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## The Eastern Journal

*The Eastern Journal* is an initiative of the Public Relations section of the Omaheke Regional Council established as a means of communicating Regional Council activities, events, services, programmes and policies in depth as well as regional developments.

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**A**t last, the fifth issue of The Eastern Journal is here! This is the first of eight issues of the second volume of the regional newsletter, which explains the hiatus in the production of the newsletter. We have recently concluded a contract with Hieroglyphics to design and print The Eastern Journal for the next two years. So, you can look forward to a renewed version of the same newsletter.

During the hiatus, we have collected so much information we want to share with you. We will share some of it within the limited space of this journal, starting with the familiarisation visit of the Minister of Economic Planning and Director-General of National Planning Commission, Hon. Obeth Kandjoze.

Hon. Kandjoze embarked on a familiarisation visit to all regions since August last year in order to engage with the regional leadership and capital project implementers on the state of development in the country and determine factors affecting the implementation of capital projects.

I should point out how that the Minister was quite impressed with the construction of the Regional Government Office Park underway in Gobabis and the sewer reticulation system at Goeiehoop Primary School at Epukiro Constituency.

It is always an honour to have visitors in the form of Members of Parliament to our region as it portrays their commitment to the development of the entire country, including the Omaheke region.

While on the subject of capital projects and regional development, we have included, in this issue, the implementation status of our capital projects as at April 15, 2019. Although by the time you read this issue progress might have changed, it should still give you an overview of the projects. Moreover, we have received the allocation for new projects for the year 2019/2020 financial year, as the Chief Regional Officer mentions in her foreword. We will give you an overview of these new projects in the next issue as well.

For the first time, we had a personal interview in The Eastern Journal. Going forward, we will bring you regular interviews with our leaders so you get an insight of who they are, starting with Hon. Ignatius Kariseb, the Regional Councillor for Kalahari constituency, who is also the Chairperson of the Omaheke Regional Council.



## Editorial Note

**Tauno lileka**  
Editor

Behind this highly determined leader is a thoughtful and selfless person. We learn from his interview that Hon. Kariseb, who has been active in politics since his school years, has always had development on his mind. This is evident in some of his recent projects such as the Kalahari Homeless Shelter project – a project he initiated in 2016.

The aim of the project is to replace shacks constructed with plastic sheets and dilapidated iron sheets with concrete two-bedroom houses. In fact, this project recently had its ground-breaking ceremony for the first 30 houses. We have covered that remarkable event in this issue as well.

As we kickoff with the second volume of The Eastern Journal, we look forward to giving you appealing content for your information and reading pleasure!



# HIGH LEVEL STATEMENTS

## Our Mandate

"To govern and manage the region through planning in all matters pertaining to social, economic and physical development for the inhabitants."

(Derived from the Namibian Constitution and the Regional Councils Act of 1992 (Act No. 22 of 1992) as amended.)

## Our Mission

To plan, coordinate and implement development as well as delivering accessible and quality services to the inhabitants of the region.

## Our Vision

To be a leading Regional Council in unity, effectiveness and efficiency.

# OUR VALUES

Unity	We are cognisant of the diversity in the region and we cherish unity within the diversity of cultures
Accountability	We are answerable for our actions
Equity	We are fair in distribution of our resources
Transparency	We are open in all our dealings and at all times
Innovation	We find new ideas of doing things effectively and efficiently





Foreword by:

## THE CHIEF REGIONAL OFFICER

**Maria Vaendwanawa** | Chief Regional Officer



**T**he new financial year always presents new projects and opportunities. We, in Omaheke Regional Council, are enthusiastic to begin the 2019/2020 financial year with new plans and new systems that will ensure that we execute this year's projects more efficiently and seize the new opportunities that come with such projects.

Firstly, with the Procurement Act, Act No. 15 of 2015, which came into force in April 2017, we have had some time (two years to be exact) to understand the nitty-gritty of this Act which presented many adjustments, challenges and teething problems. Needless to mention, these challenges have in turn affected the implementation of projects as well as operations.

In spite of these challenges, the Regional Council, has made efforts to abide by the law. We have expanded and will continue to expand our internal procurement structures, particularly the bid evaluation committee, to ensure the timely evaluation and subsequent awarding of bids. The procurement management unit has also been expanded to accommodate staff members from various units of the Regional Council including its delegated functions to expedite the implementation of the procurement plans.

During the new financial year, we will turn the procurement-related challenges we have had over the past two years into areas of improvement and ultimately ensure the timely implementation of projects for the benefit of our inhabitants.

According to the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework for 2019/2020 - 2021/2022, our region has been allocated over N\$251 million for development programmes during the current financial year. A total of N\$83 million (33 per cent) from the region's allocation is for Regional Council projects including construction of service

infrastructure (water and sewer reticulation, internal roads and electricity) in all our settlements and growth points as well as Witvlei Village Council. Included in the Regional Council's capital projects for the year is the construction of the Regional Government Office Park, settlement offices in Corridor 13 and Aminuis as well as provision of basic sanitation in rural areas.

Therefore, we aim to improve our procurement system to ensure the timely implementation of all the projects and to conclude all of them by the end of the financial year. We will bring you a detailed presentation of our capital projects in the next edition of The Eastern Journal.

Secondly, we have just finalised our annual work plan for the 2019/2020 financial year, which we are looking forward to share with you in the next edition.

The annual work plan covers all our strategic objectives as per Strategic Plan and contains projects ranging from core functions such as rural development, sanitation, service infrastructure, maintenance, housing, regional technical support, SME support, HIV regional multi-sectoral coordination to operational support services such as auditing and risk management, financial management, revenue collection, human resource management, procurement, asset management, fleet management, public relations, meetings administration, disaster risk management, settlement administration as well as the constituency support services.

Finally, operating in an institution with such a massive, critical yet complex mandate and in a diverse environment is demanding, but I would finally like to reaffirm our commitment in order to attain our vision of becoming a leading Regional Council in unity, effectiveness and efficiency. We look forward to keep you updated on how we are performing in this regard, through The Eastern Journal.



The new financial year always presents new projects and opportunities.





## MINISTER OF ECONOMIC PLANNING INTERROGATES POOR IMPLEMENTATION OF CAPITAL PROJECTS

Another contributing factor to the poor implementation of capital projects, Honourable Kandjoze said, could be the central management of some projects. Some projects are decided upon by central government without any involvement of Regional Councils or regional offices, he said. This is further fuelled by a lack of coordination between the local leadership and central government in the implementation of the projects.

Contractors for capital projects are also culprits of poor implementation of projects. Two contractors would construct the same structures but one structure did not last long, he said, adding that this was due to substandard work by the contractor. He equated this scenario to theft and fraud. He also blamed OMAs who allow such substandard work by contractors for mismanagement of funds.

“Green schemes are supposed to be producing food for local consumption, but machinery and equipment are not functioning. What are the impediments?” he questioned.

He further said virement of funds from one project (due to non-implementation) to another should take a back step.

Honourable Kandjoze called for strengthening of coordination between Regional Councils and NPC as both parties have divine linkages and their governing Acts of Parliament cannot be read independently.

In his statement, the Governor of Omaheke Region, Honourable Festus Ueitele, said the decentralization process is taking too long. The region struggles to construct infrastructure due to insufficient resources, yet the leadership is expected to account for lack of development, he said. “We want to deliver, but there is so much bureaucracy,” he added.

Minister of Economic Planning, Hon. Obeth Kandjoze, during his familiarisation visit to Omaheke region

**T**he Minister of Economic Planning and Director-General of National Planning Commission (NPC), Honourable Obeth Kandjoze, during his familiarization visit to Omaheke region on February 21, 2019, interrogated the poor implementation of capital projects.

Honourable Kandjoze embarked on a familiarization visit to all regions since August last year in order to engage with the regional leadership and capital project implementers on the state of development in the country and determine factors affecting the implementation of capital projects.

He pointed out that some capital projects had an implementation status as little as 30 per cent by the mid-year budget review held in August last year. “This meant that projects were not implemented fast enough. What is the cause of this?” he questioned.

He further said government ministries, offices and agencies (OMAs) submit project identification forms to NPC, but such “projects disappear from the development budget,” attributing this to a possible communication breakdown between NPC and other OMAs.





Regional Council's Director of Planning and Development Services Mr. Karukirue Tjijenda makes a presentation on the status of development in the region

Honourable Ueitele cited the lack of mass housing in the region as an example. He said the regional leadership consulted the Gobabis Municipality to give land to private developers, an activity which was later halted due to a loan from the Chinese government from which the Municipality was supposed to benefit. The loan was to be used to construct houses in Gobabis. He was, however, later informed the construction of these house was halted for the loan terms to be renegotiated between the Namibian and Chinese governments. "How do we expect them [Gobabis Municipality] to account?" Honourable Ueitele questioned.

Honourable Kandjoze was impressed with the construction of the Regional Government Office Park underway in Gobabis and the sewer reticulation system at Goeiehoop Primary School at Epukiro. He also gave credit to the Regional Directorate of Education, Arts and Culture for a 100 per cent completion rate of its capital projects as well as the recently constructed teachers' flats in Drimiopsis.

Honourable Kandjoze also visited flushing toilets recently constructed at Ongulumbashe township and Kanaan informal settlement in Gobabis..



Hon. Kandjoze inspects ablution facilities in Gobabis during his familiarisation visit to Omaheke region

**"We want to deliver, but there is so much bureaucracy," he added.**



# ONGOING CAPITAL PROJECTS

The Division of Technical Services is responsible for the construction and maintenance of infrastructure in the region, among other responsibilities. Most of the infrastructural development projects are funded under the Medium-Term Expenditure Frameworks of the Government. Ongoing capital projects are provided below.



## Land Servicing: Construction of Service Infrastructure

Land servicing projects are in line with the target of the Fifth National Development Plan (NDP5) to reduce Namibian households living in improvised houses from 19 % (in 2016) to 12 % by 2022.

The main objective of these projects are to construct services infrastructure, namely water, sewer, electricity, street/ internal roads and dumping sites) in various settlements. People living in these settlements will be the primary beneficiaries of these projects. The main components of the projects are:

1. Feasibility studies
2. Planning and surveying (including scoping)
3. Design and documentation (including bidding)
4. Construction and retention

Location	Project Cost	Starting Date	Estimated Conclusion Date	Current Stage
<b>Aminuis Constituency</b>				
Aminuis	N\$2 million (budget)	April 2017	To be determined	Design and documentation
Corridor 13	N\$2.9 million	April 2017	July 2019	Construction (25 per cent)
<b>Epukiro Constituency</b>				
Epukiro	N\$2 million (budget)	April 2017	April 2019	Design and documentation (15 per cent)
<b>Kalahari Constituency</b>				
Tsjaka/Ben Hur	N\$2 million	April 2017	To be determined	Construction (41 per cent)
Drimiopsis	N\$1.8 million	April 2017	April 2019	Construction (88 per cent)
Buitepos	N\$4 million (budget)	April 2017	To be determined	Construction (45 per cent)
<b>Okorukambe Constituency</b>				
Omitara	N\$3 million	April 2017	April 2019	Construction (85 per cent)
Witvlei 1	N\$14 million	April 2011	To be revised	Construction (77 per cent)
Witvlei 2	N\$5.4 (budget)	April 2017	April 2019	Construction (35 per cent)
Summerdown	Nil	April 2017	On hold	Scoping
<b>Otjombinde Constituency</b>				
Eiseb 10	N\$1.3 million	April 2017	To be determined	Construction (10 per cent)
Tallismanus	N\$2.3 million	April 2017	To be determined	Construction (25 per cent)





## Public Service Performance: Construction of Office Buildings

The construction of office buildings is in line with the target of the Fifth National Development Plan (NDP5) to improve service delivery to the satisfaction of Namibian citizens by 2022.

The main objectives of these projects are to construct office accommodation for staff members to carry out their official duties with ease for the benefit of the public seeking services from these offices.

The main components of the projects are:

1. Feasibility studies
2. Design and documentation
3. Construction and retention



Project	Current Budget Amount	Starting Date	Conclusion Date	Current Stage
Aminuis Settlement Office	Nil	April 2017	On hold	Design and documentation
Government Office Park (Gobabis)	N\$36.4 million	April 2017	August 2019	Construction (83 per cent)



## INTERVIEW: HONOURABLE IGNATIUS KARISEB

By: Valencia Tibinyane

*The Eastern Journal (EJ)* had a sit-down with the Chairperson of the Regional Council, Honourable Ignatius Kariseb (**IK**) who hails from Plessis Plaas in the Okorukambe Constituency.

**EJ:** Honourable, could you please tell us, how long have you been on the political arena?

**IK:** I have been in the arena for quite a while now, as a member of the Political Party SWAPO it has been 25 year, since 1994, with the leadership I have 12 years' experience and as a Councillor I have 8 years.

**EJ:** What is your favourite quote?

**IK:** For me, it would be one of Mother Teresa's quotes that states "If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one." I do not usually utter it, but with all the programmes I put in place – the little that I can – that is what I try to do. And I think that is the one quote that helps me even in my personal life.

**EJ:** What is the one thing you did as a 21 year old that your current self is grateful for?

**IK:** I cannot recall what I did at 21, but what I can say is that as young person I pursued my studies at Polytechnic of Namibia [now Namibia University of Science and Technology] and looking back I am grateful for that.

**EJ:** What would your younger self be proud of you today?

**IK:** I think coming from a poor background, I have always related to say that if you come from a poor house you would know how a louse bites. I have always had a development mindset and I have worked developing the region to ensure that less and less children grow up knowing how the bite of a louse feels.

**EJ:** Looking back, did you know you would be in politics? Why do you say so?

**IK:** Not to say that I would have seen myself be a Councillor, that I cannot say. But with the type of schools I had attended, Mokganedi Tlhabanello and Epako Secondary Schools, have always had a political climate with regards to NANSO [Namibia National Students Organisation] issues, so I always found myself active in these activities. I actually thought at the end of the day, I would become a development activist – that has always been my desire.

**EJ:** If you should pat yourself on your shoulder for a job well done, what would it be?

**IK:** I think for me it would be the development change I have innovatively initiated thus far in my terms as a Regional Councillor.

**EJ:** What advice would you give your fellow young Namibian men and women?

**IK:** I would advise our young people to just have a focus in life, set aside a personal goals and focus on that regardless of what the circumstances around you are. Have objectives in place and build on them.





# STRATEGIC FOCUS

## Mandate

Regional Councils have been mandated by Article 103 (3) and Article 108 of the Namibian Constitution, and Section 28 of the Regional Council Act, No. 22 of 1992 (as amended) to plan and develop their respective regions in a sustainable manner for the benefit of their inhabitants.

This entails governing and managing the region through planning in all matters pertaining to social, economic and physical development for the inhabitants.

## Strategic Plan

The Omaheke Regional Council as the custodian of regional planning and development in Omaheke Region has developed a 5-year Strategic Plan for 2017/18 to 2021/22 – to ensure the implementation of its mandate based on the national plans, namely Vision 2030, the Fifth National Development Plan (NDP5) and Harambee Prosperity Plan.

## Our Values

<b>Unity</b>	We are cognisant of the diversity in the region and we cherish unity within the diversity of cultures
<b>Accountability</b>	We are answerable for our actions
<b>Equity</b>	We are fair in distribution of our resources
<b>Transparency</b>	We are open in all our dealings and at all times
<b>Innovation</b>	We find new ideas of doing things effectively and efficiently

## Our Vision

To be a leading Regional Council in unity, effectiveness and efficiency

## Our Mission

To plan, coordinate and implement development as well as delivering accessible and quality services to the inhabitants of the region.

## Objectives

1. Enhance effective and efficient internal process, systems and structures
2. Strengthen socio-economic development
3. Improve disaster risk management
4. Improve development planning and coordination
5. Enhance infrastructure development and maintenance

## IMPLEMENTING UNITS

### Office of the Chief Regional Officer

The Office of the Chief Regional Officer is responsible for the implementation of the mandate of the Regional Council and for the administration of the affairs of the Regional Council as well as formulating and implementing the strategic direction, strategic objectives, as well as the performance management of staff.

### Directorate of Planning and Development Services

The Directorate of Planning and Development Services is the main custodian of the mandate of the Regional Council and the coordinating delegated functions. The core functions of the Directorate are implemented by the following divisions.

#### Division of Development Planning

The Division of Development Planning coordinates the development planning process and integrating regional development plans as well as overseeing the implementation of such plans in line with sub-sector policies and guidelines. The HIV/AIDS response programme coordinates the Regional AIDS Coordinating Committee. The Division directs the strategic socioeconomic matters in the region as well as initiate the capital budget and monitor implementation of capital projects.

#### Division of Rural Services

The Division of Rural Services coordinating rural development in the region and implements rural development programmes in the region.

#### Division of Technical Services

The Division of Technical Services provides technical support to Settlement Offices on aspects of infrastructure development and maintenance. The Division provides housing in declared settlements through the Build Together Programme; provides, coordinates and advises on engineering inputs needed for the planning design of technical infrastructure, as well as executing, facilitating and guiding development planning, design, contract administration and inspection services for new infrastructure and minor renovations to existing infrastructure in the region.

### Directorate of Finance and Administration

The Directorate of Finance and Administration provides operational support services to the Regional Council in order to ensure effective and efficient functioning of the Regional Council. This is done through the management of both financial and human resources and administrative support services. The Directorate also provides constituency support through all its seven Constituency Offices and settlement administration.

### Division of Human Resource Management

The Division of Human Resource Management is responsible for the management of human resources. The Division is responsible for the recruitment and selection of staff members; staff development and support; managing staff members; and processing of salaries and benefits.

### Division of Finance

The Division of Finance prepares and monitors the Regional Council's recurrent and capital budgets as well as controlling the course of expenditure in relation to appropriated funds. They ensure compliance to laws and regulations governing the state funds; process staff-related expenditures and creditor payments; preparing report to the Auditor-General and responding to audit queries directed to the Chief Regional Officer; as well as collecting and safekeeping of revenue.

### Division of Administration

The Division of Administration provides administrative support to the Regional Council, in order to effectively and efficiently implement its Strategic Plan. This administrative support includes information technology, asset management, stock control, contract management, logistics and secretarial services, fleet management, record management, procurement services and public relations as well as meetings administration.

The Division further coordinates disaster risk management activities and provides constituency support through all its seven Constituency Offices and settlement administration.

Constituency Offices provide administrative, secretarial and logistical support to the Regional Councillors and the community-based projects and structures such as Constituency Development Committees.

Settlement Offices provides and maintains municipal services (such as water, electricity, sewer and refuse removal at declared settlements and coordinates the allocation/leasing of plots in declared settlements.

## DELEGATED FUNCTIONS

The Regional Council received functions delegated by Central Government, namely:

- Lands
- Information and Communication Technology
- Works
- Gender Equality and Social Welfare
- Water Supply and Sanitation Coordination
- Education, Arts and Culture



These delegated functions are integrated fully in the operations of the Regional Council however excluded from the current Strategic Plan of the Regional Council as they are included in the Strategic Plans of their line (delegating) ministries until such time when they are fully devolved to the Regional Council. Nonetheless, the Regional Council oversees the implementation of these functions.



## KALAHARI HOMELESS PROJECT TO CONSTRUCT 30 HOUSES

**A**bout 30 destitute inhabitants of the Kalahari constituency will soon own decent houses. The houses will be constructed through a voluntary housing project, known as the Kalahari Homeless Shelter project.

The Regional Councillor for Kalahari constituency, Honourable Ignatius Kariseb, who is also the Chairperson of the Omaheke Regional Council, initiated the project in 2016. The aim of the project is to replace shacks constructed with plastic sheets and dilapidated iron sheets with concrete two-bedroom houses.

Each house is estimated to cost about N\$24,000.00 and will be equipped with an open plan living area and kitchen and a bathroom.

During a ground-breaking ceremony held at a construction site in Tsjaka on Monday, February 11, 2019, patron of the project and Deputy Minister of Mines and Energy, Honourable Kornelia Shilunga, announced that the project has so far received N\$600,000.00. The funds were solicited from various companies in the private sector.

Tsjaka is a growth point some 50 kilometres from Gobabis.

Other localities where the houses will be constructed are Blouberg, Drimiopsis and Vergenoeg. An assessment conducted by the Kalahari Constituency Office discovered that about 300 households in the entire Constituency were in need of decent housing. Blouberg, a small community close to the Trans-Kalahari border settlement of Buitepos, is the most affected by poor housing the Constituency.

Honourable Kariseb said some shacks in Blouberg are constructed in flood-prone areas while others in Tsjaka, Vergenoeg and Drimiopsis are vulnerable to extreme weather conditions such as rain, wind, cold and heat as well as snake and insect bites and fire.

Honourable Shilunga urged other private entities to join the cause and pledge their support. "The housing challenge in our country is a collective responsibility," she said, adding that the N\$600,000.00 is not yet enough. The funds collected so far are only enough to construct 25 houses.

Honourable Kariseb advised the Gobabis Municipality to replicate the project in Nossobville, a Gobabis township within the Kalahari Constituency. "This project was initiated for the benefit of Kalahari constituency inhabitants," he said.





29th Independence regional celebrations held in Epukiro on April 17, 2019



29th Independence regional celebrations held in Epukiro Settlement on April 17, 2019



Interregional fact-finding mission to Kunene region in December 2018



Kalahari Homeless Shelter project ground-breaking ceremony held in Tsjaka



Members of the Learners' Representative Council of Wennie Du Plessis SS during a leadership seminar organised by Omaheke Regional Council



Omaheke Regional Council Management Committee members with Kamanjab Regional Councillor Hon. Tjaritje Angenesia during an interregional fact-finding mission



Omaheke Regional Council soccer team before the finals of RCAST 2018



Omaheke Regional Council staff members of Head Office in their traditional attire on the eve of Independence Day





Omaheke Regional Council staff members of Otjinene Constituency Office in their traditional attire on the eve of Independence Day



Omaheke Regional Council tug-of-war team with their RCAST 2018 trophy and gold medals



Omaheke Regional Council volleyball team during RCAST 2018



Omaheke Regional Council's Chief Regional Officer breaks the ground for the Kalahari Homeless Shelter project



Omaheke Regional Council's Former Deputy Director of Finance flanked by the Director of Planning and Development Services and the Deputy Director of HR



Omaheke Regional Governor, Hon. Festus Ueitele delivers the President's Independence Speech during the belated Independence celebrations in Epukiro



Regional Development Coordinating Committee meeting held in March 2019



The Regional Development Coordinating Committee meeting held in March 2019





Omaheke Regional Council soccer team before the finals of RCAST 2018

## OMAHEKE RC HANDS OVER REGIONAL COUNCILS TOURNAMENT HOST-SHIP TO OHANGWENA RC

The Omaheke Regional Council (RC) handed over the host-ship of the Regional Councils Annual Sports Tournament (RCAST) to Ohangwena RC yesterday.

Hon. Raphael Mokaleng, member of the Management Committee handed over the host-ship of the tournament to Hon. Erikson Ndawanifa, Chairperson of Ohangwena RC.

Hon. Mokaleng delivered the handover statement on behalf of the Chairperson of Omaheke RC, Hon. Ignatius Kariseb. He advised the next host to plan thoroughly for the tournament and work as a team, adding that they should do this well in advance.

“The earlier you identify possible challenges; the more time you have to device mitigation strategies,” he said.

Hon. Mokaleng further advised Ohangwena RC to solicit funds from sponsors as hosting the tournament is costly.

Omaheke RC covered about 41 per cent of the expenses with its own funds. The other 59 per cent was covered by contributions from the Regional Councils (25 per cent) and sponsorships (34 per cent).

Hon. Ndawanifa on their part accepted the challenge of hosting this year’s tournament saying he will be expecting all the regional

councils as well as their line ministry and the Association for Regional Councils to partake in the tournament.

Ohangwena RC was selected via a draw held during the opening ceremony of last year’s tournament to host this year’s tournament.

The date for this year’s tournament is yet to be determined by the host RC. The host regional council will also determine this year’s theme.



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL – JUNE 2019

DATE	MEETING	TIME	PARTICIPANTS	VENUE
<b>APRIL</b>				
25	2 <sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Regional Council	09h00	All Regional Councillors All Public Members	ORC Chamber
<b>MAY</b>				
27 - 28	Regional Development Coordinating Committee	TBA*	All Regional Councillors All Stakeholders	TBA*
29	3 <sup>rd</sup> Ordinary Regional Council	09h00	All Regional Councillors All Public Members	ORC Chamber
<b>JUNE</b>				
6	Regional Disaster Risk Management Committee	TBA*	All Regional Councillors All Stakeholders	TBA*
26	Regional AIDS Coordinating Committee	TBA*	All Regional Councillors All Stakeholders	TBA*
27	4 <sup>th</sup> Ordinary Regional Council	09h00	All Regional Councillors All Public Members	ORC Chamber

**\*TBA** - To be Announced

*Please note that this Calendar of Events is for notification purposes only and is subject to change. Official invitations per item will be sent to relevant stakeholders for their participation.*

## PROGRAMMES AND SERVICES

The Regional Council offers a variety of services as summarized in here. For details regarding the services offered, please contact the responsible unit at the back of this brochure.

### MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Municipal services (water provision, sewerage management, refuse removal, street roads and electricity)

### REGIONAL DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT

- Mitigation of the effects of natural disasters
- Response to natural disasters

### Rural Development

- Financial support to rural projects
- Implementation of Rural Development Programmes

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Capacitation of small and medium enterprises (SMEs)
- Identifying and promoting local economic development opportunities in the region

### HIV/AIDS REGIONAL COORDINATION

- Multi-sectoral regional coordination in the mitigation and response to HIV
- Providing livelihood support to those affected by or infected with the virus

### HOUSING

- Provision of low-cost housing to residents in settlements

### LEASING OF PLOTS

- Leasing of serviced residential, business and institutional plots

### TECHNICAL SERVICES

- Construction and maintenance of infrastructure
- Technical advice in the implementation of construction projects

## PROGRAMMES AND SERVICES OFFERED BY DELEGATED FUNCTIONS

### FORMAL EDUCATION

- Implementation of National Standards and Performance Indicators for Schools (NSPI)
- Monitoring hostels
- Implementing national policies and guidelines on education provision to educationally marginalized children
- Provision of educational guidance, counselling and support services
- Implementation of the Namibia School Feeding Programme
- Providing support to community hostels

### ADULT LITERACY AND LIBRARY SERVICES

- Community and school library services
- Adult literacy programmes

### RESETTLEMENT PROGRAMME

- Facilitating, coordinating and implementing of the resettlement process and activities
- Collection of resettlement rental fees
- Provision of post-settlement support
- Resolution of disputes
- Implementation of group resettlement projects

### INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY (ICT) SERVICES

- Access to modern information and communication technology through Multi-purpose Community Centers located at Farm Du Plessis (Okorukambe Constituency) and Tallismanus (Otjombinde Constituency)
- Information Resource Centre with Internet in Gobabis
- Filming, editing, producing, and dissemination of print and audiovisual materials
- Multi-media coverage of Government programmes, services and activities
- Distribution and sale of videos/DVDs and publications on government policies, activities, programmes
- Hiring of Public Address system (sound system)

### RENOVATIONS, MAINTENANCE AND WORKS INSPECTIONS

- Renovation and maintenance of all Government properties and related infrastructure
- Provision of office space to Government Ministries, Offices and Agencies
- Allocation of official accommodation to the members of the Civil Service
- Supervision of Government construction projects

### GENDER EQUALITY AND CHILD WELFARE

- Support for income-generating activities
- Building capacity of community members
- Provision of financial support to small-scale business initiatives
- Promotion of women empowerment
- Capacity building of rural and disadvantaged urban communities
- Support for early childhood centers
- Promotion of children rights
- Grants for orphans and vulnerable children



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