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### **CABINET DECISIONS ISSUED AT THE 21<sup>st</sup> (2024) DECISION MAKING MEETING**

Attached hereto, kindly find the Cabinet Decisions of the 21<sup>st</sup> (2024) Decision-Making meeting, held on 26 November 2024.

Yours Sincerely,

**EMMA THEOFELUS, MP**  
**MINISTER**



**1. UPDATE ON THE INVITATION FOR NAMIBIA TO JOIN THE COALITION FOR DISASTER RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE (CDRI)**

*(Submitted by the Prime Minister)*

- 1.1 Cabinet approved for Namibia to join the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI) which is a global partnership of national Governments, UN agencies and programmes, multilateral development banks and financing mechanisms, the private sector and knowledge institutions that aims to promote the resilience of infrastructure systems to climate and disaster risks by ensuring sustainable development;
- 1.2 Cabinet further approved for the Office of the Prime Minister (Directorate Disaster Risk Management) to be designated as the focal unit for CDRI in Namibia; and
- 1.3 Cabinet directed the Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation to sign the Charter for admission in Namibia to the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, on behalf of the Government.

**2. UPDATE ON THE OUTCOME OF THE NINTH AFRICA REGIONAL PLATFORM FOR DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (AfRP-9) AND EIGHT HIGH LEVEL MINISTERIAL MEETING**

*(Submitted by the Prime Minister)*

- 2.1 Cabinet took note of the outcome of the AfRP-9 and the Windhoek Declaration on Disaster Risk Reduction that took place from 21-24 October 2024; and
- 2.2 Cabinet directed the Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation to facilitate the submission of the Windhoek Declaration to the African Union (AU) Commission.

**3. NATIONAL UPSTREAM PETROLEUM LOCAL CONTENT POLICY**

*(Submitted by the Minister of Mines and Energy)*

- 3.1 Cabinet took note and approved, in principle, the National Upstream Petroleum Local Content Policy which aims to promote economic sovereignty and reducing dependency on foreign expertise by building local capacity; and
- 3.2 Cabinet further mandated the Minister of Mines and Energy to share the Policy with industry players and stakeholders in all the fourteen (14) regions and resubmit to Cabinet for final approval.

**4. NATIONAL INFORMAL ECONOMY, STARTUPS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP DEVELOPMENT (NIESED)**

*(Submitted by the Minister of Industrialisation and Trade)*

- 4.1 Cabinet took note of the progress on the National Informal Economy, Start-Ups and Entrepreneurship Policy; and
- 4.2 Cabinet further approved the National Informal Economy, Start-ups and Entrepreneurship Policy (NIESED) and directed that the Ministry of Industrialisation and Trade commence with the work to ensure full implementation of the policy, as well as finalisation of an attendant Act.



**5. NATIONAL COOLING STRATEGY (NCS), 2025- 2030**  
*(Submitted by the Minister of Industrialisation and Trade)*

Cabinet approved the National Cooling Strategy (NCS) which outlines Namibia's commitment to reduce the environmental impact of cooling technologies (refrigeration and air conditioners), and for the Ministry of Industrialisation and Trade to ensure the full implementation of the Strategy.

**6. REPORT ON THE FORUM ON CHINA-AFRICA COOPERATION (FOCAC) SUMMIT**  
*(Submitted by the Minister of International Relations and Cooperation)*

- 6.1 Cabinet directed the Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation, in collaboration with the Office of the Prime Minister, Ministry of Defence and Veterans Affairs, and the National Planning Commission, to consult the Embassy of the People's Republic of China, on the commitment by China to offer financial assistance to the value of two-hundred and seventy (270) million Yuan to Namibia for economic development, drought relief and military support;
- 6.2 Cabinet further directed all Offices/Ministries/Agencies (O/M/As) to study the Beijing Joint Declaration of the Beijing Summit and the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation Beijing Action Plan (2025-2027), and identify areas of need for technical assistance and capacity building, in line with Ten Partnership Initiatives for modernisation of Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) and submit to the Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation. The Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform should ensure Namibia's participation in the Partnership Action for Agriculture and Livelihoods Initiative;
- 6.3 Cabinet directed the Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation to establish a FOCAC Inter-Ministerial Steering Committee, to oversee the implementation of the FOCAC proposed projects, in line with the Ten (10) Partnership Initiatives;
- 6.4 Cabinet further directed the Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation to draft recommendations in the form of a National Strategy Paper, which will be used to leverage Namibia's participation in the 10<sup>th</sup> FOCAC Summit; and
- 6.5 Cabinet directed the Ministry of Industrialisation and Trade, in consultation with the Ministry of International Relations and Cooperation and relevant stakeholders to consider the Framework Agreement on Economic Partnership for Shared Development, proposed by the Peoples' Republic of China.



**7. TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH (TAC) FOR HORSE MACKEREL FOR THE 2024 FISHING SEASON, 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2025 TO 31 DECEMBER 2025**  
*(Submitted by the Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources)*

Cabinet approved that the Horse Mackerel Total Allowable Catch (TAC) be set at Two-hundred and Eight-thousand (208,000) Metric Tonnes (MT) for the 2025 fishing season.

**8. TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCH (TAC) FOR DEEP-SEA RED CRAB FOR THE 2024 FISHING SEASON, 1<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2025 TO 31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2025**  
*(Submitted by the Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources)*

Cabinet endorsed the Deep-sea Red Crab Total Allowable Catch (TAC) to be set at Four-Thousand (4,000) Metric Tonnes (MT) for the 2025 fishing season.

**9. CO-HOSTING OF THE 4<sup>th</sup> AFRICAN REGIONAL INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ENGINEERING GEOLOGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT (IAEG) CONGRESS, BY THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND ENERGY, GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF NAMIBIA**  
*(Submitted by the Minister of Mines and Energy)*

Cabinet endorsed the proposal for Namibia to co-host the African Regional International Association for Engineering and the Environment (IAEG) Congress to take place from 8-12 September 2025 at the Mercure Mövenpick Hotel in Windhoek, Namibia.

**10. ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS PENSION FUND (GIPF) FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024**  
*(Submitted by the Prime Minister)*

Cabinet took note of the financial position and performance of the Government Institutions Pension Fund (GIPF) for the Financial Year ending 31 March 2024; and directed the Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises to continue monitoring the performance of GIPF to ensure that the State exposure to the Fund is optimally managed.

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