



# **REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA**

**REMARKS BY HON. LUCIA IIPUMBU**

**MINISTER OF INDUSTRIALISATION AND TRADE**

**ON THE OCCASION OF THE NAMIBIA - ZAMBIA JOINT TRADE AND  
INVESTMENT COMMITTEE (JTIC) MINISTERIAL MEETING**

**VENUE: MULUNGUSHI INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE CENTRE,  
KENNETH KAUNDA WING**

**LUSAKA, ZAMBIA**

**5 September 2023**

**Hon. Rodney Sikumba – Acting Minister of Commerce, Trade and Industry**

**H.E Steven Katuka – Zambian High Commissioner to Namibia**

**H.E Siyave Haindongo – Namibian High Commissioner to Zambia**

**Mr. Sikongo Haihambo – Executive Director – Ministry of Industrialisation and Trade**

**Ms. Lilian Bwalya - Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Trade and Industry**

**CEO of the Zambia Chamber of Commerce and Industry**

**CEO of the Namibian Chamber of Commerce and Industry**

**Senior Government Officials, Ministries and Agencies on the Namibian and Zambian side**

**Members of the Media**

**Namibia and Zambian businesses present**

**Distinguished delegates**

**Members of the Media**

**Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Let me take this opportunity to thank you all for reconvening again following our fruitful B2B engagements during the first part of the day.

Allow me to extend our utmost appreciation to our two respective business fraternity for engaging as we facilitate and commit to forge mutual partnerships to ease our trade and investments endeavors. I am reliably informed that the engagements were fruitful and I implore on you to take these conversations beyond this meeting.

The presentations by both Zambia Development Agency and Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Agency has clearly outlined and highlighted key areas on investment opportunities and specific sectors which we are encouraging both Namibian and Zambian businesses and investors to take up these available opportunities..

Namibia recognises trade as an economic catalyst for most of the developmental activities in the country. In this regard, Namibia prioritized trade and investment with her neighbours and Zambia is one of the countries of strategic importance with the potential to further improve trade benefits.

Today we will witness the signing of four (04) MoU in the following fields, Industrial Development Cooperation, Competition and Standards. This is indeed continuous efforts of strengthening our bilateral relations as sister countries and we must ensure implementation of these MoUs and provide progress at the next JTIC.

Allow me at this juncture to formally invite my counterpart to the next JTIC which we envisage to host in Namibia in September 2024. We are therefore extending an invitation to the Zambian business community to come to Namibia and explore trade and business opportunities in various filed such as Tourism, Mining and Energy, Agro Processing, manufacturing, Oil, and Gas.

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We must ensure that we identify and leverage other key priority business, trade and investment opportunities in various sectors while we pay a special focus on collaborative efforts targeting specifically value chains development as we try to diversify our economies.

We must also consider enhancing supply chains exchanges at technical level in order to with key focus on manufacturing and value addition.

Thank you once again for hosting us and it is our hope that our continuous engagements, trade and business engagements will bear desired results.

**I thank you**