



**REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA  
THE PRESIDENCY**

**STATEMENT BY**

**H.E. DR. NETUMBO NANDI-NDAITWAH,  
ON THE COMMISSIONING OF THE NATIONAL  
TASK FORCES ON ECONOMIC RECOVERY,  
HEALTH, AND HOUSING AND LAND**

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**Your Excellency, Lucia Witbooi, Vice President,  
Rt. Hon. Dr. Elijah Ngurare, Prime Minister,  
Honourable Kaire Mbuende, Director General of the  
National Planning Commission and Coordinator of the  
Task Forces,  
Honourable Ministers,  
Distinguished Task Force Members,  
Members of the Media,  
Fellow Namibians.**

**In recent years, our country has faced a combination of pressures that tested our collective resilience. Rising living costs, constraints on job creation, uneven service delivery, housing shortages, land pressures, and a health system carrying multiple burdens. At the same time, our private sector has had to navigate a complex economic environment, global uncertainties, and domestic bottlenecks that inhibited growth.**

**It became clear that if we wanted to accelerate progress, we could no longer operate in silos. We needed a unified platform where concerns could be raised openly, where solutions could be shaped constructively and where the voices of government, business, labour, communities,**

**civil society, academia and faith leaders could meet on equal footing. This is the rationale that led to the establishment of the Namibia Public Private Forum.**

**The Forum was never intended to be another meeting. It was intended to be a turning point. It created a space where Namibians could look one another in the eye, acknowledge our shared challenges, and commit to working together with honesty and clarity. It reaffirmed that our nation has the talent, the ideas, and the capacity. What we needed was alignment, unity of purpose, and a willingness to approach our problems with fresh thinking.**

**It is from that spirit and in line with the commitment I made during the Namibian Public Private Forum that I am commissioning today three national task forces to drive our work, namely Task Force on economic recovery, o health, and on housing and land delivery. These task forces will be composed of individuals from diverse backgrounds, representing government, the private sector, civil society, academia amongst others. Their diversity reflects our belief that no single sector holds all the answers. Solutions will emerge when we**

**listen respectfully to one another and when we challenge old assumptions with open minds.**

**I am also aware that when the idea of these task forces was first announced, some people may have wondered whether it would lead to real action or become lip service.**

**Today, we stand here as proof that the 8<sup>th</sup> Administration is serious about service delivery. We are demonstrating urgency. We are demonstrating commitment. We are demonstrating that our approach is one of business unusual, because the challenges we face demand nothing less.**

**This is not about criticizing what came before us. It is about building on the foundations that previous administrations have laid, drawing lessons from the past and improving on what can be done better today. Every era has its own responsibilities and its own rhythm. Our task in this moment is to take what we have inherited, strengthen it and move Namibia forward with the urgency our people expect. Under NDP6, we have a clear**

**roadmap, and these task forces are instruments to accelerate the implementation of that roadmap.**

**Distinguished Members of these Essential Task Forces,**

**As you begin your work, it is crucial to understand that collaboration will not always be simple. You come from different sectors, and you may not always agree. But disagreement is not a weakness. It is an opportunity to understand one another and to build better solutions. We cannot solve today's challenges with yesterday's mindset. We must be bold, honest, and innovative.**

**Let us remember the African proverb that says the canoe does not move forward if everyone is paddling their own way. Our progress as a nation depends on our ability to pull in the same direction, to work with mutual respect and open minds, and to recognize that the solutions we seek will come from collective effort.**

**The task force on economic recovery will help unlock growth, strengthen investment, support innovation and expand opportunities for our youth. One of this task**

**force reference point is the post COVID-19 economic recovery document**

**The task force on health will assist us in building a stronger, more responsive health system that serves the needs of all Namibians. The report of 2013 on health, commissioned by H.E. Hifikepunye Pohamba, should be the most crucial reference document for the task force on health.**

**The task force on housing and land will address one of our most urgent social obligations, ensuring access to dignified housing and serviced land for families across the country.**

**Fellow Namibians,**

**Let us render our utmost support to these Task Forces and this is how we are indirectly making our significant contributions toward building a Namibian House we want.**

**Members of the Task Forces,**

**I would like to recognize your unwavering commitments to your voluntary services aimed at improving the**

**socioeconomic conditions and livelihood of our Namibian citizens. As a nation, we extend our deepest appreciation to the members of the Economic Recovery, Health, and Land & Housing Task Forces. It is our hope that your dedication, expertise, and steadfast commitment will play a vital role in guiding our national priorities and shaping meaningful policy interventions. Your work will strengthen our public health systems, support economic resilience, and advance land delivery and housing efforts that will benefit our nation for generations to come. I, therefore, wish each of you continued success in your future endeavors.**

**Together we will strengthen our economy.**

**Together we will build a healthier nation.**

**Together we will deliver dignified land for housing.**

**Together we will shape a future where every Namibian has the opportunity to thrive.**

**I thank you.**