



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

Welcoming Remarks – Health Assembly by the Deputy Minister Hon. Juliet  
Kavetuna.

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### **Honorable Minister**

Dear Colleagues, Friends and Comrades in Health Care in your various Capacities

### **Ladies and Gentlemen**

First of all I would like to thank the Ministry in particular organizers for giving me an opportunity to say a few welcoming words at this very important meeting. This Assembly underscores the strong working relationship between the Ministry of Health and Social Service and other role players in health care provision and services in Namibia

Together, we have a tremendous opportunity to transform the future of our beloved country, to strengthen health and economic security, and to deliver on the goals for a new era of sustainable development. An assembly of this magnitude not only bring us together but have a major impact on why we are

partners and what we resolve at the end, for the betterment of health in Namibia. Simply by any conscious understanding we are here to provide:

- i) Leadership, coordination and guidance for us to know how to respond to any major outbreaks and other health security emergencies that might occur;
- ii) to Strengthen regional and national levels to be prepared, to prevent, to detect and to respond to health needs efficiently and very timely and lastly
- iii) Strengthen our general coordination to avoid duplications and wastage of resource, which are diminishing day, by day.

On this note, I would like to emphasize that every contribution from each of you in this gathering is important and it contribute significantly in whatever cause we are moving together. We appreciate your technical expertise, your advices, your financial assistance and any support you afford in the implementation our frameworks, plans and programs.

Since this initiative is aimed at strengthening our collaboration, we believe that the outcome will identify windows on how well we would structure ourselves as to build capacity that will help us to effectively respond to the public health needs of the country, among many activities. We need to be on the same page in identifying, modifying and implementing existing norms, standards and tools and other innovative mechanisms to ensure success in our mission of providing quality health care to each Namibian.

To implement a coordinated approach toward health care provision Namibia will benefit from a diverse pool of expertise, saving resources and multiply its positive outputs. The ministry serves as a central place for coordination of responses to all public health events that occur in the country and it is not the sole implementer of health care, we are indeed all valuable partners. We facilitates communication to the field, provides availability of real time data and information for action, and enhances collaboration with partners while avoiding duplications of efforts.

This assembly should work out further collaborative mechanisms through clear and precise memorandum of understanding with each of the partners to ensure necessary synergies and the key ongoing role of our network.

As I've highlighted, together, we have a tremendous opportunity to transform the future of Namibia. Africa and the World and our Ministry is committed to lead any effort that is aimed at promoting to work in close collaboration with each and every one of you and to make the dream of a healthy Namibia a reality. You are all welcome to this imperative get-together, this is our Health Assembly, let's be frank, accurate and open to express ourselves on pertinent issues in our health sphere, propose better ways to improve and let's ensure that no stone will be left unturned. Let's chew bone as they say our local languages!

Honorable Minister, dear colleagues I wish you successful deliberations with simple, concrete and realistic resolution which will impact health in real times.

I thank you!