



CLOSING REMARKS

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On the occasion of the

Namibia Official Launch of the AGOA Utilisation

Strategy

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"Growth at Home"

Director of Ceremonies;

**Hon. Lucia lipumbu, Minister of Industrialisation and
Trade**

**Your Excellency, Lisa Johnson, US Ambassador to
Namibia**

Officials from the US Embassy

Government Officials present

Private sector Representatives

Members of the Media

Ladies and Gentlemen

Good Morning,

It is a great pleasant day, having witnessed the Launch of the country's AGOA Utilisation Strategy.

I proffer my gratitude to our main speaker, my sister Hon. Lucia lipumbu, Minister of Industrialisation and Trade for officially launching the AGOA Utilisation Strategy.

"Growth at Home"

I also extend my sincere appreciation to Her Excellency, **Lisa Johnson**, US Ambassador to Namibia, and your distinguished guests here and those attending virtually.

Last month on the 16th April, Ambassador and I witnessed the first send-off of 350 tonnes of Namibian charcoal to the United State.

Your Excellency, it is pleasing to have you here again this morning to launch this important document.

Your presence here is a direct response of your unwavering commitment, as we seek to expand the volume of bilateral trade, between Namibia and USA.

The Africa Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) have defined the commercial relations between the United States and Namibia like the rest of Africa.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have confidence that Namibia will take full advantage of the AGOA legislation by concentrating its efforts on effective utilization of the new opportunities offered, develop national and regional economic strategies, and stimulate the intra-

African trade and regional economic integration, in a bid to strengthen the partnership with the USA.

Let me thank our Director of Ceremonies, Ms, Ndiitah Robiati-Nghipondoka, for having directed this event timeously.

Conclusively, I also thank officials from the Ministry in collaboration with the US Embassy for organizing this day for us.

With these few remarks, I wish you all a pleasant day ahead.

I thank you!