



STATEMENT BY

**H.E. DR SAM NUJOMA,
FOUNDING FATHER OF THE NAMIBIAN NATION AND FIRST
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA,**

**ON THE OCCASION OF THE CLEAN UP CAMPAIGN AT
TERACE BAY**

WEDNESDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2021

TERACE BAY

KUNENE REGION

Director of Ceremonies;
Honorable Pohamba Shifeta, Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism;
Honorable Marius Sheya, Governor of Kunene Region;
Honorable Hendrik Gaobaeb, Chairperson of Kunene Regional Council;
Your Esteemed Chief Jeremiah Gaobaeb, Chief of the Namidaman Traditional Authority;
Regional Councilors present;
Distinguished Invited Guests;
Members of the Media;
Ladies and gentlemen;

It is a great honour for me to have been invited to launch this cleaning up campaign here at Terrace Bay.

I find this cleaning campaign to fit well with the ongoing national and international efforts to manage the environment sustainably for the benefits of the current generations and for the generations to come.

Clean environment is essential for our health living, meaning the more we use the environment without taking care of it, the more it will become polluted with contaminants and toxins that have harmful impact to our health and to the health of the ecosystems that sustain us.

In this regard, I would like to reiterate that littering can cause land, air and water pollution, and I am sure you all know that our livelihood is depending on these land and marine resources.

I therefore would like to bring to your attention the danger of environmental pollution as an incurable phenomenon which must be guarded against by all kind of humanity. I embrace the quote by the leading ecologist, namely Barry Commoner who once said and I quote "environment pollution is an incurable disease. It can only be prevented".

So with this understanding that the environmental pollution cannot be cured, but can be prevented, I would like to take this opportunity to urge all Namibians and more especially the youth of our country to take cognizant of the importance of the clean environment and ask you to guard against the evils of poor environmental management.

Ladies and Gentlemen;

Terrace Bay lies in one of our fragile ecosystem of our Skeleton National Park and along the coastal area of our sea which contain the precious natural resources, including the wildlife and marine resources. So without taking care of the cleanliness of the environment means there can be serious compromise on the wellbeing of these wildlife and marine resources and in so doing reducing the ability of the environment to sustain us.

I therefore call the youth of Sesfontein Constituency and Namibia at large to embrace the patriotism and love for their environment to secure the future we want.

Furthermore, I would like to encourage the Namibian youth to actively participate in the socio-economic development activities in your respective localities in order to take charge of your own destiny.

In this vein, I discourage you to not to spend your valuable time on engaging in unproductive activities such as alcohol and drug abuse and the likes.

In conclusion, I would like to thank once more the leadership of Kunene Regional Council for inviting me to be part of this cleanup campaign here at Terrace Bay. I would also like to assure my unwavering support to the development initiatives of our country.

We will overcome challenges when we work together as a team, as I always say: ***A people united, striving to achieve a common good for all members of the society, will always emerge victorious!***

I thank you!