



REMARKS BY H.E. COMRADE DR. SAM NUJOMA,
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OCCASION OF ITS LAUNCHING

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I am greatly honoured to have been invited to make a few remarks at this very important event of the launching of the SWAPO Party's School in my capacity as its Patron and for the opportunity and privilege to address you at this auspicious occasion.

The honour to serve as the Patron of the Party School is not only in recognition of my personal efforts but also of the Namibian people for whom I was privileged to provide guidance during the last thirty years of foreign rule of our country until the attainment of our freedom and genuine independence on the 21st March 1990.

Thereafter, the SWAPO Party and the people of Namibia entrusted me with the heavy responsibility of leading our country during its difficult years of transitions to consolidate the gains of our Freedom and Genuine Independence.

I am most grateful for this honour which I have accepted with humility and therefore express my deepest gratitude to the Politburo of the Central Committee of the SWAPO Party and its entire rank and file for this honour.

Director of Proceedings;

SWAPO Party passed a resolution to set up the Party School fourteen years ago.

Indeed, the proposal for the Party School was first mooted at the two thousand and two (2002) SWAPO Party Congress and this is the first time that it is now finally getting off the ground. This creates a platform where Party cadres will be trained to ensure SWAPO Party's victories over the years to come.

The idea has moved a step closer following a visit to the Republic of Cuba by the SWAPO Party Secretary General, Comrade Nangolo Mbumba and his delegation.

Indeed, Cuba has one of the best party schools in the world, the Nico Lopez Party Higher School, which is highly developed and well resourced.

For this reason, under the agreement between the SWAPO Party and the Communist Party of Cuba, it was agreed to send resource persons to help kick-start the project.

After the visit to Cuba, preparations went at an advanced stage with the curriculum development and a committee was set up for this purpose.

I am informed that the content of the curriculum includes the history of Namibia, the history of SWAPO Party and its Political Programme, the economy of the country, the country's legal system, and philosophy, amongst others.

Indeed, the party's school should also teach the membership on the recruitment and organizational renewal as well as inculcate all members of the organization with the necessary modern skills in keeping with the 21st century ethos.

The high level of consciousness of these cadres should broaden the spirit of patriotism, cohesion and nation building.

In this regard, our SWAPO Party leaders, whether they are members of the Central Committee, Politburo or members of Parliament, must undergo through political education as they need to be coherent in terms of the fundamental objectives of the Party as well as the articulations of the Party's position on national and international issues.

Mindful of the aforesaid, as leaders of the SWAPO Party, we need a deep understanding of current conditions in our country, a clear vision of the future, and the ability to consider issues and act strategically.

As leaders, we must also be both politically vigilant and economically informed in order to address the aspirations and the needs of all Namibians.

Against this background, I am happy that the Party School will produce Party cadres of high calibre who will be able to articulate the Party's ideology and provide leadership to the broad membership of the Party and ensure its long-term survival. As I have mentioned on numerous occasions, the enemies of our country will not appreciate the peace and tranquillity that all Namibians enjoy today.

They will always try to cause division and disunity among the leadership and the rank and file of SWAPO Party in order to reverse the gains of our hard-won Freedom and Independence.

I therefore appeal to the members of the SWAPO Party to strive to constantly explain the aims and objectives, policies and the political programmes of the SWAPO Party to all the Namibian people including the Harambee Prosperity Plan and promote unity of purpose and action.

Remember, *"A people united, striving to achieve a common good for all the members of the society; will always emerge victorious."*

SWAPO- United!
SWAPO-Victorious!
Now- Hard work!

I thank you.