



*Republic of Namibia
Office of the Governor
Hardap Region*

OPENING REMARKS AT THE FREE LEGAL ADVICE DAY

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**09 JUNE 2017
PERSIANER HALL
MARIENTAL
HARDAP REGION
09H00**

Director of Proceedings

Hon. Regional Councilors Present

Hon. Local Authority Councilors Present

Traditional and Religious Leaders Present

Adv. Eileen Rakow and Cadres from the Office
of the Ombudsman

Legal Fraternity from the Law Society of
Namibia

Ladies and Gentlemen

Today I am very much honoured to witness
this imperative occasion in your company
where critical services are brought to the
doorsteps of our people at grass root level.

As we all know access to legal services is a
challenge to our most vulnerable people in
our Communities. Therefore I will fail in my
calling if I do not express gratitude towards

the Office of the Ombudsman and the Law Society of Namibia for their noble initiative in the form of Free Legal Advice Day. It is indeed another form of social responsibility towards our citizenry. It is worth mentioning that this exercise is an intervention which support and supplement Government's efforts in terms service delivery.

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2017 is designated as the Year of Rededication by the President of Namibia, His Excellency Dr. Hage Geingob; therefore this initiative could not come at a better time. This exercise also hit the call of the President that no Namibian must feel left out. It is also evident that all of us belongs to the Namibian House and therefore must care for one

another and share with one another, Public and Private Sector alike.

I must also underscore that the topics highlighted and identified are indeed accurate as those areas are the core challenges facing our people. I therefore call on our community to actively grab this opportunity to seek legal expert advice on pressing issues you are facing. Amongst the topics identified my Office is well-aware of Labour related complains flooding to my Office on daily basis, mostly because of the literacy level and high rate of unemployment, of our people being exploited by employers.

I am equally aware that the exercise of Free Legal Advice Day is costly, but looking at challenges on the ground I am about to solicit

with the Office of the Ombudsman and the Law Society of Namibia to, more frequently conduct Free Legal Advice Days in Hardap Region. Having said that my Office is open to all Institutions who embark on initiatives in the upliftment of our people, therefore I hereby officially open this convention as the Political Captain of Hardap Region.

I thank you.