

**OPENING REMARKS AT THE LAUNCH OF THE 2011
POPULATION AND HOUSING CENSUS REPORT BY HON.
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Ladies and Gentlemen

As you may recall, we all participated in the last Namibia population and housing census that was conducted in august 2011. Censuses in Namibia are conducted every ten years as per international standards, the first post-independence census was conducted in 1991 and the second, in 2001.

The preliminary or provisional results were released in April 2012 and since then; we all have been waiting in anticipation to know how many we really are in Namibia. The main report you have in front of you will

give us the answer to that question. But this is not the only information contained in the report.

Censuses are the main source of data for a broad range of demographic and socio-economic statistics in any country and provide vital information about housing conditions, literacy rates, and access to basic facilities such as water, electricity, schools and health facilities.

Your Excellency, ladies and gentlemen, shortly we are going to find out how these conditions have changed over the past two decades of independence and what more needs to be done to achieve our ambitions of vision 2030.

This report and others to follow will provide necessary information for our government to plan programmes and projects in order to fulfill the dreams of our people.

It is now my great pleasure and honor to welcome you all to “**the launch of the 2011 population and housing census main report**”