over of the facilities is a “realisation of a shared vision, one in which every Namibian child has access to a safe and inspiring environment for learning.”

Zambezi regional governor Dorothy Kabula in a speech read on her behalf by Judea Lyaboloma Constituency Councilor Humprey Divai, thanked NFCPT for extending a helping hand to help the nation.

“It is therefore a great privilege to have institutions such as the Namibia Fish Consumption Promotion Trust, which does not only focus on nutrition but also runs programs aimed at empowering the nation by building the capacity of the very people they serve,” stated Kabula.

She further called on the beneficiaries “to make the most of what you are receiving, use it as a stepping stone to improve lives, enhance service delivery, and inspire those around you.” Sangwali Combined School Principal Esnart Simobe could not hide her excitement for receiving the new facilities.

“It wasn't easy for me coming from a school where I had an office to a school where I have to operate from a storeroom, for close to two years now, it was really hard. I had even resorted to leaving the door open so that colleagues won't be bothered to knock whenever they want to collect something from the storeroom. You can just imagine how I feel right now,” stated Simobe.

Sangwali Combined School was established on 18 January 1962 as a primary school, with three teachers. Currently, the school has an enrolment of 346 and 18 staff members.

Aipinge calls for coordinated efforts in policy implementation

Marythar Kambinda

The Ministry of Information and Communication Technology (MICT) hosted its Chief Regional Officers (CROs) Quarterly Engagement in Katima Mulilo, Zambezi Region, on 25 August, bringing together regional executives from across the country to discuss improved coordination, stakeholder engagement, and service delivery.

Addressing the gathering, MICT Interim Executive Director, Linda Aipinge, underscored the importance of collaboration in driving Namibia's digital transformation and socio-economic development.

“Our meeting today is a reflection of our commitment to champion information and communication technology for socio-economic development,” said Aipinge.

She outlined the ICT sector's three key pillars, focusing on digital infrastructure and cybersecurity, human development through creative industries, and effective governance through decentralisation and access to information. These priorities, she said, aim to expand universal connectivity, promote innovation, and enhance service delivery.

Aipinge also highlighted plans to establish new Radio Access Network (RAN) sites in underserved areas to improve mobile and broadcasting coverage across the country.

She emphasised that the quarterly engagement serves as a platform to align national and regional priorities in line with the Sixth National Development Plan (NDP 6), promoting stronger coordination and accountability in public service delivery.

Aipinge concluded by reaffirming the Ministry's commitment to collaboration and inclusive digital growth, ensuring that no region is left behind in Namibia's drive toward a connected and empowered society.



Chief Regional officers of Regional councils attended an engagement by MICT in Katima Mulilo. Photos: Marythar Kambinda

Zambezi governor calls residents to protect the environment



Residents of Katima Mulilo joined in the nationwide clean up campaign. Photos: Marythar Kambinda

Marythar Kambinda

Stakeholders and residents of Katima Mulilo joined Zambezi governor Dorothy Kabula at the regional launch of the National Clean Up Campaign on 26 September, at the Katima Mulilo open market.

The campaign which is an initiative by the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism was officially launched in Nkurenkuru on the 17th of September, under the theme, "Namibia, Healthy and Clean #KeepNamibiaClean."

Kabula called on the residents of the town to take responsibility for the environment, as well as their surroundings, to ensure that the town and locations are kept clean.

The governor urged local businesses to lead by example and ensure that their premises, and surroundings remain neat and tidy at all times.

This campaign is a call to action for all of us to take responsibility for the environment we live in. "I have a strong conviction that no one is comfortable to live in a dirty environment. We have resorted to be comfortable with places that are not clean and we blame others for that," said the Kabula.

She urged residents who live along the roads to do away with dumping alongside roads but rather keep garbage's within to be collected by service providers.

She further called upon the Katima Mulilo Town Council to reinforce their mandate in terms of section 30 (1)(a) of the Local Authorities Act, 1992 (Act No. 23 of 1992), tasked with ensuring the maintenance of hygiene and cleanliness in all public places. "We expect full enforcement of rules against unnecessary littering so that our town is clean and tidy," said Kabula.

Kabula stated that Zambezi is the gateway between Namibia, Botswana, and Zambia, "Therefore, let us present a region that reflects pride, health, and readiness for business tourism," she said.

Residents gathered at three points namely, Katima Mulilo open market, Choto bakery as well as Cowboy open market.

2nd National council and regional councils annual conference in Katima Mulilo



Response Governance... stakeholders during the Second National Council and Regional Councils consultative conference was held from 16 to 18 September 2025 in Katima Mulilo. Photo: Aron Mushaukwa

Marythar Kambinda

The Second National Council and Regional Councils consultative conference was held from 16 to 18 September 2025 in Katima Mulilo under the theme, "Towards Responsive Governance: Clarifying the Mandates of the National Council and Regional Councils."

Speaking at the official opening the National Council chairperson Lukas Muha stated that the conference serves as an annual consultative platform to strengthen and enhance the constitutional mandates of both the National Council and the 14 Regional Councils.

Muha said the conference promotes critical reflection on the mandates of both institutions to improve understanding, coordination, and impact.

"It aims to give effect to Article 1(2) of the Namibian Constitution, which vests power in the people of Namibia, and to advance service delivery as outlined in Chapters 3 and 11."

Muha further stated that in order to ensure accountability and continuity between the first and second conferences, participants will review the outcomes of the first Conference and assess the impact of their implementation.

Building on the cordial working relationship between the National Council, Regional Councils, and other stakeholders, this year's conference will examine constitutional and statutory mandates to enhance the law-making process, human resource matters, and the general welfare of Members and staff, he said.

The chairperson underscored the importance of Regional Councils to continuously and meaningfully participate in the legislative review process, and for the three Members representing their regions to provide regional input enriched by the region during bill reviews. All of this can be achieved through meaningful consultation and collaboration.

Zambezi Regional Council chairperson and President of the Association of Regional Councils (ARC) Warden Simushi emphasised the importance the conference, which is a vital platform for reflection, coordination and progress as it is a moment which allows members to reaffirm shared commitments to the principles of regional representation, inclusive development, and constitutional accountability.

Simushi stated that the ARC recognizes the importance of structured consultation between the National Council and Regional Councils, as envisioned in Article 68 of our Constitution.

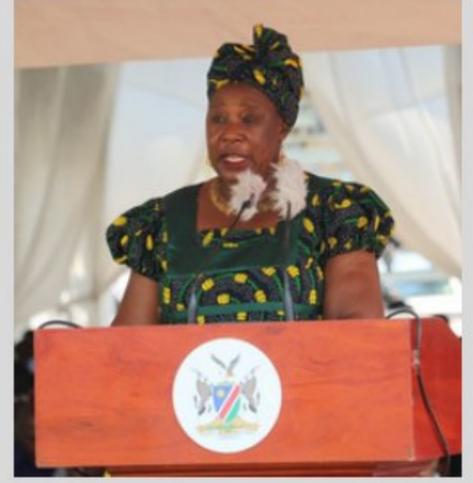
"This "umbilical cord" relationship is not symbolic, it is functional, and it must be nurtured through dialogue, cooperation, and mutual respect."

Simushi further added that the conference being held in Katima Mulilo is a reminder of the diversity and richness of the regions in the country.

"We are reminded that governance must be responsive, not only to national priorities but to local realities. The voices of our communities, especially those of women, youth, and marginalized groups, which must be heard, respected, and reflected in policies and actions," he said.

Simushi further encouraged participants to use the platform not only to discuss but to act, to build bridges, to empower communities, and to uphold the values of the Constitution.

THROUGH THE LENS: HEROES' DAY



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INFORMATION SHARING

The regional office conducted school quizzes on the National Symbols and Importance of Heroes Day, Community engagement and material distribution prior to Heroes Day Commemoration from 18 to 22 August 2025

School Quizzes and Material Distribution- Sangwali Combined Shool, Masida Combined School, Muyako Combined School, Lusese Combined School and Schuckmansburg Combined School.

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VIDEO SHOWS

The government information is shared through video shows, as part of the office's work plan. MICT regional office is obliged to identify rural communities and schools in need of such access to GRN information services and observe commemoration days of Namibia . The MICT regional team conducted video shows prior to Heroe's Day at different schools such as Kongola, Mbambazi, Mayuni, Izimwe Primary school

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