



STATEMENT BY

HIS EXCELLENCY DR. SAM SHAFIISHUNA NUJOMA  
FOUNDING PRESIDENT AND FATHER OF THE NAMIBIAN NATION, ON THE  
OCCASION OF THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF CLEMENS HANDUUKEME  
KASHUUSHUPULWA GROWTH CENTRE  
OSHIKONDIILONGO,  
OKATANA CONSTITUENCY  
OSHANA REGION

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Director of Ceremonies;  
Honourable Clemens Kashuupulwa, Governor of Oshana Region;  
Honourable Ministers and Deputy Ministers present;  
Honourable Regional and Local Authorities Councillors;  
Comrade Werner Shishiwani Iita, Chairperson of the Clemens Kashuupulwa Growth Centre;  
Honourable Traditional and Community Leaders;  
Distinguished Veterans, Heroes and Heroines of the Namibian Liberation Struggle;  
Distinguished Invited Guests;  
Members of the Media;  
Ladies and Gentlemen:

Good Morning,

It is indeed a great pleasure for me to be here today in order to officiate at the opening of the Growth Centre named after the First Regional Councilor of Okatana Constituency, and current Governor of Oshana Region, Honourable Clemens Kashuupulwa.

I am informed that this Growth Centre consists of the Mahangu Processing Plant (Oshini); an Elderly Pension Shelter (Etala Iyokukwatela Opensela Yakuulupe); and it will also house the SWAPO Party Branch office.

I am equally informed that the community of Okatana Constituency has put resources together to build this growth Centre. I would like to thank you for your commitment and hard work.

This infrastructure does not only complement our Government's efforts but will go a long way to improve the socio-economic development of Okatana Constituency and the Namibian nation at large. Keep up the good work.

I also learned that after careful consideration, you named this growth Centre, consisting of two villages (Omulathitu and Oshikondiilongo), after the former Combatant of the People's Liberation Army of Namibia, (PLAN), SWAPO's Military Wing and current Governor of Oshana Region, Comrade Clemens Handuukeme Kashuupulwa.

You named this center after him for the role he played during the liberation struggle and subsequently after the attainment of our freedom and genuine independence on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 1990.

You have done well in doing so because we must always remember the good deeds of the heroes and heroines of our liberation struggle.

More so, we are grateful that Namibia has been blessed with these individuals, whose elevated moral stature and superior ability enabled them to pursue the goal of freedom tirelessly in the face of adversities.

Because of their unwavering devotion to the good cause and against all odds, they managed to immortalize themselves through their outstanding achievements which we celebrate today.

We also remember the heroic deeds of thousands of Namibians who shed their precious blood and sacrificed their lives for our freedom. We should not forget them and should continue to honor them because their blood waters our freedom.

Those who came from this area, I would like to single out the late Comrade Eliaser Tuhadeleni "Kahumba ka Ndola", the late Comrade Peter Tshirumbu Tsheehama, and the late Comrade George Iita.

In addition, I would like to salute our mothers and fathers, some of whom are here today, who provided logistical and material support to the Combatants of the People's Liberation Army of Namibia (PLAN), SWAPO Military's wing, during the Liberation Struggle.

Likewise, your sacrifices were not in vain and will be remembered by the current and future generations of Namibians.

I am informed that some of our former PLAN Combatants who operated in this area are also here today, the likes of Commander Wilhelm B. Shikesho, Comrades Levy Nampala (Angula), Donatus Munyala (Shilongo), Achilles Rudolf Iita, Ambamba (combatant name), and Erastus Negonga, former Commander of the Northern Front. I salute you all Comrades.

(“Ndamona ovakawaita tava lu shashi eedu eli olavo shiwana shange.....”.)

Now that we have achieved political independence, we should unite and work hard to bring about the genuine economic independence so that all Namibians can enjoy the fruits of independence.

As I have stated on numerous occasions, we should be reminded that only half the battle is won. The second phase of the struggle will require the same sacrifice and selflessness that the first struggle demanded.

Thus, our economic emancipation will also require our countrymen and women to forget about selfish ambitions and instant wealth accumulation.

Therefore, we should keep the spirit of patriotism and nationalism alive in order to continue developing our country and emulate the legacy of our heroes and heroines. By so doing, we will be able to carry the torch of freedom forward and take this Nation to greater heights.

In conclusion, let us remain united as one Namibia, one Nation. As I always say “*A people united, striving to achieve a common good for all members of the society, will always emerge victorious!*”

With these few remarks, it is now my honor and privilege to declare the Clemens Handuukeme Kashiupulwa Growth Centre officially opened.

Long Live the Heroes and Heroines of Namibia!

Long live the Namibian Revolution!

Long Live the Republic of Namibia!

I thank you!