

# National Unity Democratic Organization(NUDO)

# **2024 ELECTION**

MANIFESTO

**"TOWARDS AN INCLUSIVE NAMIBIA FOR ALL"** 

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#### **FOREWORD:**

Namibia is at crossroads with itself as the citizenry are stuck with a societal crisis of high cost of living, higher unemployment rate among the youth, high rental cost, high tuition cost, increase in mental health cases and GBV,exploitation of our natural resources and other social ills. After the fight for the liberation of this country, the plan was to workout a plan of restoring dignity of our people through an appropriate approach of land redistribution to those who lost land and providing opportunities for the previously disadvantaged for economic emancipation. Its now 34 years since our independence but our society stills sits in the same dilemma with no stable future the next generation as the resources are for the politically well-connected.

Over the years our people have been looking for an alternative that will rescue them from this undesiring situation. The time is now, **NUDO**Party of Namibia is the alternative our people have been crying for and this manifesto is built on restoring our people dignity and humanity through an inclusive and a participatory approach towards resolving our issues.**NUDO** has studied the down trend of development in our country and is thus offering an alternative government that will prioritize key social needs to first tackle bread and butter issues that will restore the dignity and self-righteousness of our people. A clear and righteous mind will lead to a stable mind of thinking and thus contributing to the cause of development of the country.

One of the critical issues that **NUDO** has been advocating for, is the Ovaherero and Nama Genocide. It is a well-known fact that the Ovaherero and Nama Genocide is considered as the first genocide of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. After Namibia gained independence, the two communities (Ovaherero and Nama) took it upon themselves to engage the German government for talks that could eventually lead to restorative justice. This was followed by the adoption of a motion in parliament which was moved by our late President of **NUDO** and this clearly testifies the commitment of **NUDO** to fight for the just reparations of the affected communities and to hold the German government accountable. **NUDO** aims for an inclusive negotiating committee, demand for an apology from the German government, and a just reparation as per the needs of the affected communities.

**NUDO** remains resolute in its slogan of **"One People, One Aim and One Destiny"** regardless the race, background or religion.

Namibia we present to you our Election Manifesto for the upcoming 2024 General Elections.

Now is the time for change and economic emancipation.

# THE NUDO VISION:

The vison of **NUDO** is to create equal opportunities, equal rights, non-racial, non-tribal, non-sexist and a just society with prosperous, hardworking, honest and a united Namibia umbrella.

**NUDO** will recognize togetherness as the foundation of all human interactions and that individual cultures, customs, and religious values and norms will find its ground in a harmonious way that enhances our diversity as a just Namibian society.

**NUDO** as the party that has the interest of its citizens at heart will invest in helping individuals to discover their full potential for them to become masters of their own destinies, whilst contributing to the development of our country, its citizenry and investors.

**NUDO** will continue to advocate for a just reparation of our communities that suffered because of the 1904 – 1908 Genocide committed by the German empire. Our torch of hope will forever light in honor of our Honourable late Paramount Chief Kuaima Riruako.

Most importantly, **NUDO**will ensure that all Namibians equally benefit from our rich natural resources which include the wildlife and scenic terrain, agricultural products and minerals.



#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

This fifth **NUDO** manifesto reminds our citizenry of the alternative that we are for a better and wealthy Namibia for all. **NUDO** as a government in waiting, we have been observing the ever-increasing challenges and hardships that our people are finding themselves in even after 34 years of independence. The fight for independence was to regain our dignity, land, natural resources and thereafter creating a society that can build on these resources and advance its needs and aspirations.

This manifesto reiterates on the **NUDO** aim of redressing social injustices, imbalances and perpetuation of a class society and dominance of elitist elements in governance structures. The present elitist stems from the unwarranted enrichment of the few under the disguise of the National Equitable Black Economic Empowerment Framework (NEEEF). A potentially a well-intended policy that was wrongly implemented and thus have resorted to the elitist class inclined to deny the rights of other fellow formally disadvantaged Namibians.

The Ruling Party has not delivered to its citizenry for past 34 years as it has failed to address critical problem areas such as poverty, unemployment, social injustices and imbalances. **NUDO** as the alternative party, will put much of its emphasis on redistribution of wealth and social and economic equity through value addition of our natural resources and grow our GDP which will in turn provide for increased share allocation to priority sectors such as health, education, agriculture, youth and sport development. Once these key sectors are given the necessary budgetary allocation, they will address key issues facing our society such as social imbalances, wealth redistribution and most importantly the unemployment state our young people finds themselves in.

With a social democratic system of governance and limited capitalist input we will create a society that will oversee its resources and destiny. Democracy and pluralism and the rule of law will be respected and strengthened, as entrenched in our constitution. We are committed to improving the lives of the down trotted and previously marginalized to be proud again as citizens of this beautiful country.

We need to change our mindset from apartheid enslavement and move towards liberating our minds for a self-reliant and a capable society that can create equal opportunities for all and capitalizing on its rich natural resources for a good life to all. With the above undertakings, **NUDO** is soliciting for your vote during the upcoming Presidential and National Assembly Elections on the 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

#### NUDO PLEDGE FOR A PROSPEROUS FUTURE:

On Democracy: we will ensure a vibrant and a participatory democratic process.

**On Socio-economic:**we pledge to keep increasing the checks and balances on the current market-oriented economy as the market alone cannot solve the nation's food security and spiraling food prices.

People: will be empowered and inspired to be the vanguard of our governance.

**Development:** would be sustainable, needs driven and inclusive.

**Quality:** of life for both rural and urban citizens and all areas will have the same amenities.

Agriculture: would be flourishing, resilient and food self-sufficiently secured.

Youth and Women: shall be made industrious and participative.

**Economy:**shall be globally competitive, nationally and regionally relevant.

**Infrastructures:** shall carry the economy and promote industrialization.

Governance: shall be open, transparent and systems based.

**Good Governance:**shall be pro-active, pro-people and pro-poor.

Health and Education: for people shall be free.

Strong Sense of Unity:shall be fostered.

**Security:** for all shall be provided by a well-trained and professional army and police force.

Land, Fish and Minerals: shall be shared with the people.

#### Namibia will be better with a NUDO Party Government

#### The NUDO Party exists:

(a) To build and safeguard a fair, free and open society, in which we seek to balance the fundamental values of liberty, equality and community, and in which no one shall be enslaved by poverty, ignorance of conformity.

(b) To champion the freedom, dignity and well-being of individuals. We acknowledge and respect the right of every human being to freedom of conscience and their right to develop their talents to the full.

(c) To spread and distribute power, to foster diversity and to nurture creativity. We believe that the role of the government is to enable all citizens to attain these ideals, to

contribute fully to their communities and to take part in the decisions that affect their lives.

(d) To build a nation in which all people share the same basic rights, in which they live together in peace and in which their diverse cultures will be able to develop freely.

We believe that at different periods a particular generation should be responsible for the fate of our country and, therefore each such generation must be given opportunity to fully play its role in the governance of the nation.

Recognizing that the quest for freedom and justice can never end we promote human rights and open government, a sustainable economy which serves genuine need, public services of the highest quality, international action based on the recognition of the interdependence of all the world's people and responsible stewardship of the earth and its resources.

We believe that people should be involved in running their communities. We are determined to strengthen the democratic process and ensure that there is a just and representative system of government with effective legislative institutions, freedom of information, decisions taken at the lowest practicable level and a free and fair voting system for all elections.

We will foster a strong and sustainable economy which encourages the necessary wealth creating process, develops and uses the skill of the people and works to the benefit of all, with a just distribution of the rewards of success. We want to see democracy, participation and the co-operative principle of industry and commerce within a competitive environment in which the government allows the market to operate freely where possible but intervenes where necessary. We will promote scientific research and innovation and will harness technological change to human advantage.

**Our case is simple**:that Namibia can and must be better. The vision is a country with drive, purpose and energy towards one aim, one Namibia, one people, one destiny and one Africa.

The **NUDO** Party is a party of ideas and ideals but not of outdated ideology. What counts is what works. The objectives are radical. The means will be modern.

We believe in Namibia. It is a great country with a great history. The Namibian people are a great people. But we believe Namibia can and must be better: better schools, better hospitals, better ways of tackling crime, of building a modern welfare state, of equipping ourselves for a new world economy.We want a Namibia that is one nation, with shared values and purpose, where merit comes before privilege, a Namibia for the many not the few, a Namibia strong and sure of itself at home and abroad.

#### **NUDO PREAMBLE:**

**NUDO** is a political party with a social democratic economic development agenda for Namibia. The emphasis lies with the emancipation of the previously disadvantaged African masses. The socialist character is to create a welfare state where the economy is centrally planned and essential services like health and education are free for the citizens of this country. Though **NUDO** has a nationalization agenda for the essential resources of our country, it will allow for the market forces to dictate some elements of development.

**THE NEED FOR AN ALTERNATIVE:** For too long Namibians have done themselves a disfavor by giving unchecked power to the current regime and this proves the saying that says "everything stays the same until everything falls apart". The current inequality gap portrays that the power Namibians have granted to the current regime has turned it into a corrupt and potentially arrogant and deadly power at the expense of the voters. As a Namibian do yourself a favor and vote for **NUDO** and be guaranteed of a viable alternative government in waiting.

Again, we reiterate that the current development agenda remain unfavorable for the previously disadvantaged Namibians as critical sectors like fishing, agriculture, mining and tourism are dominated by foreign owners and they do little to uplift the living standard of our citizenry. There is basically not clear drive and strategy to empower our people economically.**NUDO** strategy will be using our financing instruments such as the Development Bank of Namibia, and the Agricultural Bank of Namibia to provide free collateral loans to the previously disadvantaged Namibians with lower interest and extended gracing periods.

**NUDO** is also democratic and against one party absolutism and will fight any sectarian and authoritarian tendencies.

**NUDO** will stand with poor, down trotted of the world and Africa in particular. Solidarity will start at home were our people have to be molded into a One Namibia and not be distinguished too much by ethnic identity.

**FREEDOM** we seek a Namibia in which every person has a dignified life, with integrity and whose rights are ensured and protected as in our constitution. Where every person's opinion is respected and is not prosecuted or repressed.

**UNITY IN DIVERSITY** where everyone will be embraced and respected equally as entrenched in our constitution.

#### NUDO PLAN TO CREATE JOBS:

**NUDO** Party will put economic emancipation of the country as a central component of our development strategy. The economic emancipation drive will be broad-based,

focusing not only on the economy but on society, the environment and governance so that it is inclusive and creates sustainable jobs in ways that safeguard environment, and leads to greater levels of integrity.

**NUDO** economic emancipation strategy will be driven by value chain development because it provides opportunities for expanding production capabilities and jobs. We will implement value chains in ways that allow the performance of the various tasks along the production chain in different towns and regions, depending on their respective comparative advantages.

**NUDO** believes that through a strong and smart economic emancipation strategy, our unemployment rate will be reduced by 13% as more jobs will be created in various sectors of the economy.

**NUDO**promises a better Namibia in its deliverance of the following actions:



#### **EDUCATION**

- Reform the education sector through a collaborative approach of all key stakeholders including Teachers and Students Unions, Parents and development partners towards a more inclusive, teacher-centered approach and market-oriented education system.
- Make Grade 12 compulsory again to all learners as the key to tertiary institutions.
- Expand access and inclusion using technology-related teaching platforms.
- Develop requisite infrastructure and facilities to cater for more schools across the country to prevent teaching from under the trees and in tents that poses health risks and an unconducive environment for leaners to prosper.
- Streamline Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) in the curriculum at junior and senior secondary level through the integration of vocational subjects that will realignment with the needs of the economy and positioning TVET as a preferred educational pathway for our youth.
- Prioritize digitization through the provision of requisite equipment, econtent, and capacity building for schools, students, and teachers.
- Provide adequate capacity building to school boards to strengthen their linkage as a catalyst for the promotion of the three-legged pot approach that includes teachers, learners and parents.
- Increase funding to NASFAF and elevate this support in the form of grants to provide for more students that are entering the tertiary institutions and lessens the criteria to ensure that all students in need are catered for.
- Ensure that NASFAF funding to students covers for registration fees and abolish the system of students requiring to pay up for their registrations.
- Increase funding per learner as allocated to schools to provide adequate resources for learner's support and ensure that the burden to parents towards the school's development funds are lessens.
- Ensure that each school has a library to culminate a culture of reading and research by leaners from junior primary to senior secondary.
- Ensure that vocational centers are constructed in regions currently not having any and create conducive environment for private entities to compliment government efforts in TVET development.

#### **HEALTH AND WELFARE**

- Provide all health facilities with Doctors, Nurses, equipment's and adequate medicines.
- Construct more modern referral hospitals to ease the burden on the Katutura Intermediate Hospital.
- Give powers to the Ministry of Health in the procurement of medicines and necessities to avert situations were hospitals and health facilities are running out of medicines and care for their patients due to bureaucratic procurement processes by the Central Procurement Board of Namibia.
- Construct a state-of-the-art pharmaceutical plant that will produce key essential medicines for use at our health facilities to minimize the waiting period of procured medicines from abroad.
- Make use of electronic health records so that information on patients, including their medical history, treatment, and medication, is easily available to healthcare practitioners for quick and efficient responses to patient needs.
- Train more medical doctors, nurses and other healthcare giver professions to improve patient to patient-to-caregiver ratio.
- Develop an agile and responsive health system to deal with emergencies, epidemics and other health threats.
- Provide basic income grant of N\$1,000 to persons from the age 18 59 years.
- Increase old age pension by 5% annually and 10% for orphanage grants.



# ANCESTRAL LAND AND LAND REDISTRIBUTION

- Restitute ancestral land rights of those Namibians who lost land because of colonial dispossession and genocide.
- Abolish foreign land ownership.
- Put all land under the custodianship of the state for equal redistribution to all.
- Prohibit the selling of farmland either publicly or privately above its productive value.
- Set a capped price for land prices in Namibia at the land agricultural productive value.
- Establish an Ancestral Land Restitution Commission that will ensure a fair and transparent process of ancestral land claims.
- Include a criterion of communities who lost land due to genocide in the resettlement policy.
- Ensure that once a farmland is bought by government, the resettlement process is fast-tracked to prevent vandalism of the farm and to allow for an efficient and transparent handover with a full support package upon allotment for the farm productivity to resume immediately.
- Provide a six-month induction capacity building program for new resettled farmers in farm management, rangeland management, financial and income diversification to maximize on the farm full production potential.
- Monitor and evaluate resettled farmers performance based on a five-year production plan and make provision for further support with key



# **GENOCIDE AND REPARATION**



- Advocate for the involvement of all affected community leadersat the table for a fair reparation talks with clearly defined needs and demands.
- Stick to the 2006 parliamentary resolution which agreed for a tripartite process on reparations that included descendants of victims of the colonial genocide.
- Push for a public apology from the German government on the genocide it committed against the Herero and Nama people between 1904 and 1908.
- Demand for a just and concise reparations for the affected communities including a thorough and long-term reparation agreement that restores the dignity, culture, cohesion, mental state, material and land of affected communities.



# WATER AND AGRICULTURE

- Abolish water payment for agricultural use in communal areas to promote food security efforts towards creating drought resilient communities in rural areas.
- Grow the rural economy through agricultural mechanization and tailor-made support to communal farmer in maximizing agricultural productivity of their villages.
- Launch a Rural Economic Development Strategy that targets areas with strong water and support these farmers with a full mechanization package that will allow the farmer to develop water infrastructures, establish crop and fodder production fields and become a feeder farmer for agricultural advancement in communal areas to grow targeted value chains.
- Develop fodder hubs in communal areas as a drought mitigating strategy for farmers and the provision of readily available and affordable fodder to farmers.
- Promote the development of the beef and weaner value chains for retention of weaners and provision of slaughter ready animals to local export abattoirs.
- Foster partnerships between government, private sector, and development partners to promote further investment in agricultural mechanization.
- Build desalination plants and support current and new Green Schemes with financial injection and technical expertise to turn them into meaning full and productive entities that will make the country produce at least 40% of own food and cut reliance from exporting food from other countries.
- Explore more markets for our beef and small stock for farmers south and north of the cordon veterinary fence to grow the agricultural sector contribution to the GDP.
- Promote sustainable control and utilization of biomass resources in communal areas.



#### YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, CULTURE, SPORTS AND RECREATION

- Build appropriate infrastructure such as incubation and content creation hubs, performing arts production facilities, fine arts studios and galleries.
- Develop creative talent among the youth through the implementation of arts and cultural projects in schools and communities to raise awareness about viable career opportunities within the sector and national pride.
- Nurture, develop, and harness artistic talent among the youth especially, to produce a pool of competent creative artists who can grow Namibia's creative and cultural industries sector and bring economic prosperity.
- Protect the intellectual property rights of creative artists and ensure they are duly rewarded for their work.
- Set up a state-of-the-art High-Performance Centers at various towns across the country aimed at optimizing the performance of our athletes.
- Invest in modern sports infrastructure, including stadiums, training facilities, and recreational centers in urban and rural areas.
- Continuously invest in skills development and training of athletes, coaches, and sports administrators.
- Establish a Youth Empowerment and Business Fund to capacitate young people through training and mentorship, provide financial, material and equipment support to youth viable initiated small businesses.
- Make provision for business incubation centers in all regions to provide for conducive environment for young people to start small businesses for selfemployment.
- Create a broad-focused placement or in-service employment program for qualified youth in the different segments of our economy to gain relevant experience and expertise to maximize their chances for employment opportunities and thus contributing to a reduction of at least 20% of the unemployment rate in the country.



# **ECONOMIC GROWTH, INDUSTRIALIZATION AND JOB CREATION**

#### **NUDO will:**

- Develop supportive strategies and legislation for agro-processing.
- Prioritize production of raw materials for agro-processing through low interest rates for local agricultural production.
- Protect and promote domestic producers and boost domestic production of goods and services.
- Foster partnerships between public and private sector to manufacture textiles, apparel, leather, and leather products, and endeavor to use local raw materials.
- Recognize that Research and Development (R&D) is an essential driver of economic growth, spurring innovation and invention.
- Increase access to finance for the informal sector, the youth, micro, small and medium enterprise.
- Strengthen the role of the Development Bank of Namibia (DBN) to better serve the Informal Sector, Youth, and MSME sectors with subsidized interests.
- Empower the Competition Authority to be more responsive to monopolies, excessive economic concentration, and abuse of dominance by large players that keep SMMEs out of the mainstream economy.
- Expand knowledge and skills of the citizens in green hydrogen and create synergies between local companies with international investors.
- Place the country on a strong path to creating sustainable jobs and inclusive wealth creation.
- Prioritize rural areas road network to boost local economy.
- Allocate fishing quotas to Regional Councils and Local Authorities to expand income towards land servicing and low-cost housing.
- Promote local processing and value addition of diamonds through NAMDIA.



HOUSING

- Allocate adequate budget to Regional Councils to resuscitate the Build Together Programme as a housing provision scheme to rural communities in securing a shelter and minimize urbanization.
- Make funding provisions to the Shack Dwellers Foundation of Namibia to complement their efforts in ensuring that Namibians have a place to call homeand to restore their dignity.
- Foster partnership between local authorities and the private sector for servicing of land at municipal, town, village and settlement level to fast-track the provision of land for housing and businesses.
- Introduce a Housing Subsidization Scheme for Build Together and Shack Dwellers Foundation beneficiaries on building materials.
- Provide for fast-tracking of allocation of informal settlement to ensure organized setup and provision of essential services such as water, sanitation and electricity to beneficiaries.
- Introduce a standard construction design model for informal settlements for uniformity, uniqueness and beauty of these settlements across municipalities, towns and villages.







- Protect our fauna and flora
- Continue to develop and implement policies and legislation aimed at reducing carbon emissions and promoting sustainable practices across all sectors.
- Promote for the sustainable utilization of our natural resources especially of resources utilized for economic growth of Namibia.
- Increase citizen participation in the high-end tourism market through concessions and providing support for their growth.
- Promote the development of cultural villages in conservancies to enhance the nation's cultural identity.
- Expand our tourism market through dynamic marketing initiatives that highlights ouruniqueness, beauty and fauna and flora as key attraction propositions to local and international tourists.
- Develop innovative offerings like cultural tours and experiences and adventure activities in rural communities and include tours to our heritage sites for historical connections.
- Foster partnerships between conservancies and private investors through joint ventures to establishing tourist destination facilities in promoting cultural tourism as a growth strategy for rural areas and inter-connecting these with national parks and private establishments.
- Promotes growth, prosperity, and a thriving natural environment for all.



# WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND GENDER EQUALITY

- Pursue inclusivity through the promotion of gender equality and the eradication of disparities.
- Accelerate the implementation of policies and initiatives to end GBV, and foster equal rights, fairness, representation, and empowerment.
- Cultivate a future where every individual can thrive and contribute to the diversity of our nation's social, economic, and political landscape.
- Institutionalize gender equality throughout the government system.
- Adhere to gender equality international best practices and promote gender equality through targeted economic empowerment initiatives.
- Promote leadership and mentorship programmes for women, girls and other vulnerable members of society.
- Design educational interventions with men and boys to support shifts in behaviors and attitudes towards women and their rights.
- Include gender equality education in the school curriculum from early childhood throughout the various levels of the education system.
- Promote awareness of inheritance rights of women, girls and other vulnerable members of families and society.
- Promote inclusion through appointments that enhance women's participation in leadership and decision-making roles.



# CORRUPTION

- Remain resolute to the zero-tolerance policy on corruption and state capture.
- Create a robust Anti-Bribery and Anti-Corruption law, with hefty punitive measures replacing the toothless current Anti-Corruption Commission Act. Under this new legislation the Anti-Corruption Commission and the Prosecutor General shall report to parliament on a quarterly basis regarding craft and corruption cases.
- Introduce anti-corruption courts.
- Review governance structure and institutions to avert corruption and promote integrity.
- Promote public education and awareness on the effects of corruption on the society, economy, international standing and promotion of integrity and civic responsibility.



# DEMOCRACY, PEACE AND SECURITY

#### **NUDO will:**

Democracy is rooted in the values of NUDO Party and Namibia. Peace means more; it includes peace of mind and a secure environment.

- Uphold democratic principles that enhance participation and consultation.
- Build on the democratic principles that ensure respect for the rule of law.
- Consult our people to guide policy development.
- Right-size, optimize and enhance professionalism within the security cluster to ensure peace and security.
- Ensure a well-trained and disciplined security cluster that protects in sovereignty of Namibia.
- Support rehabilitation programmes for offenders to help them reintegrate into society and becomes responsible citizens.



# INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

- Subscribes to multilateralism and is committed to developing friendly relations with and among nations based on respect for the principle of equal rights, selfdetermination of peoples, inclusivity, and the rule of law.
- Strengthen diplomatic missions to actively attract foreign investors and facilitate investments in collaboration with the Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board.
- Promote cultural diplomacy and facilitate people-to-people exchanges to enhance mutual understanding and strengthen bilateral relations.
- Recruit and elevate women to the highest levels of international diplomacy while actively seeking more global opportunities for Namibia.



# FINANCING IN THE NUDO MANIFESTO

# NUDO will:

- Engage in radical redirection of government spending to prioritize services and departments that will alleviate poverty, reduce inequalities and prepare Namibian citizens for a better and deserving future.
- Channel dividends from SOE's to growing the economy by investing in youth empowerment, agricultural mechanization and other key sectors so that employment opportunities created can assist in reducing the unemployment rate.
- Decrease taxes on speculative capital inflows by 40%.
- Decrease customs and excise duties and levies by 50%.
- Increase taxes from private corporations and companies to run an N\$80 billion budget by 2026.
- Increase the VET Levy to 2.5% to support youth training and employment programmes.

# OUR PROMISE TO NAMIBIA:

Our 2024 Election Manifesto symbolizes a genuine pledge to Namibians, with a firm commitment to enriching lives. We envision sustainable economic development that translates into decent jobs and vibrant entrepreneurship opportunities.

This alternative will serve as a magnet to attract Foreign Direct Investment or Domestic Investment, directed strategically to targeted growth and development.

We anticipate creating more than 200,000employment opportunities during the implementation of our initiatives and projects as outlined in our manifesto.

# **VOTE FOR A DISCIPLINED**, DEVOTED, **ORGANIZED AND** FOCUSED PARTY

# **GO VOTE FOR NUDO, YOUR VOTE COUNTS**

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