SWAPO PARTY



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"SWAPO PARTY UNITED AND MATCHING TOWARDS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL NAMIBIANS"

RESOLUTIONS OF THE 7TH CONGRESS OF SWAPO PARTY

1. YOUTH POLITICAL EMPOWERMENT AND PARTICIPATION

The Seventh Congress;

Having considered the recommendations of the Third National Policy Conference on Youth Political Empowerment and Participation;

Acknowledging the challenge of youth political apathy within the party and *noting* the importance of generational transition and the need for grooming of the future leadership of the SWAPO Party;

Recognizing that the youth constitute the majority portion of the population and would therefore be the biggest voting bloc come 2024 general national elections;

Committed to ensuring the long-term continued sustainability of the SWAPO Party;

Resolved:

Short-Term Goals [Five (5) years]

1.1.SWAPO Party Administration

That the SWAPO Party directs the Secretary General to ensure modernization of SWAPO Party administration and to develop the electronic membership database, online membership application portal, and update SWAPO Party social media platform.

1.2. SWAPO Party Communication Centre

That the SWAPO Party directs the Secretary General to establish a permanent Communication Centre under the office of the Secretary for Information and Mobilisation and to appoint a Public Relations Officer (PRO) to deal with Party's daily communications, including ensuring Party social media presence.

1.3. SWAPO Party Pioneer Movement

That the SWAPO Party directs the Secretary General to instruct all the regional, district and branch structures to have an active SWAPO Party Pioneer Movement (SPPM) for effective and coordinated mobilisation of the pioneers.

1.4. SWAPO Party Youth League

That the SWAPO Party directs the SWAPO Party Youth League (SPYL) to develop and implement a socio-economic programme for the empowerment of youth groups including unemployed single mothers, drugs and alcohol addicts, students from vulnerable background, pregnant youth, and single parents among others, in different communities.

1.5. Youth Political Empowerment Programme

That the SWAPO Party directs the Secretary General to develop and implement a yout political empowerment programme including introduction of youth programmes at the SWAPO Party School.

Long-Term Goals [Over five (5) years]

1.6. SWAPO Party Constitution

That the SWAPO Party directs the Secretary General in consultation with the Secretary for Legal Affairs to review the SWAPO Party constitution to remove restrictive clauses that limit youth inclusion.

1.7. SWAPO Party Administration

Congress directs the Office of the Secretary General modernises its administration to enable an online membership application portal.

1.8. SWAPO PARTY Communication Centre

Congress directs that the Office of the Secretary strengthens the SWAPO Party's Information and Publicity Department by establishing a permanent communication centre to manage the Party's daily communications, including ensuring social media presence.

1.9. Monitoring and Evaluation

Congress directs the Office of the Secretary General to find mechanism to monitor and evaluate the performance of its various structures. This includes mainstreaming the Party manifesto commitment for implementation.

2. ADVANCING YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

The Seventh Congress;

Having considered the recommendations of the Third National Policy Conference on Advancing Youth Employment;

Acknowledging that youth serve as the majority population in Namibia

Noting the high number of unemployed graduates and in turn the high unemployment rate in Namibia;

Recognizing the various interventions already underway through different stakeholders both in the public and private sector;

Committed to ensuring that young people are empowered to partake in the mainstream economic sector;

Resolved:

Short-Term Goals [Five (5) years]

2.1. National Youth Fund

That the SWAPO Party directs government to set up a National Youth Fund, under the NYC to strengthen and increase access to funding for youth developmental innovation and business projects.

2.2. Youth Empowerment Project

That the SWAPO Party directs government to identify, develop and implement youth empowerment projects or initiatives in all sectors of economy.

2.3. Sports and Arts Sector

That the SWAPO Party directs government to mobilise support (including financial) towards development of all Sports codes, and the Arts sector; and encourage institutionalisation of same in different sectors.

2.4. National Internship Policy and Apprenticeship

That the SWAPO Party directs government to accelerate the development of the National Internship Policy in order to facilitate students' access to Work Integrated Learning (WIL) as well as to support apprenticeship programs that allow for on-the-job training and skills development that are fit for market.

Long-Term Goals [Over five (5) years]

2.6. Promotion of Local Consumption

That the SWAPO Party directs Government to ensure the policy of promoting consumption of locally produced products, especially in government schools, hospitals, NDF bases, among others, is complied with to incentivise local production.

2.7. Equipment Aid Scheme

That the SWAPO Party directs government to revive the Equipment Aid Scheme under the Ministry of Industrialisation, Trade and SME Development and to formulate clear terms to ensure broader accessibility to the Equipment Aid Scheme by the youth.

2.8. Employment at Regional and International Organization

That the SWAPO Party directs government through MIRCO to ensure that Namibia maximises its quota opportunity at the regional and international organisations, SACU, SADC, AU and at all UN Agencies.

2.9. Professional Bodies

That the SWAPO Party directs government to review the various legislation regarding the registration and admission to different professional bodies to remove hindrances in support of accelerated employment of the youth, including self-employment.

3. ANALYSIS OF LOCAL CONTENT POLICIES IN NAMIBIA'S MINING SECTOR

The Seventh Congress,

Having considered the recommendations of the Third National Policy Conference on Mining and Oil and Gas;

Acknowledging that Namibia is richly endowed with an abundance of natural resources, of which mining, tourism, agriculture and fisheries are the major industries;

Further acknowledging that the mining, oil and gas industries have potential;

Noting that there are expectations that these sectors can be utilized to provide several benefits such as employment, poverty reduction and agglomeration economies;

Recognising that value can be added or retained in the national or local economy when the mining, and oil and gas operations source inputs locally;

Further recognising that fiscal policies alone have not resulted in linking the extractive industries to the rest of the economy;

Committed to adoption of broad-based, inclusive local content policies to transform and link the extractive sector to the rest of the economy;

Resolved:

Short-Term Goals [Five (5) years]

3.1. That the SWAPO Party directs government to incorporate the Local Content Policy in the Mineral Act.

3.2. That the SWAPO Party directs government through the Ministry of Mines and Energy to speed up finalisation of the Local Content Policy in the oil and gas industry and incorporate it into the Petroleum Act, to ensure that oil and gas are landed in Namibia before they are exported abroad.

3.3. That the SWAPO Party directs government through the Ministry of Mines and Energy to speed up the implementation of the newly drafted Mineral Beneficiation Strategy.

3.4. That the SWAPO Party directs government through the Ministry of Trade, Industrialisation, and SME Development to ensure relevant directorate is capacitated to enable implementation of the Mineral Beneficiation Strategy.

Long-Term Goals [Over five (5) years]

3.5. That the SWAPO Party directs government to define and classify minerals resources such as gold, diamonds, platinum, oil, and synthetic fuel such as green hydrogen among

others, as Strategic Minerals and Resources and be used for national development and establishment of national reserves (e.g., gold reserves).

3.6. That SWAPO Party direct government to employ targeted efforts towards promotion of Namibian ownership and financing of the mining and energy sectors at all levels.

4. PURSUING OF NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LAND USE FOR AN ENHANCED ECONOMIC GROWTH AND FOOD SECURITY

The Seventh Congress,

Having considered the recommendation of the Third National Policy Conference on Water Security Development;

Noting the importance of Water Security to Mankind and Agriculture for survival and economic development respectively;

Mindful of the achievement recorded in the implementation of the 6th National Policy Conference and most targets of Vision 2030, the National Development Plans (NDPs) as well as the Harambee Prosperity Plan II;

Desirous to secure water security for Namibia.

Resolved:

Short Term Goals [Five (5) years]:

Acceleration of potable water supply to rural communities

4.1. That the SWAPO Party directs government through the relevant ministry to have one drilling rig in all fourteen (14) regions.

4.2. That the SWAPO Party directs government through the relevant ministry to excavate three earth dams per constituency where practical possible.

4.3. That the SWAPO Party directs government to fast-track the expansion of water supply infrastructure network in all the fourteen (14) regions.

Long Terms Goals [Over five (5) years]

Ensuring attainment of Food Security and self-sufficiency by 2024

4.5. That the SWAPO Party directs government through the relevant Ministry to intensify agricultural production both under rainfed and irrigation (Green schemes) conditions.

4.6. That the SWAPO Party directs government to allocate the operations of Green Schemes to local entrepreneurs.

4.7. That the SWAPO Party directs government to develop and implement a livestock restocking programme in all regions, targeting youth and women.

4.8. That the SWAPO Party directs government to capacitate farmers in Good Agricultural Practices and implement targeted appropriate capacity-building programmes for youth and women in agriculture.

4.9. That the SWAPO Party directs government to support public financial institutions (Agribank and DBN) to align and streamline the business processes and systems to enable access to affordable financing.

4.10. That the SWAPO Party directs government to capitalise public agricultural institutions, AMTA and MEATCO, to meaningfully support farmers.

Acceleration of Land Delivery

4.11. That the SWAPO Party directs government through the relevant Ministry to shorten the allocation process and the turn-around time for the agricultural land to three (3) months.

4.12. That the SWAPO Party directs government to implement a targeted agricultural empowerment programme for youth, women, People with Disability (PWD), marginalised communities, and the veterans of the national liberation struggle.

4.13. That the SWAPO Party to direct government to fast-track the implementation of the recommendations of the 2nd National Land Conference and to at least attain 75% implementation by 2024.

4.14. That the SWAPO Party directs government through the relevant ministry to ensure water supply security by 2030.

4.15. That the SWAPO Party to direct government to ensure horizontal integration of the agricultural sector with green hydrogen, oil, and gas industry.

4.16. That the SWAPO Party directs government to initiate and coordinate the development of veterinary pharmaceutical plants to produce products such as animal vaccines, medicines, and medical supplies.

4.17. That the SWAPO Party directs government to support the development and expansion of agricultural value addition chains (for example subsidization of processing facilities, shelf space for local products on "big "retailors).

4.18. That the SWAPO Party directs government to expedite process for land allocation under the land reform programme to farmers and young agricultural graduates.

4.19. That the SWAPO Party directs government to triple the current food reserve capacity to enable the country to be able to feed the nation for at least a year in case of food shortage.

5. CONTRIBUTION OF ECONOMIC DIPLOMACY TO NAMIBIA GDP GROWTH

The Seventh Congress;

Having reviewed the implementation of the recommendations of the SWAPO Party sixth (6^{th}) Congress;

Taking into account the Policy on International Relations and Cooperation and the concomitant recommendations on economic diplomacy, foreign direct investment, cultural and sports diplomacy;

Acknowledging the critical importance of Namibia's diplomatic representation, especially in most industrialized countries;

Also acknowledging the impact of Covid 19 pandemic on regional and global value chains as well as Namibia's efforts towards industrialization;

Concerned about the high unemployment rate in Namibia, especially among the youth population;

Determined to trade under the African Continental Free Trade Area, so as to access the vast African market;

Recognizing the importance of Africa's connectivity by road and air in furtherance of intra - African trade and tourism;

Resolved:

Short Term Goals [Five (5) years]

5.1. That the SWAPO Party directs government to intensify its efforts to attract foreign investment into the tourism sector and to promote Namibia as a tourism destination.

5.2. That the SWAPO Party directs government to speed up the implementation of the project/system at international airport /border posts/entry points to enable the issuing of Visas to tourists upon arrival.

5.3. That the SWAPO Party directs government to speed up the implementation of investment laws, policies, and regulations, with attractive incentives, to ease business for trade and investment.

5.4. That the SWAPO Party directs government to develop a National Branding Strategy (NBS) under public diplomacy to support the promotion of the country's desired image and identity.

5.5. That the SWAPO Party directs government to strengthen the collaboration between the Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board (NIPDB) and the Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation through the Namibian Foreign Missions, in order to accelerate Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).

5.6. That the SWAPO Party directs government to intensify its efforts in the promotion of sports and cultural diplomacy as a tool for poverty reduction. This promotion is to include Namibian outstanding sports personalities/artists as Goodwill Ambassadors as well as exchange programmes.

Goal Terms Goals [Over five (5) years]

5.7. That the SWAPO Party directs government to strengthen its pursuance for economic diplomacy to enable cooperation and promotion of market access for Namibian products, goods, and services through the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), Special Economic sone (SEZ), SADC, SACU and AGOA.

5.8. That the SWAPO Party directs government to ensure that apart from the Official Ambassadors appointed under the Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation,

the government considers identifying Namibians of good standing in the diaspora and appointing them as Goodwill Ambassadors, at "no compensation".

5.9. That the SWAPO Party directs government to strengthen and maintain a stable political environment at all costs for effective economic diplomacy.

5.10. That the SWAPO Party directs government to conduct regular assessments to identify economically strategic countries where new diplomatic missions may be opened.

5.11. That the SWAPO Party directs government to reintroduce a national airline to access international markets and to facilitate the easy faring of tourists into the country.

6. DEFENCE, SAFETY, SECURITY, AND INTELLIGENCE

The Seventh Congress;

Having considered the recommendations of the Third National Policy Conference on Defence, Safety, Security, and Intelligence;

Acknowledging the achievements and challenges in the security sector since independence and the need for urgent interventions by Congress to address the challenges from the national and international perspective in respect of safety, security, intelligence and defence issues affecting Namibia;

Noting the amongst others, security policy resolutions contained in various SWAPO Party policy documents including the Constitution, 2017 Congress Resolutions, 2017 Policy Conference Resolutions, Terms of Reference of the 2018 Cluster on Defence & Security, the SWAPO Party Manifesto launched in 2019, 2020 SWAPO Party Introspection Conference resolutions, SWAPO Party Political Program, as well as, inputs received from stakeholders;

Recognising the urgent need to address the challenges in terms of food, energy, water, cyber, land, veterans of the liberation struggle and internal party security;

Committed to the review, harmonisation and strengthening of policies and legislation, adoption of integrated coordination approach among security agencies, identification and strengthening of top national security key points, creation of an integrated National Security Architecture, the involvement of security agencies personnel in food production;

Committed to implement the recommendations of the Third National Policy Conference on Defence, Safety, Security, And Intelligence;

Resolved:

Short Term Goals [Five (5) years]

6.1. That the SWAPO Party directs government to review, harmonise, and strengthen the legislation governing national security. This should include policy and legal frameworks to regulate cyber security and create an integrated National Security Architecture in terms of documentation and content.

6.2. That the SWAPO Party directs government to identify and strengthen the top national security key points and allocated resources in terms of qualified personnel and equipment to enable them to tackle any security threats to Namibia at any given time.

6.3. That the SWAPO Party directs government to develop an integrated policy approach for the full participation of the personnel of the security cluster in the national food programme, to ensure self-sustainability in food production.

6.4. That the SWAPO Party directs government to fully realise the cash pay-out of veterans of the liberation struggle before 2024, and to accelerate and finalise the application by the veterans' association for affiliation membership.

6.5. That the SWAPO Party directs government to resume security personnel recruitment in order to fill the gap created by the old aging personnel.

6.6. That the SWAPO Party directs government to acquire its own internet domain because the current domain is owned and managed by a private individual(s) and poses a national security threat in that national classified documents may be accessed by not vetted individuals; and similarly, the cost of the domain dot.NA is not friendly to socioeconomic development because its very expensive.

6.7. That the SWAPO Party directs government to put on hold the FIMA bill and related regulations because in its current form it will negatively affect the image of the Party. It must be referred back to Parliament for further consultations.

6.8. That the SWAPO Party directs government to urgently put in place mitigation measures to respond to any potential economic sanctions in terms of self-reliance (financially, food, energy, etc).

6.9. That the SWAPO Party directs government to implement all policy recommendations and commitments contained in the SWAPO Party Manifesto by 2024.

6.10. That the SWAPO Party directs government to ensure that OMA's implement all policy interventions on water security including mobilizing resources to support the

implementation of the policy interventions; and to establish monitoring and evaluation units at OMAs and local stakeholder levels to track the implementations of the identified policy interventions.

6.11. That the SWAPO Party directs government to increase its support for the expedited development of the identified strategic power generation and transmission projects.

6.12. That the SWAPO Party directs government to prioritise Rural Electrification as an enabler to stimulating the regional and local economies; and implement mechanisms for ensuring affordable access to electricity and petroleum products.

6.13. That the SWAPO Party directs government to take a policy consideration in respect of food and infrastructure security, including in the fishing and agriculture sectors.

Long Term Goals

6.14. That the SWAPO Party directs government to adopt a more integrated approach for coordination among security agencies, including the development of an integrated data management system jointly manned by all security agencies.

6.15. That the SWAPO Party directs government to consider fencing off the borders to reduce and prevent illegal immigration into the country; and engage its neighbours on the establishment of additional border posts.

6.16. That the SWAPO Party directs government to develop a home-grown, self-funded internal security policy framework;

6.17. That the SWAPO Party directs government to establish a scientific experimentation laboratories and institutes to undertake scientific experiments and research;

6.18. That the SWAPO Party directs government to establish and construct shelters and fall-out facilities in major towns for the protection of the public in an event of attacks, including nuclear or biological attacks;

6.19. That the SWAPO Party directs government to develop a policy to develop and strengthen the country's capacity to respond to security risks posed by internet crimes, and to censure the posting of malicious social media content.

6.18. Correctional Services

That the SWAPO Party directs the Government to enact legislation, which will regulate the conduct and operations of Remotely Piloted Aircraft System (RPAS) by putting in place restrictions for use over restricted security areas, in order to address the risk posed by the unregulated RPAS.

6.19. Security issues within the PARTY:

That the SWAPO Party reviews its security mechanism including the vetting of cadres to be assigned to critical positions, the revival of the Pioneers Movement to instil discipline, patriotism and proper political upbringing of future leaders of the party.

7. POST COVID-19: REVIVING THE NAMIBIAN ECONOMY

The Seven Congress

Having considered the recommendations of the Third National Policy Conference on the Analysis of Economic Diplomacy's contribution to Namibia's GDP Growth.

Acknowledging the purpose is to analyse and strengthen the affords of Namibian foreign missions to optimise economic diplomacy.

Acknowledging further that the aim is at driving and promoting Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) and the economic engagement through economic diplomacy with the rest of the world;

Noting that Cabinet approved a business rescue task force to support affected businesses, the youth, and enhance strategies to access finance.

Recognising the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic has brought significant challenges to the Namibian economy, in that it has caused reduction in major economic activities and overall economic growth, causing significant job losses, that has increased the unemployment rate, demand of goods and service in the economy.

Committed to increased research affords and focussed provision of monetary resources addressing economic activity recovery.

Resolved:

Short-Term Goals

7.1. That the SWAPO Party directs government to continue to restore fiscal stability through the ongoing fiscal consolidation by reducing non-critical expenditures.

7.2. That the SWAPO Party directs government to capacitate revenue collection agencies to improve revenue collection through enhanced compliance.

7.3. That the SWAPO Party directs government to implement the recommendations of the business rescue task force by among others amending the Companies Act, Insolvency Act, Public Enterprise Act, Namibia Competitions Act, Enact the Banking Institutions Act, Finalise the Consumer Protection Act, and the Namibia Business Law and establishing a business rescue fund.

7.4. That the SWAPO Party directs government and the private sector to coordinate and accelerate the implementation of the recommendations of the Harvard University Growth Lab.

7.5. That the SWAPO Party directs government to accelerate the implementation of the growth at home strategy and intensify the buying of products made in Namibia.

7.6. That the SWAPO Party directs government through the Ministry of Industrialisation and Trade, to accelerate the quarterly sessions where the private and public sector collaborates on key projects.

7.7. That the SWAPO Party directs government to fully implement the SME Financing Strategy such as the Venture Capital Fund, Mentoring and Coaching and Credit Guarantee Scheme and review the terms of the scheme and to provide funding and revive the SME equipment scheme in the Ministry of Industrialisation and Trade and increase its accessibility by the youth.

7.8. That the SWAPO Party directs government to identity and design tailor-made support for SMEs owned by Namibians to enable them to compete with international SMEs.

7.9. That the SWAPO Party directs government to undertake bi-annual reviews of the Tourism Recovery Strategy.

Long-Term Goals

7.9. That the SWAPO Party directs government to develop a livestock value addition that is linked to the green scheme and northern communal areas.

7.10. That the SWAPO Party directs government to ensure key components in the production of green hydrogen, such as solar panels, electrical equipment etc. to be procured in Namibia.

7.11. That the SWAPO Party directs government to review the SME equipment scheme in the Ministry of Industrialisation and Trade and increase its accessibility to the youth.

8: UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE

The Seventh Congress,

Having considered the recommendations of the Third National Policy Conference on Universal Health Coverage;

Acknowledging that Universal Health Coverage presents the best mechanism for delivery of quality health care to the Namibian people without them experiencing financial hardship;

Noting Cabinet approval of the roadmap towards the development of Universal Health Coverage framework and the establishment of governance structure;

Recognising the challenges in terms of infrastructure, human resource, information technology and financial resources that slow the progression to attain Universal Health Coverage in Namibia;

Committed to implement Universal Health Coverage in Namibia before 20230;

Resolved:

Short-term resolutions

8.1. *Health Workforce*

Congress directs the Office of the Prime Minister to speed up progress and consideration towards approving the proposed staff establishment of the Ministry of

Health and Social Services. The Congress further directs the government to make funds available for the implementation of the proposed staff establishment.

8.2. *Health Infrastructure*

Congress directs the government to increase the budget allocation for maintenance of health facilities. Congress directs the government to mobilise resource for the construction of the planned Khomas District Hospital. Finally, Congress directs the government to increase the budget of the Ministry of Health and Social Services for medical equipment, medicines and clinical supplies.

8.3. *Legislation*

Congress directs the government to prioritise the enactment of the Human Tissue Amendment Bill of 2017 to facilitate organ harvesting towards a national transplant programme.

8.4. *Procurement*

Congress directs the government to review the current national procurement regime and to consider granting exemption to key medical products such as medical equipment, including assistive devices for people with disabilities, medicines and clinical supplies from the provisions of the Public Procurement Act, 2015 (Act No. 15 of 2015).

8.5. *Central Medical Store*

Congress directs the government to expedite the reform of the Central Medical Store and strengthen its continuous support to enable timely procurement of medicines and clinical supplies.

8.6. *Financing*

Congress directs the government to mobilise funding from various sources for the implementation of Universal Health Coverage in Namibnia.

Long-term Goals

8.7. *New health facilities*

Congress directs the government to mobilise financial resources for the construction of the planned Nkurenkuru District Hospital, Ondangwa District Hospital, Otjiwarongo Regional Hospital and Ondangwa Referral Hospital.

8.8. *Criteria for establishment of new health facilities*

Congress directs the government to revise the criteria for the establishment of new health facilities to allow for exceptional cases.

9. RE-IMAGING TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT IN NAMIBIA

The Seventh Congress;

Having considered the recommendations of the Third National Policy Conference on Re-Imaging Transport Infrastructure Development In Namibia;

Acknowledging that re-imaging transport infrastructure development in Namibia presents the best mechanism for delivery of quality transport to the Namibian people without them experiencing financial hardship;

Recognising the challenges in terms of infrastructure, human resource, information technology and financial resources that slow the progression to attain efficient transport infrastructure will present; and

Committed to establishing efficient transport infrastructure in Namibia by 2030;

Resolved:

Short-Term Goals

9.1. That the SWAPO Party directs government through the Ministry of Works and Transport to prioritise and adequately fund the rural feeder roads, which link constituencies, villages, and farms.

9.2. That the SWAPO Party directs government through the Ministry of Works and Transport to prioritise and adequately fund the maintenance of the existing road and rail networks.

9.3. That the SWAPO Party directs government to re-purpose the former military airports currently not utilised by the Namibian Defence Force (NDF) for civilian purposes.

9.4. That the SWAPO Party directs government to revive Air Namibia to provide regional connectivity to destinations such as Johannesburg, Cape Town, Lusaka, Harare, Gaborone, Luanda, Maputo, Addis Ababa, Nairobi and similar. Further, with some aircraft capacities remaining in Namibia in the form of the Embraer and Airbus regional jets, Air Namibia's excellent safety reputation could be resuscitated.

9.5. That the SWAPO Party directs government to introduce a Single Window System for all weighbridges to reduce waiting times and simplify procedures for transporting cargo.

Long-Term Goals

9.6. That the SWAPO Party directs government to prioritise the development of the following railway lines:

- Grootfontein-Katima Mulilo;
- Tsumeb-Otavi-Grootfontein;
- Keetmanshoop-Luderitz (upgrading); and
- Gobabis-Gaborone.

9.7. That the SWAPO Party directs government to expand and deepen the Walvisbay and Luderitz ports, respectively.

9.8. That the SWAPO Party directs government to upgrade the Hosea Kuṭako International Airport (Terminal 3), Walvisbay Airport, Keetmanshoop Airport, and the Katima Mulilo Airport, respectively.

9.9. That the SWAPO Party directs government to prioritise the full development of Oranjemund harbour.

9.10. That the SWAPO Party directs government to determine the feasibility of the Cape Fria harbour.

10. AFFORDABLE AND ADEQUATE HOUSING FOR ALL IN NAMIBIA AND GOVERNING THE INFORMAL SETTLEMENT

The Seventh Congress,

Having considered the recommendations of the Third National Policy Conference on Affordable and Adequate Housing for all Namibian;

Acknowledging housing as a major development challenge in Namibia, yet an important vehicle for addressing poverty, social harmony, and economic advancement;

Noting there Cabinet / Presidential decree to declare informal settlements a national emergency and that the formalisation of informal settlements should thus be accelerated;

Recognising the government funding efforts to local authorities and regional councils for expanded housing delivery and its commitment to improve the living standards of all Namibian by 2030;

Resolved:

Short-Term Goals [Five (5) years]

10.1. That the SWAPO Party directs government through the local authorities to accelerate the formalisation of informal settlements and deliver more land by implementing or the basis of the Cabinet Resolution/Presidential decree declaring informal settlements a national emergency/disaster.

10.2. That the SWAPO Party directs government to provide funding and support for housing projects under the Shack Dwellers Federation of Namibia (SDFN) and strengthen the Build Together Programme (BTP).

10.3. That the SWAPO Party directs government through the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development to expedite the review of the Compensation Policy for persons displaced by the expansion of urban boundaries and ensure its correct application.

10.4. That the SWAPO Party directs government to explore alternative funding strategies to augment government funding to local authorities and regional councils, for expanded housing delivery.

10.5. That the SWAPO Party directs government to improve legislation and policies dealing with housing to enable the fast-tracking of housing delivery and to empower local authorities to take charge of housing delivery. Further, the Government should revise

the National Housing Policy (NHP) to provide a formal definition of affordable and adequate housing.

Long-Term Goals

10.6. That the SWAPO Party directs government through the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development to develop a comprehensive subsidy scheme, not only for those with employment but for all Namibians (with or without income).

10.7. That the SWAPO Party directs government through the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development to streamline the processes for land and housing delivery and remove the present bureaucracy and misalignment, respectively. Further, the Government creating a one-stop shop that deals with all the statutory approvals in one window may be one of the options.

10.8. That the SWAPO Party directs government to expand the Public Service Homeowners Scheme to enable persons who are not public servants to benefit from the scheme, by using the GIPF funds (unlisted investments currently administered by asset managers) to build or buy houses in proclaimed and unproclaim rural areas.

10.10. That the SWAPO Party directs government through the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development to implement vigorous densification via the construction of high-rise buildings. This will minimise urban sprawl which makes urban areas grow horizontally; for towns that are very close to each other, this causes boundaries to merge or disappear, e.g., Oshakati and Ongwediva.

11. DEVELOPMENT OF DIGITAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN SUPPORT OF EMPLOYMENT CREATION

Having considered the recommendations of the Third National Policy Conference on Development of Digital Infrastructure in Support of Employment Creation;

Acknowledging that Digital Infrastructure has potential to create several quality employment that suitable for the young Namibian, especially the youth and women;

Noting the government position regarding the 4IR is reflected in the Harambee Prosperity Plan (HPP) II and the National Development Plans;

Recognising the challenges imposed by the high level of unemployment in the youth population as well as women in Namibia;

Committed to accelerate Namibia developmental agenda towards the 4IR, employment creation and position Namibia as an international hub for trade and logistics;

Resolved:

Short-Term Goals

11.1. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government through the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology (MICT) to roll out network boosters combined with Wi-fi capabilities at underserved places (e.g., schools, clinics, constituency offices, youth centres, police facilities, community halls) and densely populated areas in an attempt to achieve 100% network coverage.

11.2. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government through the MICT to consider rolling out a digital literacy programme to unlock digital potential.

11.3. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government through the MICT to establish a cyber security incidence response centre.

Long term

11.4. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government through the MICT to implement the Universal Service Access Fund (USAF) to accelerate the 100% network.

11.5. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government to consider making coding compulsory in the Namibian education system.

11.6. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government to establish a national data centre.

11.7. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government to accelerate a national digital ID programme.

12. DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONAL TECHNOPOLES AND INNOVATION CENTERS FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH

Having considered the recommendations of the Third National Policy conference on the Development of National Technopoles and Innovation Centers for Economic Growth;

Acknowledging the need for Namibia to effectively become an industrialised country by 2030 and further, acknowledging the need for further policies and strategies that can enhance industrialisation and manufacturing in Namibia.

Noting the need to establish centres of excellence, science parks, while at the same time investing more in innovation and IT driven infrastructures.

Resolved:

12.1. SWAPO Party directs MHETI to facilitate the appointment capable leadership at the NCRST (board and CEO).

12.2. SWAPO Party directs the Government to adequately fund Research, Science Technology and Innovation agenda, through NCRST.

Long-Term Goals

12.3. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government through the Ministry of Higher Education, Technology, and Innovation (MHETI) to urgently facilitate the establishment of the innovation hubs at the tertiary institutions.

12.4. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government through the MHETI and in collaboration with relevant stakeholders to develop a research and innovation funding policy with 10 % of the Corporate Social Responsibilities from mines, and corporate industries.

12.5. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government through the MHETI and in collaboration with NCRS to urgently establish a National Science Park.

12.6. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government through the MHETI to facilitate the development of a national multidimensional innovation policy framework.

12.7. NCRST to be hosted under the Namibia National Planning Commission.

13. INCREASING BANK CARD PAYMENTS IN UNDERSERVED MARKETS

Having considered the recommendations of the Third National Policy conference on Increasing Bank Card Payment in Underserved Markets in Namibia;

Acknowledging that the Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) are the backbone of any nation's economies.

Noting that there is an urgent need to provide solution for SMEs sector to thrive at the same level with other global players.

Committed to ensuring and facilitating SME in Namibia realize their full economic potentials through accessing banking facilities.

Resolved:

That the SWAPO Party directs government to considers engaging banks to facilitate a universal online payment solution for SMEs in Namibia.

14. REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SWAPO PARTY ELECTION MANIFESTO

The Seventh Congress;

Having considered the recommendations of the Third National Policy Conference on the Implementation and Monitoring and Evaluation of the SWAPO Party Election Manifesto and Congress resolutions;

Acknowledging that implementation of the SWAPO Party Manifesto and Congress resolutions is important to gauge the level of delivery of the promises made and resolutions taken for the efficiency and effectiveness of the Party;

Noting the proposed implementation, monitoring and evaluation tool recommended by the Think Tank;

Recognising the need to provide periodical reports on the performance of all manifesto promises and congress resolutions;

Committed to implement and adopt an evaluation and monitoring tool for the manifesto and congress resolutions;

Resolved:

14.1. That the SWAPO PARTY directs government to adopt and strengthen the current practice of streamlining the Manifesto into O/M/As.

14.2. That the SWAPO PARTY adopt the government methodology of mainstreaming the manifesto and cascading to SWAPO structures to inculcate a sense of ownership with appropriate modifications.

14.3. That the SWAPO PARTY directs government that the preliminary quality research that was done by Think Tank should be improved and shared with wider party structures for further validation and improvement.

14.4. That the SWAPO PARTY directs the Secretary-General (SG) to ensure training and development of skills around implementation tools at different Party level structures.

13.5. That the SWAPO PARTY directs the SG to develop a Master Implementation Plan (MIP) for the manifesto, which should be cascaded to annual plans at different party level structures.

14.6. That SWAPO PARTY directs the SG to consider financial and other material resources to provide support to the Party with the implementation of the manifesto and identify some personalities and champions.

14.7. That the SWAPO PARTY directs that the SG should be the chief monitor for the implementation of the Party's Manifesto.

14.8. SWAPO PARTY directs the SG to ensure that, subject to existing constitutional lines, the Regional and District Coordinators submit periodical reports to the Office of the SG.

14.9. That the SWAPO PARTY directs Regional Governors to periodically report to the Regional Executive Committee on the implementation progress of the manifesto.

14.10. That the SWAPO PARTY directs O/M/As to report on the implementation of the Manifesto to the Party, through the Office of the Prime Minister.

14.11. That the SWAPO PARTY directs the Office of the SG to appoint a Monitoring & Evaluation Officer to ensure regular follow-up on the implementation of the Party decisions and the consistency thereof, with the Party manifesto.

14.12. The SWAPO PARTY directs the SG to adopt and implement the evaluation matrix tool as developed by the Think Tank.

14.13. The SWAPO PARTY directs that the State of Nation Address (SONA) and the State of Regional Address (SORA) be used as evaluation and reporting platforms on the Manifesto performance.

14.14. The SWAPO PARTY directs the Office of SG to ensure that periodical reviews/reports are used as assessment tools, consistent with performance agreements of HHP2, NDP5 and Vision 2030.

14.15. That the SWAPO PARTY directs the SG to make provision for a major mid-term and final review of the Manifesto by an independent person.

14.16. That the SWAPO PARTY directs the SG to commission a survey on the impact of the Manifesto on the lives of the electorate, using the initial research done by the Think Tank as a baseline.

14.17. That the SWAPO PARTY directs the SG to consider the evaluation of the 6th Congress resolutions before the 7th Congress.

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14.18. That the SWAPO PARTY directs the SG to develop the Terms of Reference for an Impact Assessment of the Manifesto on the electorates' attitude and sense of appreciation.

14.19. That the SWAPO PARTY directs the Office of the SG to ensure consultations on a bottom-up approach with all Party structures on the achievements, challenges and new commitments or promises on the issues affecting the electorate.

14.20. That the SWAPO PARTY directs the Office of the SG to proactively collect information required to develop the election campaign strategy for 2024.

15. TOWARDS EMANCIPATING AND RELIANT EDUCATION SECTOR

The Seventh Congress;

Having considered the recommendations of the Third National Policy Conference on towards emancipation and reliant education sector;

Acknowledging that towards emancipation and reliant education sector presents the best mechanism for delivery of quality emancipation and reliance education to the Namibian people without

them experiencing financial hardship;

Noting Cabinet approval of the roadmap towards the development of towards emancipation and reliant education sector

framework and the establishment of governance structure;

Recognising the challenges in terms of infrastructure, human resource, information technology and financial resources that slow the progression to attain the emancipation and reliant education in Namibia;

Committed to implement it towards emancipation and reliant education sector Namibia before 2030;

Resolved:

15.1. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government through the Ministry of Gender Equality (MGESW) and Social Welfare to adjust the allowances for the Edu-cares.

15.2. That the Ministry must fast-track the implementation of Pre-Primary Education.

15.3. Government should commission a study on Namibia early childhood education to provide the country position paper on ECD.

15.4. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government to re-activate the Professional Development Programme in Basic Education to improve the skills of teachers across the board.

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15.5. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government through MoE to mainstream the ECD centres into the larger basic education system.

15.6. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government to formulate a framework to guide and regulate the delivery of early childhood education in Namibia.

15.7. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government to establish a Regulatory Body for the Teaching Profession across the Education Sector.

15.8. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government to improve the Data Base for educational planning to enable expedient processes.

15.9. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government to accelerate the recruitment process of teachers, especially at the promotional posts.

15.10. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government to provide adequate ICT infrastructure to all schools to improve learning and teaching.

15.11. The education system should focus on new assessment approaches and practical skills at very early stage.

15.12. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government to introduce skills education programme at primary phase (e.g. Higher order thinking and creativity etc.)

15.13. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government to make teachers teaching at Advanced Subsidiary level to have Masters Degrees by 2030.

15.14. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government to introduce the education system with a national primary school leaving certificate to strengthen the foundation and quality.

15.15. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government to review and accelerate ICT policy on education and ensure that children in Grade 6-9 should have access to a computer by the year 2030.

15.16. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government to re-think the basic education governance mode to create efficiency and effectiveness.

15.17. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government through the Ministry of Basic Education (MoE) to ensure that proper career guidance is provided to learners to help them make the right subject choices from the Primary level.

15.18. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government through the MoE to communicate to the nation the New Curriculum, particularly regarding Grade 11 and the Advanced Subsidiary.

15.19. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government through the Ministry of Basic Education (MoE) to consider introducing an incentive system to retain good teachers in public schools and ensure quality education continuously.

15.20. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government through the MoE to remunerate teachers according to their qualifications. a) That the SWAPO Party directs the Government to undertake a study to determine the impact of the new curriculum on the graduates;

15.21. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government to ensure that the curriculum change is parallel with the Teacher Training e.g. Preparation of Teachers/ infrastructure /resources;

15.22. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government the government to re – structure the secondary education system into academic stream and technical stream for student career guidance.

15.23. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government to develop a policy to harness talent and skills by categorize schools into specialized schools across the country –e.g. sport, science, music, arts etc.

15.24. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government to develop a deliberate policy to encourage venturing into private schools in rural areas – this will increase innovation, diversity and quality.

15.25. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government to train more teachers competent for deployment to teach vocational subjects at schools and to develop a policy to incentivize private vocational education.

15.26. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government to develop career paths for both learners in the academic and vocational streams.

15.27. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government to accelerate development and implementation of National TVET qualifications beyond level NS.

15.28. Government must establish technical colleges and professional colleges to produce practical skills for the industry.

15.30. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government through the MHETI to consider returning Teachers' Training to institutions of higher learning. Such training to uniquely focuses on pre-service training for teachers.

15.31. Universities should harness practical skills by strengthening university – industry partnerships for teaching, research and innovation.

15.32. The government should establish a policy to ensure that work – integrated education become compulsory in Namibian education system.

15.33. Higher education institutions should strengthen digital learning environment.

15.34. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government ensure that Quality Assurance Institutions such as the Namibia Qualifications Authority, National Council of Higher Education as well as Namibia Training Authority are strengthened to ensure the quality of higher education through the accreditation of programmes, among other measures.

15.36. The government should develop a national transformation agenda of higher education (to reform the higher education system).

14.37. The government should establish a national skills development fund to harness practical skills and increase student's placement opportunities.

15.38. The government should revolve NSFAF by implementing innovative funding schemes.

15.39. The government should establish a board for professional development for education personnel.

15.40. That the SWAPO Party directs the Government to strengthen R&D in science and engineering; increase the budget, create research hubs and attract talents.

16. SWAPO PARTY IDEOLOGY

The Seventh Congress;

Having considered that the SWAPO Party at its 6th Congress adopted the Ideology of socialism with the Namibian characteristics;

Noting that within the context of the Party ideology of socialism with the Namibian characteristics, the Namibian characteristics needs to be defined and clearly characterized for easy of implementations;

Committed to fulfil the Party's developmental promises to the people of Namibia as reflected on the Party Elections Manifesto's.

Resolved:

That the SWAPO Party direct the Party School to conduct further research towards defining the Namibian characteristics of the SWAPO Party ideology of Socialism with Namibian characteristics.

17. GENERATIONAL TRANSITION

The Seven Congress;

Acknowledging the need of identifying critical positions within the SWAPO Party and thereof, developing clear action plans for thorough induction and preparation of cadres to assume those positions;

Taking a well-rounded view of the current and future Party strategic goals; henceforth, embarking in the process of preparation of cadres to ensure the Party has the right people in the right positions with a view to realize the Party promises of freedom, peace, stability as well as socioeconomic development to the people of Namibia.
Committed to continuous strengthening of the overall capability of the Party;

Resolved:

That the SWAPO Party directs the SWAPO Party Think Tank through the office of the Secretary General for the Think Tank to develop a draft a Party succession policy document with clear timelines for completion of the policy.

18. INNER PARTY GOVERNANCE

The Seven Congress;

Having considered the importance role of the Pioneers' Movement (PM) in the continuity of the Party and as well in long terms Party cohesion and discipline;

Acknowledging that not all the regional structures have established functional pioneers' movement in the constituencies;

Committed to ensuring that all SWAPO party regional structures have at its structures a well-established functional Pioneers Movement;

Resolved:

18.1. That the SWAPO Party directs all its regional structures through the the SWAPO Party Youth League to ensures that Pioneers Movements structures are established and functional at every level.

19. PARTY MOBILIZATION EFFORTS

The Seven Congress;

Having considered the recommendations of the Third National Policy Conference on Party Mobilization efforts

Acknowledging that re-enforcing Party Mobilization efforts presents the best mechanism for strengthening the party

Recognising the challenges in terms of infrastructure, human resource, information technology and financial resources that slow the effective mobilization efforts of the Party mobilization;

Committed to establishing efficient mobilization machinery in the Party;

Resolved:

19.1. That the SWAPO Party directs the Central Committee to consider to review the Party annual membership fees with a view to effect upward adjustment;

19.2. That the SWAPO Party directs the Secretary General to develop and implement a comprehensive social media strategy for the Party mobilization efforts.

20. NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR THE TOP FOUR POSITIONS

The Seven Congress;

Having considered the recommendations of the Third National Policy Conference on Nominations of Candidates for the top four positions and the principles of one centre of power;

Acknowledging the need to do away with the two centre of powers whereby the country's President and Head of the State is different from the president of the Party for a prolonged period;

Noting the intrinsic possible risks embedded in a situation whereby the country President and Head of the State being different from the Party president and the two leaders not in the best interests of the Party not working together;

Committee to main harmony, peace and stability and in pursuit of inclusive development and prosperity for all Namibian;

Resolved:

20.1. That the SWAPO Party directs that the current and sitting president of the Republic and SWAPO Party to stand un-opposed at the 7th Ordinary Congress of 2022, and to continue his tenure until 2025;

20.2. That the SWAPO Party directs amendment of the SWAPO Party Constitution to avoid subjecting Republican Presidents on the SWAPO Party ticket to be subjected to contestation while their mandate at Government level has not ended;

20.3. That the SWPO Party directs Central Committee to re-look at the way campaigns are conducted for the Top Four positions, namely President, Vice President, Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General with a view to limit the campaigns to congress delegates. The same should be the case for those aspiring to be Central Committee members;