



Remarks

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HeforShe Launch

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Director of Ceremonies, Hon. Faustina Caley; Member of the Women's Parliament
Caucus

Hon. Petrina Haingura: Chairperson of the Namibian Women's Parliamentary Caucus

Hon. Doreen Sioka; Minister of Gender Equality and Child Welfare

Hon. Peter Katjavivi: Speaker of the National Assembly

Hon. Ida Hoffmann: Chairperson of the Gender Equality, Social Development and
Family Affairs Committee

Mr. Themba Kalua, Deputy Rep; UN Women

Dr. Esau Chiviya: SG SADC PF

Members of Civil Society

Members of the Media

Ladies and gentlemen

Good Morning,

It is with great pleasure that I have been granted an opportunity address the launch of the Namibian HEFORSHE sign up campaign. I thank the National Assembly and in particular the Women's Parliamentary Caucus for the invitation.

This solidarity campaign, HeForShe, global campaign for advancing women, was initiated by the United Nations Women (UN Women), to engage men and boys as, part of the conversations and action towards achieving women's empowerment and equality.

The UN family is privileged to be part of this event where we are yet again reaching another formidable milestone in mainstreaming Gender equality action into policy and planning activities. The UN your partner of choice remains committed to supporting Parliament, MGECW to ensure implementation.

With these few remarks, **Ladies and Gentlemen** I want to leave you with the following message:

There is an urgent need to raise awareness; and inform the Namibian Nation, about the potential negative impacts of Gender inequality on communities, and as such men and boys must remain engaged to ensure action is taken to end inequality.

I therefore urge us all to take action now!

I thank you.