

## Parliament launches HeforShe campaign

The Women Parliamentary Caucus of the parliament of Namibia officially launched the HeforShe campaign on 25 October 2017 at the Parliament Building. The members of the Namibian Parliament signed a pledge to fight against gender inequality.

HeforShe is an initiative by UN Women and is a solidarity campaign for the progression of women and aims to achieve equality by encouraging men and boys to be agents of change and to take action against negative inequalities faced by women and girls.



The Deputy Representative of UN Women Themba Kalua gave the background of the HeforShe Campaign and explained its importance in society. The Speaker of the National Assembly Prof. Peter Katjavivi discussed the areas of impact that are prevalent in Namibia that the HeforShe campaign is committed to and why it is important to commit to the campaign as the Namibian Parliament.

Speaking at the event, the UN Resident Coordinator and UNDP Resident Representative Ms. Anita Kiki Gbeho expressed that the UN family is honoured to be part of the event where another formidable milestone in mainstreaming Gender equality action into policy and planning activities has been reached. Furthermore, she expressed that there is an urgent need to raise awareness and inform the Namibian nation about the potential negative impacts of Gender inequality on communities. She encouraged men and boys to remain engaged to ensure that action is taken to end inequality.