



ADDRESS BY H. E. DR. SAM NUJOMA, FOUNDING  
PRESIDENT AND FATHER OF THE NAMIBIAN NATION ON  
THE OCCASION OF THE FAREWELL PARTY IN HONOUR  
OF COMRADE MEME OLIVIA KALOMPO ON HER  
RETIREMENT

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Director of Ceremonies;  
Meme Olivia Kalompo, Former Senior Driver in my Office;  
Distinguished Staff members;  
Distinguished Invited Guests;  
Ladies and gentlemen:

It is a great honour and privilege for me to attend this occasion of the retirement farewell party hosted in honour of Comrade Meme Olivia Nakakule “Ndipondola” Kalompo. Allow me therefore to express my sincere congratulations to Meme Olivia Kalompo on her retirement.

Meme Olivia Kalompo joined our National Liberation Struggle in 1977 and was trained at Oshitumba Camp before she was transferred to Cassinga resettlement where she was assigned to work at the garage as a mechanic.

When Cassinga resettlement was attacked by the white minority South African colonial regime on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May 1978, Meme Kalompo was among those who were found in the camp and sustained injury in her right leg. She was later transferred to Okambuta Post and then worked for the Late Comrade Max Mutongolome and the Late Comrade Peter Mweshihange in Luanda until she was repatriated to Namibia in 1989.

After independence, Comrade Meme Kalompo first worked at the SWAPO Party Headquarter and was later assigned as a driver for the Former First Lady of the Republic of Namibia, Meekulu Kovambo Nujoma until 2005.

When the Office of the Founding President was formed under the Directorate Former President’s Support Services in the Presidency, she was once again assigned to work in the Office until her retirement on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019.

Altogether, Comrade Meme Olivia Kalompo worked for 29 years in my Office. This has indeed been a remarkable journey since she joined the National Liberation Struggle in 1977.

Together with Comrade Meme Maria Kalumbu, her contribution to the daily operation in the Office would sorely be missed as it has always been a pleasure to work with them.

While we are saddened to see her retiring, we are confident that she will find the same success and happiness in her retirement that she experienced during her time in this Office.

All I can say is that, Comrade Meme Olivia Kalompo please keep in touch, and visit as often as possible if you find that you have the time.

I wish you renewed energy and good health as you enjoy your fruitful retirement.

I thank you!