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**INTRODUCTION OF THE KEYNOTE
SPEAKER
BY THE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON ,
DR. MONIKA PENDUKENI
AT THE OCCASION OF THE 9th OFFICIAL
GRADUATION CEREMONY**

**THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, 16 & 17 JULY 2026
MERCURE HOTEL, WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA**

- **Honourable Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services, Hon. Susan Ndjaleka**
- **Chancellor and Co-Founder of Welwitchia University, Prof. Scholastika Iipinge**
- **Chairperson of the University Council and Co-Founder of Welwitchia University (in absentia),**
- **Vice-Chancellor Prof. Marius Hedimbi,**
- **Members of the University Council, especially Prof Alice Lakati form the Amref International University in Kenya**
- **Dr Andreas Mwoombola, Welwitchia University Group CEO**
- **Mr Edward Kafita, CEO of Welwitchia Integrated Services**
- **All our Professors**
- **Members of the academic and administrative staff,**
- **Representatives from other Higher Education Institutions**
- **Representatives from our regulators, HPCNA, NQA, NCHE and others**
- **Our Sponsors for this 9th Graduation Ceremony,**
- **Distinguished guests, partners & all Stakeholders, members of the media**
- **proud parents and families,**
- **Welwitchia Students and alumni,**
- **friends, and most importantly, the 2026 graduating class of Welwitchia University.**

All protocol observed as established.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It is my honour to introduce our keynote speaker, Honourable Suzan Ndjaleka, the Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services. Honourable Ndjaleka brings to this role a wealth of public service experience and a strong commitment to people-centred development. She currently serves as Vice Chairperson of the Namibia Parliamentary Women's Caucus and represents the !Nami#Nus constituency as Regional Councillor for Lüderitz and Aus. Her leadership record includes serving as Mayor of Lüderitz from 2010 to 2015, and she has chaired the Board of the Namibia Fish Consumption Promotion Trust (NFCPT). Honourable Ndjaleka has also worked in skills development, heading satellite training centres in Lüderitz and Benguela, and at the Namibia Maritime and Fisheries Institute. Earlier in her career she served as Senior Finance Administrator and in client services at Methealth Medical Fund Administration (PSEMAS).

Her professional training includes diplomas in Accounts and Bookkeeping, and in Marketing and Management from UNISA and the University of the Witwatersrand. She has also served as an EMPRETEC Regional Consultant appointed by the Ministry of Trade, Industrialisation and SME Development, and brings extensive experience in strategic planning and corporate governance.

A tireless advocate for inclusive services, Honourable Ndjaleka is passionate about supporting people with disabilities and is currently establishing a centre for People Living with Disabilities in Lüderitz. She is optimistic about expanding programs that ensure equitable access to health care and creating youth-friendly mental health spaces across Namibia.

Please join me in welcoming Honourable Suzan Ndjaleka to deliver today's keynote address.

Dr. Monika Pendukeni
Council Chairperson and Co-Founder
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