

21 January 2026

The Widow, Meme Elina Ndeshipewa Hishoono, the Children
and the Entire Bereaved Family

Onambutu Village

OHANGWENA REGION

Dear Meekulu Elina Ndeshipewa Hishoono, the Children, and the Entire Bereaved Family,

It is with deep sorrow that I express my sincere condolences on the loss of your beloved husband, father, grandfather, Comrade Kanana Hishoono, who departed from us on Wednesday, January 14th, 2026, at the age of 89.

He was a prominent figure within our SWAPO movement and an emblematic representation of our National Liberation Struggle as well as a source of profound wisdom. The repercussions of this loss resonate not only within your family but also among all who honour his lasting legacy. In unity with friends and fellow comrades during this difficult period, we come together to pay tribute to a man whose steadfast commitment greatly advanced Namibia's pursuit of freedom.

Beyond being a revolutionary leader, Comrade Kanana Hishoono exemplified bravery, a true unifier recognized for his fairness and unwavering principles. His impact on Namibian politics is monumental; he was instrumental as an early mobilizer within SWAPO, most notably by welcoming late President Hage Geingob into its ranks by granting him membership in 1962, which laid essential groundwork for liberation endeavours.

His life story included imprisonment in South Africa and exile throughout the turbulent '70s. Serving as Secretary of the SWAPO Party Elders' Council (SPEC) while maintaining permanent committee status enabled him to offer invaluable political guidance to former President Sam Nujoma as his Political Advisor.

Moreover, Cde. Hishoono will be fondly remembered as an exemplary leader committed to inclusivity while steadfastly upholding SWAPO Party values since his activism began in the '60s. His leadership approach welcomed diverse perspectives without undermining constitutional principles, all while honorably leading Onambutu village as headman amid these significant national duties. Indeed, he was a living repository of knowledge for all to learn from; we treasure this personal contribution to humanity. It would take years to recount his story from pre-independence through post-independence, as he made meaningful contributions throughout his lifetime.

To Meekulu Elina Ndeshipewa Hishoono, the widow and beloved children along with every grieving member: please find comfort in knowing you are enveloped by shared sorrow among all those celebrating such impactful service characterized by heroic patriotism.

As your family navigates this profound moment together, allow me, with the utmost respect on behalf of both the Board of Trustees and Technical Committees at The Sam Nujoma Foundation as well as personally to extend our deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences to each individual profoundly affected by this irreplaceable loss.

May his soul rest in eternal peace.

 **For The Sam Nujoma Foundation**

Nahas Angula

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