



Vision 2030: A vision for Namibia

Vision 2030 provides a comprehensive framework to fundamentally transform the Namibian political and economic landscape in areas such as land reform, housing, the environment, health, education and building an economy that provides equal opportunities for all. It sets out the key development challenges for government such as human resource development, job creation, provision of infrastructure, changes in the ownership patterns of the economy and the reduction in income inequality and poverty in the Namibian society. Equity ownership of the economy will be extended so that people from all sectors of the population have a stake in the economy, and power to influence economic decisions.

By 2030, Namibia becomes a prosperous and industrialized nation, developed by her human resources, and enjoying peace, harmony and political stability.

Planning Process in Namibia

The planning process in Namibia is a two-way, interactive process between the National Planning Commission (NPC), on the one hand, and the line Ministries and government agencies on the other hand, implying a top-down and bottom-up process. This ensures that national policies and strategies are

realized, and development concerns at sub-regional level are well integrated into the overall national development thrusts. The system of preparing medium-term plans in the form of five year plans, has garnered support for



national development. These plans have also served to assist the private sector in understanding government's economic policies and strategies.

Vision 2030 targets:

- (i) Unemployment declines to 5% from 35%;
- (ii) Gini-coefficient, a measure of income inequality and poverty, falls from 0.7 to 0.3;

- (iii) Per capita income to have increased to the level of developed high-income countries;
- (iv) Manufacturing and the service sectors account for and contribute more than 80% of gross domestic product; The rural sectors, with its traditional economy, would have been transformed and integrated into a modern economy.

How does Vision 2030 fit into the Planning Process?

Vision 2030 represents the long-term planning framework of government, and is based on the concept of total and balanced development. It will guide all planning mechanisms, which consist of the national development plans, medium-term reviews and the national budget. The diagram below shows how vision 2030 fits into the broad policy framework.

What is Vision 2030:

Vision 2030 stipulates that Namibia plans to be a prosperous and industrialised nation, developed by her human resources, enjoying peace, harmony and political stability by the year 2030. It sets the broad thrusts and strategies in the development agenda for the nation over the long-term. It sets the macro-economic framework and long-term targets through which the vision of the society is to be achieved. Furthermore, it serves as the basis or the planning of Namibia's future.

A new sense of has been brought to the tasks that lie ahead, requiring a reappraisal of the current situation and a prospective assessment of the needs of the future. It demands a new approach to planning and requires alignment of socio-political objectives to growth targets, bringing into play all major factors of production. To reach the per capita income of developed countries, Namibia's economy is expected to grow by an average of 7%. The political leadership has realised that the current state of the Namibian economy, characterised by poverty, high-income inequality and dependence on foreign

countries for its basic commodity needs, will not be sustainable in the long-term. Vision 2030 thus serves as a basis or framework for the planning of Namibia's future.

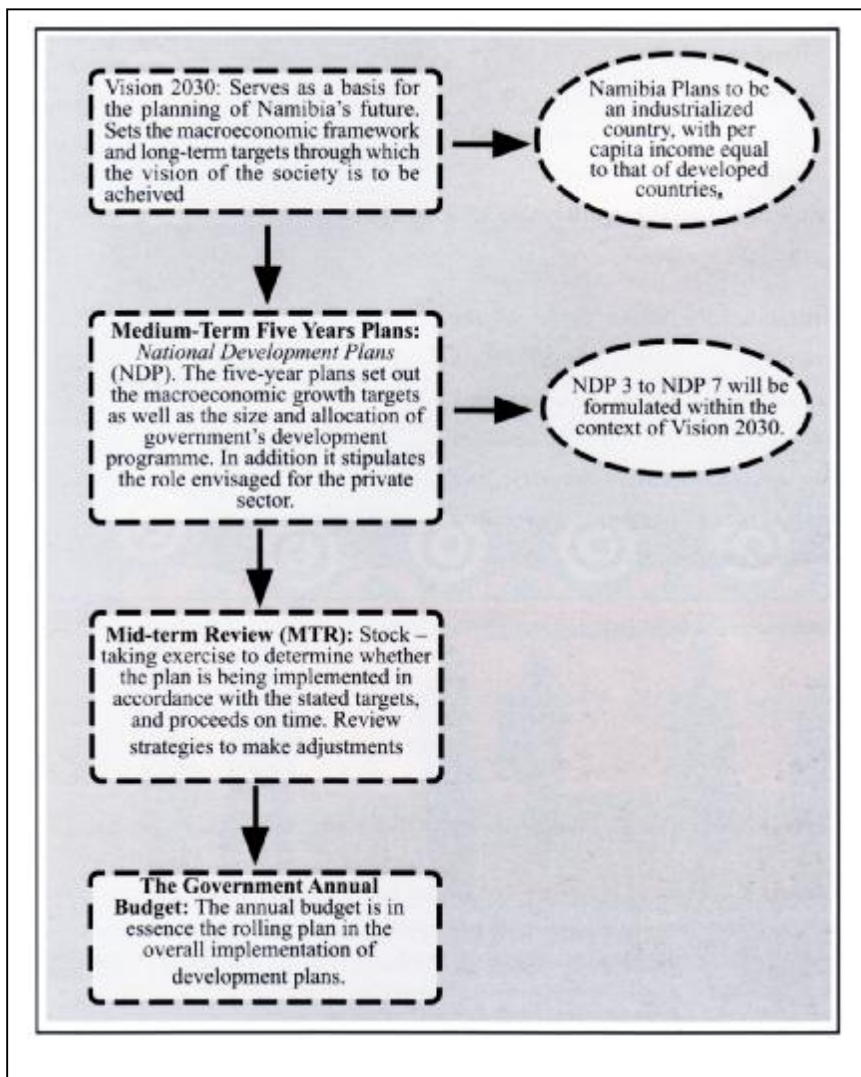
Why Vision 2030; Despite the economic successes achieved after Independence, and a broad range of government policies, strategies and programme interventions aimed at overcoming economic disparities, entrenched economic inequalities continue to characterise the economy and serve as a deterrent to growth, economic development.

employment creation and poverty eradication. Although the Namibia economy has undergone profound restructuring and macroeconomic stabilisation has been achieved, social inequalities in the distribution of and access to wealth, income, skills and employment persist. As a consequence, the Namibian economy continues to perform below its full potential. Progress has been recorded in undoing the legacy of the past. However, the extent to which this economic success has been shared by all the people of Namibia, is still inadequate for the requirements of a stable and prosperous society. It is against this background that the government decided to embark upon a comprehensive and broad strategy to transform the Namibian society in all spheres of life, and to create an economy that meets the needs of the people in a more equitable manner.

Objectives of Vision 2030

The major objectives of this Vision are to:

- (i) Transform Namibia into an industrialised country of equal opportunities, which is globally competitive, realising its maximum growth potential in a sustainable manner, with improved quality of life for all Namibians.
- (ii) Achieve stability, full regional integration and democratised international relations: the transformation from aid-recipient country to that of a provider of development assistance.
- (iii) Ensure that Namibia is a fair, gender-responsive, caring and



commitment nation, in which all citizens are able to realise their full potential, in a safe and decent living environment.

- (iv) Create and consolidate a legitimate, effective and democratic political system, and an equitable, tolerant and free society that is characterised by sustainable and equitable development and effective institutions, which guarantee peace and political stability.
- (v) Develop a diversified, competent and highly productive human resources and institutions, fully utilising human potential, and achieving efficient and effective delivery of customer-focused services which are competitive not only nationally, but also regionally and internationally.

Strategies to achieve the objectives of Vision 2030

In order to realise the objectives of Vision 2030, the following strategic elements will be considered and implemented:

- (i) Transform and make the financial sector, especially. The banking sector, accessible to the majority of the population;

- (ii) Provide appropriate education and transform most institutions of learning to ensure that these are responsive to the labour needs of Namibia;

- (iii) Provide affordable and excellent health care, and strengthen the fight against HIV/AIDS;

- (iv) Ensure an atmosphere of peace, security and hope for a better life for all, and operate a democratic government;

- (v) Process all natural resources and build of industries in all sectors of the Namibian economy;

- (vi) Create access to abundant, hygienic and healthy foods, based on food security,

- (vii) Maintain stable, productive and diverse ecosystems, managed for long-term sustainability;

- (viii) Provide excellent, affordable health-care for all.

Milestones for Vision 2030: By the year 2030, Namibia should be an industrialised nation, enjoying high per capita income, a highly educated nation, abundant prosperity, and interpersonal harmony, peace and political stability