



**VOTE OF THANKS BY HONOURABLE HERCULES JANTSE
AT THE LAUNCH OF EBA PROJECT AND DISBURSEMENT
OF GRANTS TO 12 COMMUNITY BASED ORGANISATIONS
BY EDA PROJECT IN KEETMANSHOOP**

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Director of ceremonies-

- Honourable Pohamba Shifeta ,Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism
- Honourable Aletha Fredericks , Governor for //Kharas Region
- Mr. Benedict Libanda, Chief Executive Officer of the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia.
- Mrs. Maxi Louis,Director NACOS
- CRO’s and Regional Political Representatives
- Heads and staff members of Namibian Government Line Ministries
- Staff members of EIF,
- Members of the media
- Distinguished guest
- All protocol observed
- Ladies and gentlemen

It is a privilege and honour for me, to give the Vote of Thanks at this joyous occasion where we witnessed the launch of

project entitled “*Building Resilience of Communities Living in Eight Landscapes Threatened Under Climate Change Through an Ecosystem Based Adaptation Approach in Namibia*”,

And disbursement of grants to twelve Community Based Natural Resource Based Organizations for a project entitled *‘Creating Climate Change Resilient Livelihoods Through Community Based Natural Resource Management in Namibia’*.

Let me from the onset, congratulate Honourable Pohamba Shifeta ,Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism for finding time, despite your tight schedule to be the keynote speaker at this event. Your wonderful speech, which centers on the tireless efforts of our government to lobby for funds to address impact of climate change, not only gave an insight into the operations of the government but tells of your commitment and that of the Ministry, which you are head of is geared towards safeguarding rural livelihoods from natural catastrophe.

Allow me also at this point to point out and appreciate the hardwork of Mr. Benedict Libanda in leading the resources mobilisation of the EIF that has lead to projects like the one that we are wionessing being launched today.

I also want to thank the Nama Traditional leaders Association , Chief Kooper for availing his time and attend this very important event .

Your presence gives us hope that indeed the traditional authority has made it a priority to address climate change and is concern about the wellbeing of its people.

On behalf of //Kharas Regional Council ,the Governor and the people of the //Kharas region who are the Host, I extend a vote of thanks to everybody here today for gracing this occasion.

Honourable Minister, an event like this did not happen overnight. The preparation started weeks ago. It involves detailed and careful planning And thanks goes to the entire Board, Management and staff of Environmental Investment Fund .

At this juncture I would like to take this opportunity to place on record our hearty thanks to Green Climate Fund, for their financial support towards the Namibian Government and the people who toiled day and night to make this event possible. Kindly join me in giving them rounds of applause.

My thanks would not be complete without thanking all the service providers , musicians and cultural dance groups that has use their talent and skills to contribute towards the successful realization of this event.

Before I bring my appreciation to a close, I would like to re-iterate our commitment as Regional Councils representatives that we are here to support government interventions on the ground and that climate change is high on our agenda.

With that said, I say thank you for you attention and wish you well and hand over to the director of proceedings to direct us further.