



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

**MINISTER OF INDUSTRIALIZATION, TRADE AND
SME DEVELOPMENT**

CLOSING REMARKS

BY

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INDUSTRIALISATION AND TRADE AT THE STAFF
MEETING**

02 FEBRUARY 2023

Hon. Minister, Lucia lipumbu

Executive Director, Mr. Sikongo Haihambo

Deputy Executive Directors;

Managers present here;

Staff members of the Ministry;

Ladies and Gentleman; Good Morning colleagues!

1. It is a great honor and privileged to been given, the opportunity to propose the vote of thanks on this first MIT family special gathering. First and foremost, I would like to make use of the given platform to wish everyone, a happy and prosperous new year, in the same vain congratulate you all, for the massive accomplishments of last year, as it was not an easy year considering the financial turmoil and hardships we are experiencing as a country and global pandemic.
2. In my closing remarks I will summarize the take home lesson from this meeting.
3. The Minister highlighted that despite the economic headwinds, we made massive progress in attaining some of our Ministry's goals and objectives. She further urged us to work with dedication, courage and commitment in taking our Ministry to greater heights to industrialize this nation, increase foreign direct investment, increase trade and commerce in the

region, continentally and globally by developing our small and medium enterprises.

4. I would like to remind each and every one of us to make full use of our performance agreement as it is one of the tools we need to gauge ourselves with regards of our quarterly and annual performance. This individual performance of each one of us forms the basis of the complete collective performance of the Ministry as a whole.

5. The main objectives of the Ministry, is to develop and to diversify the Namibian economy towards an efficient and competitive level. Moreover, the theme “**Growth at Home**”, reinforces the importance of accelerating economic growth, reducing income inequality and increasing employment. Therefore, despite our former successes, I still urge you all, to join Forces, through ensuring that our Ministry utilizes every opportunity in expanding Industrial development, Investment promotion, Trade development and Commerce. So as to empower our people and societies to become, self-sustainable, through unemployment and poverty elimination. With agreements, such as the AfCFTA, AGOA ,EPA Trade Forum, just to mention a few, our Ministry can become the engine of our Country’s economic revival and development.

6. As stated by our President His Excellency Dr. Hage Geingob,

and I quote;

“We say goodbye to 2022, the 'Year of Reimaging', and say welcome to 2023, the 'Year of Revival', which is about reigniting the strength of a resurgent nation, a nation that looks into the future with renewed hope and optimism,”

7. With this, I thank you once more for your efforts and input in the ministry for the past years, and further motivate you, that we notice your hard work, dedication and Commitment, times are hard, but there is hope after the tunnel.

A wise man once said;

"The only thing standing between you and outrageous success is continuous progress."

Therefore let us all thrive through this year with a revived mindset.

THANK YOU!