



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

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### DECISIONS ISSUED AT THE 19<sup>th</sup> (2025) CABINET MEETING

Please find attached, the Cabinet Decisions of the 19<sup>th</sup> Cabinet Meeting held on Tuesday, 2 September 2025.

Yours Sincerely,

EMMA THEOFELUS, MP  
MINISTER



**1. EXPANSION OF THE LIST OF COUNTRIES ELIGIBLE FOR VISA ON ARRIVAL (VOA); INTRODUCTION OF AN ADMINISTRATION FEE FOR MANUALLY SUBMITTED VOA APPLICATIONS; AND STANDING AUTHORITY TO THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS, IMMIGRATION, SAFETY AND SECURITY TO RECIPROCATE VISA EXEMPTIONS EXTENDED TO NAMIBIA**

Cabinet approved the inclusion of thirty-five (35) additional countries to the list of countries eligible for Visa on Arrival (VoA), as reflected below:

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| 1. Aland Islands             | 19. Monaco                                    |
| 2. American Samoa            | 20. Mongolia                                  |
| 3. Andorra                   | 21. Montenegro                                |
| 4. Anguilla                  | 22. Palestinian                               |
| 5. Antigua and Barbuda       | 23. Panama                                    |
| 6. Aruba                     | 24. Samoa                                     |
| 7. Bahamas                   | 25. Slovenia                                  |
| 8. Barbados                  | 26. Sovereign Order of Malta                  |
| 9. Bermuda                   | 27. St. Vincent and the Grenadines            |
| 10. Bolivia                  | 28. St. Kitts and Nevis                       |
| 11. Brunei Darussalam        | 29. St. Lucia                                 |
| 12. Central African Republic | 30. Suriname                                  |
| 13. Cyprus                   | 31. Sweden                                    |
| 14. Georgia                  | 32. The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia |
| 15. Grenada                  | 33. Tonga                                     |
| 16. Haiti                    | 34. Trinidad and Tobago                       |
| 17. Kiribati                 | 35. Vanuatu Dominican Republic                |
| 18. Maldives                 |                                               |

Cabinet approved the introduction of a Four Hundred Namibian Dollars (N\$400.00) fee for manually submitted Visa on Arrival (VoA) applications; and

Cabinet approved the standing authority for the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security to reciprocate visa exemptions extended to Namibia, in consultation with Ministry of International Relations and Trade, and subject to the legal opinion of the Attorney-General, where applicable.

Cabinet further endorsed for the holders of diplomatic passport holders from Haiti be granted full visa exemption, consistent with standard diplomatic practice and in line with Haiti's treatment of Namibian counterparts; and that holders of ordinary passport from Haiti remain eligible for VISA on arrival, and in the spirit of reciprocity, be exempted from VISA fees upon arrival in Namibia.

**2. REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VISA RECIPROCITY POLICY IN NAMIBIA AND PROPOSED OPERATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS AT HOSEA KUTAKO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (HKIA)**

Cabinet took note of the progress in the implementation of the Visa Reciprocity Policy, and the findings of an assessment conducted by the Technical Facilitation Committee regarding operational inefficiencies at Hosea Kutako International Airport (HKIA); and

Cabinet directed Offices/Ministries/Agencies (O/M/As) and Stakeholders listed below to finalise a comprehensive, costed implementation plan detailing short-medium term improvements that are to be undertaken at Hosea Kutako International Airport (HKIA) for submission of the Plan to Treasury by 30 September 2025:

- a. Office of the Prime Minister;
- b. Ministry of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security;
- c. Namibia Airports Company (NAC) through the Ministry of Works and Transport;
- d. Ministry of Health and Social Services;
- e. Namibia Revenue Authority (NAMRA) through the Ministry of Finance;
- f. Namibia Tourism Board (NTB) through the Ministry of Environment,
- g. Forestry and Tourism; and
- h. Namibia Investment Promotion Development Board (NIPDB) through the Ministry of International Relations and Trade.

### **3. REPORT HOSTING OF THE SECOND (2d) GLOBAL AFRICA HYDROGEN SUMMIT (GAHS), FROM 09-11 SEPTEMBER 2025, AT MERCURE HOTEL, IN WINDHOEK**

Cabinet endorsed Namibia's hosting of the 2nd Global Africa Hydrogen Summit, from 9-11 September 2025, in Windhoek; and

Cabinet directed the following Offices/Ministries/Agencies (O/M/As) to provide the necessary support to ensure the successful hosting of the Summit: Ministries of International Relations and Trade; Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security; Works and Transport; Information and Communication Technology; National Planning Commission; and Namibia Airports Company. Showcasing Namibia's green hydrogen potential to high-level leaders will attract investment, promote technology transfer, and enhance national capacity in green energy infrastructure development. The Forum would consolidate Namibia's global leadership position in green hydrogen and enhancement of the country's visibility as a model for green industrialisation.

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