



WELCOMING REMARKS

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**ON THE OCCASION OF NATIONAL QUALITY AWARD CEREMONY, THE
LAUNCH OF THE NATIONAL STANDARDISATION STRATEGY AND
THE WORLD STANDARDS DAY CELEBRATION**

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Director of Ceremonies;

Honourable Gaudentia Krohne, Deputy Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy;

Mr. Moses Pakote, Executive Director of the Ministry of Industries, Mines and Energy;

Fellow Members of the Namibian Standards Council;

Dr. Eino Mvula, CEO of the Namibian Standards Institution and your Team;

Senior representatives of the Ministry of Industries, Mines and Energy and other government officials;

Members of the NSI's Technical Committees;

Esteemed Sponsors of the National Quality Awards and the National Standardisation Strategy;

Distinguished Members of the National Standardisation Strategy Task Force;

Distinguished participants of the 2025 National Quality Awards and the Judges of the Awards;

Esteemed Captains of Industry;

Distinguished Invited Guests;

Members of the media;

Ladies and Gentlemen.

Good evening,

1. I am delighted to welcome you all to this important gathering. We are gathered here to officially launch the **Namibian Standardization Strategy and Plan**; celebrate Namibian excellence in quality through the **National Quality Awards**; and to mark the **World Standards Day**.
2. The catchwords this evening are, “**standards**”, and “**standardization**”, a process of ensuring that products and services that we produce and consume and their production processes are reliable, safe and fit for their purpose. “**Standards**” are tools to build trust; protect consumers and the environment; safeguard public health and safety; connect domestic, regional and international markets; encourage innovation, industrialization and trade, and support economic growth and sustainable development.

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3. Our **National Standardization Strategy and Plan (NSSP)**, which we are launching this evening, sets a clear direction for how Namibia develops and manages standards to support competitiveness and trade, innovation and industrialization, consumer protection and sustainable development. This strategy reflects Namibia’s national socio-economic needs as articulated in our **National Development Vision and Plan**. It is also a result of stakeholder consultations country-wide and stakeholders - based data analysis. It is aligned with Namibia’s regional and global integration priorities and is based on international best practices.

4. Today, the Namibia Standards Institution (NSI) joins the world in celebrating **World Standards Day** , which is an annual celebration held on October 14 by members of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), paying tribute to the collaborative efforts of thousands of experts who develop voluntary technical agreements published as International Standards/ Regional and National Standards. This year we celebrate the day under the theme “**A Shared Vision for a Better World: Spotlight on United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 17 – Partnerships for the Goals**”.

5. Tonight, we also pause to recognize the invaluable work of our Technical Committees (TCs), which bring together experts from industry, academia, government, and civil society. They give their time, knowledge, and experience to ensure that the standards we develop are relevant, practical, and forward-looking. During the period 2019 to 2024, these Technical Committees (TCs) have developed standards relating to fields such as Renewable Energy; Quality Management and Quality Assurance; Food Safety Management Systems; Electrotechnical in Namibia; Building Construction, Cement and Concrete Technologies; Occupational Health and Safety; Metrology; Vehicle and Road Safety; Dry Sanitation Facilities; Risk Management; Chemicals; Information Security Management Systems; and Refrigeration Air-Conditioning Systems.

6. On behalf of the Namibian Standards Institution, I extend heartfelt appreciation to each member of our Technical Committees (TCs) for their dedication. Your work often happens quietly, but its impact is far-reaching.

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7. **The National Quality Awards** is a platform aimed at recognizing those esteemed companies and individuals who excel in quality advancement in Namibia. Today, we will honour and reward individuals and institutions from various industries who excelled in the pursuit of excellence for the quality of their products, services and systems over the past year. Winners of this competition would automatically represent Namibia at the next **Annual SADC Quality Awards Competition in 2026**. I congratulate all the nominees and recipients of the National Quality Awards. Your achievements demonstrate what can be achieved when dedication to quality is applied in practice. May your success serve as an inspiration for others to follow.

Ladies and gentlemen;

8. I warmly welcome you once again to this event and wish you all an enjoyable and memorable evening of celebration.

9. As I leave the podium, I invite you to appreciate the World Standards Day Congratulatory message from the International Organization for Standardization (ISO), delivered by the ISO Secretary General Mr. **Sergio Mujica**.

I thank you.