



Press Release

Official Opening of the 9th Session of the 4th Parliament

The Speaker of the National Assembly, Hon. Dr. Theo-Ben Gurirab, hereby announces the Official Opening of the 9th Session of the 4th Parliament of the Republic of Namibia which will take place on Tuesday, 17 February 2009, at 14h30, at the Parliament Building, Windhoek.

The President of the Republic of Namibia, His Excellency Hifikepunye Pohamba, will officiate at this important event.

The Theme for this year's Official Opening is: "**Enhancing Public Participation in the Legislative Process**".

As this is a special event the following should be taken note of:

- **media practitioners are invited to attend and cover this event;**
- **the general public is hereby informed that the Opening of Parliament will be broadcast live by the National Broadcaster, NBC-TV, and its radio stations as from 13h30;**
- **guests should enter the Parliament premises before the arrival of His Excellency, the President at 14h00;**
- **the media should make use of the Love Street entrance; and**
- **media accreditation cards should be displayed at all times.**

Please take note that the following streets will be closed-off to public traffic from 12h00:

Robert Mugabe Avenue & Lindequist Street;
Lindequist Street & Love Street;
Daniel Munamava Street & Luderitz Street;
Luderitz Street & Fidel Castro Street; and
Robert Mugabe Avenue & Sam Nujoma Drive.

The neighbouring schools, businesses, institutions and residents should take note of this closure. However, we apologise for the inconvenience these temporary arrangements might cause.

The following are some of the Bills to be tabled in the National Assembly this Session:

- Correctional Services Bill;
- Telecommunications Bill;
- Tobacco Products Control Bill;
- Terrorism Bill;
- Industrial Property Bill;
- Magistrates' Courts Amendment Bill;
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- Diplomatic Privileges and Immunities Bill; and
- Namibian Constitution Second Amendment Bill.

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Attached find the programme for the day's activities.