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NAMIBIA ECONOMIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS



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Foreword

The Namibia Economic Freedom Fighters (NEFF) is a radical left-leaning political movement created by the vanguard mass of the Namibian population as an expression of dissatisfaction at the gross violation of their dignity three decades and four years after independence.

The party is based on the core values of liberty, equality, solidarity, justice for all and accountability.

We are a dynamic movement driven by a socialist agenda and espouse all the goals and aspirations of a socialist state that is pro-poor and pro-growth.

It has been 34 years since Namibia gained its independence from the white settler colonial government. This was the result of a long, protracted generational struggle that unfolded in two phases.

The first phase was the early resistance against German domination, led by our forebearers. Namibia was seen as a mere outpost of the sprawling German empire, and a possession to be controlled by brute force. At that time, the nation was lacking in both name and recognition within the global community.

It was part of what the German Reich considered its “Lebensraum”—a space where a “superior race” of German stock could expand its empire and assert its dominance. The early wars of resistance were fought by men and women of great courage.

Our forebearers were ahead of their time when they chose to take up arms and resist German occupation. The colonial episode of the late 19th century began with the arrival of Franz Adolf Eduard Lüderitz in 1883. This was quickly followed by the infamous Berlin Conference, which handed the then South West Africa into the control of the German Reich.

The battles that led to the genocide of the Nama and Herero peoples would echo through time, inspiring the second phase of the struggle.

But this was before many had to sacrifice their lives simply for the right to live as free people.

Their bones were scattered across the world, and today, some of these remains are displayed in museums. The second chapter of Namibia’s revolution was given life by the tragic consequences of the Treaty of Versailles.

Contrary to the widely held principle of respecting the sovereignty of small nations, as outlined in the many points of President Woodrow Wilson, Namibia was considered less civilized and politically incapable of governing herself.

Thus, the architects of white settler colonialism, acting through the League of Nations, the precursor to today’s United Nations, declared this land a province of white South Africa, effectively placing it under trusteeship.

Throughout these proceedings, the men and women of this country were never invited to make decisions that aligned with their best interests.

Our interests were shamelessly peddled as falsehoods by the colonial masters, who falsely claimed that South African occupation was a popular idea supported by “the natives.”

The year 1966 became a turning point in Namibia’s history. It was six years after the founding of the Organisation of African Unity and three years after Ethiopian Emperor Haile Selassie delivered his now-famous speech, Towards African Unity.

A part of that speech read: “Today, we look to the future calmly, confidently, and courageously. We look to the vision of an Africa not merely free but united. In facing this new challenge, we can take comfort and encouragement from the lessons of the past.”

The political and economic forces that inspired resistance in Indochina, Latin America, Europe, and other parts of the African continent took root here, shaping the spirit of resistance in this part of the world.

Namibian men and women went into exile and took up arms, while those who remained embraced civil disobedience and unrest, echoing the collective nationalist sentiment of “Freedom in our Lifetime.”

For us, 1966 signaled the collective will of Namibians to resist foreign occupation by white settler elites who sought to determine our future.

For those of us who continue the struggle for economic freedom, 1966 represents a nation standing firmly against colonialism in all its forms.

Our struggle found strength in the fighting spirit of our combatants, leading to the death of apartheid in all its political forms by 1990.

Yet, true to the early observations of pan-Africanist leaders, we quickly realized that a nation could be independent without its people being truly free.

We came to understand that economic exclusion and economic apartheid were not reserved solely for those whose skin was white.

Over the past 34 years, Namibia has failed to live to the true principles of its founding documents.

Namibia has been hijacked by an elitist class of both black and white individuals whose harmful mission is to control the commanding heights of our economy.

We soon realized that the dream of a truly free people died the day a few of those we fought alongside in the war created a comprador state, one that bows and kowtows to the will, wishes, and whims of white monopoly capital.

The economic growth recorded over time, which led to the development of the country’s economic superstructure, has been driven by neoliberal economic principles that favor private corporations, some of which are in collusion with the ruling elite.

The dream of a decolonized nation has been deferred by the continuation of glaring economic inequities. The vision of a free people has been tarnished by the deliberate creation of artificial poverty.

There has been widespread apathy toward uplifting the masses from the crippling effects of homelessness, even within their own homeland.

Namibia is the only home we have ever known. It is the only home where our bones will one day rest.

The Namibia Economic Freedom Fighters (NEFF) was born out of these lived contradictions within the state. These contradictions are embodied in the tragic irony of an independent nation still plagued by poverty-stricken masses.

The NEFF draws its strength from the collective resolve to liberate the commanding heights of the economy from the iron grip of private and foreign corporations.

Our mission rises and falls on our determination to return key economic sectors to the state and dismantle the remnants of a clientelist state.

We are unwavering in our resolve to fight and end corruption by establishing institutions that are shielded from capture by a powerful and well-connected few who serve narrow, self-serving interests.

We, therefore, present this people's manifesto as a guiding compass toward the aspirations of our struggle for economic emancipation.

It reflects the determination and will of Namibia's workers: miners, domestic workers, teachers, soldiers, nurses, doctors, construction workers, security guards, police officers, lawyers, clerks, and everyone who calls Namibia their home.

It is the blue-print of the ideal economy that responds to the urgency of reform and inclusive economic growth while hammering home the resolve to transfer key sectors of our economy to the state.

This manifesto distinguishes itself from all the other manifestos in that it is radical in its vision to fast-track the battle against poverty as well as transfer of control in key sectors that drive our economy.

It is freed from the recycling of promises syndrome and provides practical ideas that are tried and tested.

To all Namibians, Fighters for economic freedom, to our Commissars, and to our vanguard grassroots supporters, with this manifesto we honour the valour and fighting spirit of our heroes and heroines and equally bequeath the nation to a new generation of economic freedom fighters ready to take the battle for the realisation of Economic Freedom in our Lifetime.



Introduction

The election manifesto of the Namibia Economic Freedom Fighters (NEFF) is set against the backdrop of a contemporary Namibia trapped in a cycle of massive economic and social inequalities, high unemployment, poverty, and the underemployment of a large segment of the economically active population—our youth. Therefore, the manifesto proclaims:

- Now is the time for economic freedom.
- Now is the time to fulfill the promise of democracy.
- Now is the time to rescue Namibia and Namibians from deep inequalities, poverty, starvation, unemployment, and underemployment.
- Now is the time to share equally in Namibia's wealth.
- Now is the time for Namibia to be counted among the world's developing nations, with productive forces on the rise.
- Now is the time to bury corruption and self-enrichment perpetuated by the political elite.

The NEFF election manifesto, unlike others, does not present mere promises; it offers concrete commitments that will be implemented.

This manifesto embodies the aspirations of the working class and the poor, providing an alternative vision and a solution for achieving total radical economic freedom for all Namibians.

NEFF Government Goals

The NEFF is a mass-based organization dedicated to freeing the working class and poor of Namibia from poverty, unemployment, and inequality. It is a non-discriminatory organization committed to anti-capitalism, anti-imperialism, and non-racism. The core aim of the NEFF is to defeat all traces of imperialism and neo-colonial opportunism.

The essence of an NEFF-led government is rooted in the following key goals:

1. Reorganize Namibia's considerable intrinsic wealth for the benefit of all Namibians.
2. Nationalize key industries and resources to ensure equitable distribution of wealth.
3. Lead sustainable industrial development to grow the Namibian economy, providing enough for all citizens and improving the country's economic standing globally.
4. Create and advance quality, sustainable jobs, aiming for full employment between 2025 and 2029.
5. Increase minimum wages to reduce the wage gap across all workplaces and address the crisis of underemployment among the working poor.
6. Provide quality, free education, skills, and training for the poor up to the first post-secondary qualification.
7. Deliver free, accessible, and quality healthcare for all.
8. Ensure quality housing and sanitation for every Namibian.
9. Guarantee that all Namibians have fair and equitable opportunities to maximize their potential during their lifetime.
10. Increase social grants and welfare to alleviate extreme poverty.
11. Transform the state into a people-driven government, accessible to all citizens.
12. Encourage public advocacy and active use of public services by the general population.

13. Ensure safety and security for all Namibians, with a particular focus on women, children, and ethnic minorities.
14. Expand and improve public infrastructure, including railways, quality roads, and sporting facilities.
15. Build and develop new cities through sustainable support of special economic zones.

These goals reflect the NEFF's commitment to creating a fair, just, and prosperous Namibia for all its people.

1. Run an accountable, corrupt free government which will inter-act with citizens on a regular basis.
2. Build State and government capacity to implement fulfill and achieve its own programmes and activities.
3. Build the quality and respectability of all sectors of the public service.
4. Deliver food security by increasing agricultural productivity to feed all the people of Namibia without reliance on imported food and agricultural products.
5. Build sustainable and mutually beneficial relationship with the people of the world, with the intention of consolidating on African agenda which will realize true economic justice.
6. Ensure that the public tender process is open, transparent, and awarded in an accountable manner, thus promoting local businesses.
7. Build the state's capacity to eventually abolish the dubious tender system.
8. "Now is the time for economic freedom"
9. To achieve these objectives, the NEFF government will implement the following:

A) Land and Agrarian Reform

I. The NEFF government will pass legislation to place all land under the custodianship of the state, which will then equitably redistribute land to Namibians. This will address and correct the apartheid-era colonial land distribution, which has persisted for 34 years.

II. The NEFF government will abolish all forms of foreign land ownership.

III. The NEFF government will support small-scale agriculture by providing access to agricultural implements, bulk irrigation schemes, bulk stock feeding programs, and medication to produce quality agricultural products.

IV. The NEFF government will assist small-scale farmers in securing sustainable access to markets by increasing state consumption of locally produced food and agricultural products and opening African and global markets.

V. The NEFF's ideological, political, and programmatic approach to rural development is based on the principle that when land occupied by a family is taken over by the state for sustainable developmental purposes, the family must receive fair compensation that ensures a decent living, equivalent to relocation and future livelihood.

VI. The NEFF stands firmly by its presentation at the National Land Conference of October 2018.

B) Nationalization of Mines and Oil Fields

I. The NEFF government's approach to nationalization is rooted in ensuring democratic and socialized ownership and control of the means of production by the workers and the Namibian people as a whole.

II. The NEFF government will nationalize all mines, following models designed to sustain the continued productivity of mines and mining operations in Namibia.

III. The money and profits generated from mining will be reinvested into providing free quality education, housing, sanitation, healthcare, and infrastructure for all Namibians.

IV. Nationalized mining profits will reduce the tax burden on private and individual taxpayers while enhancing access to quality public services.

VI. The NEFF government will make sure that all oil fields belong to the state and that the state shall collect revenue by entering into partnerships with the private sector in which the state shall retain a major stake.

VII. All revenues stemming from oil shall be directed towards the building of houses that shall be allocated to Namibians at a free cost.

VIII. The state shall construct refineries to add value to the crude oil for the manufacturing of fuel and all Petroleum products.



C) Massive Labor-Absorptive and Sustainable Industrial Development

I. The NEFF government will pursue massive, protected, and sustainable industrial development and diversification to create thousands of decent jobs between 2025 and 2029. This will be achieved through state-led industrialization, protection of infant industries, subsidies, increased tariffs, and state-aided marketing of Namibian products within and beyond the continent.

II. The NEFF will ensure that Namibian mineral resources are benefited locally to foster job creation and industrialization.

III. A massive program to ensure local production and processing of food for domestic consumption will be established.

D) Wages and Labor Brokers

I. The NEFF government will abolish labor brokers to safeguard the rights of the working class.

II. The contract labor system will be abolished by the NEFF government.

III. Equal pay for equal work, regardless of gender, race, or origin, will be a principle enshrined in law, applying to all jobs.

IV. All workers will have the same rights under labor law, irrespective of their immigration status, to promote unity and combat xenophobia.



E) Black Economic Empowerment and Affirmative Action



I. The NEFF government will radically review the Black Economic Empowerment (BEE) framework to prevent the recurrent enrichment of a select few who benefited from empowerment charters.

II. Mechanisms will be developed to limit and control the domination of private equities by foreign interests.



F) Education and Training

- I. The NEFF government will offer free, quality education for all Namibians from early childhood development up to post-graduate level.
- II. All student debt owed to institutions of higher learning will be canceled by the NEFF government.
- III. Education and training will be directly linked to community service and industry, preparing graduates to contribute to local development and the national economy.
- IV. A program to provide libraries, internet, laboratories, and computer labs, particularly in rural and semi-urban schools, will be implemented.
- V. Religious education, such as biblical studies and Namibian history, will be introduced into the school curriculum.
- VI. Universal Early Childhood Development (ECD) programs will be introduced, making it compulsory for children aged three and above to participate.
- VII. The NEFF government will improve the remuneration and working conditions of academic staff to retain them in teaching and research roles, preventing administrative shifts in both public and private sectors.
- VIII. Professional bodies for chartered accountants, engineers, architects, and other professions will be transformed to fast-track the accreditation of previously disadvantaged individuals.
- IX. Proper accommodation will be provided for all tertiary students.
- X. Arts, craft, and technology subjects will be introduced as part of the curriculum to promote inclusive education for all children, including those with learning difficulties.
- XI. The English Language Proficiency Program (ELPP) will be fully implemented to benefit all Namibians.
- XII. The NEFF government views English as a medium of instruction but will ensure that it does not hinder further study or entry into the job market.



G) Artificial Intelligence and Robotics

1.The NEFF government shall invest N\$1 billion towards innovation geared towards harnessing AI in the public service. This money shall be reserved for the Namibia University of Science and Technology and the University of Namibia.

The NEFF government shall come up with policy and legislation that shall protect specific jobs from being taken over by robots

2.An AI policy shall be developed so that solutions that derive from AI and generative technology speak to the demands of the country

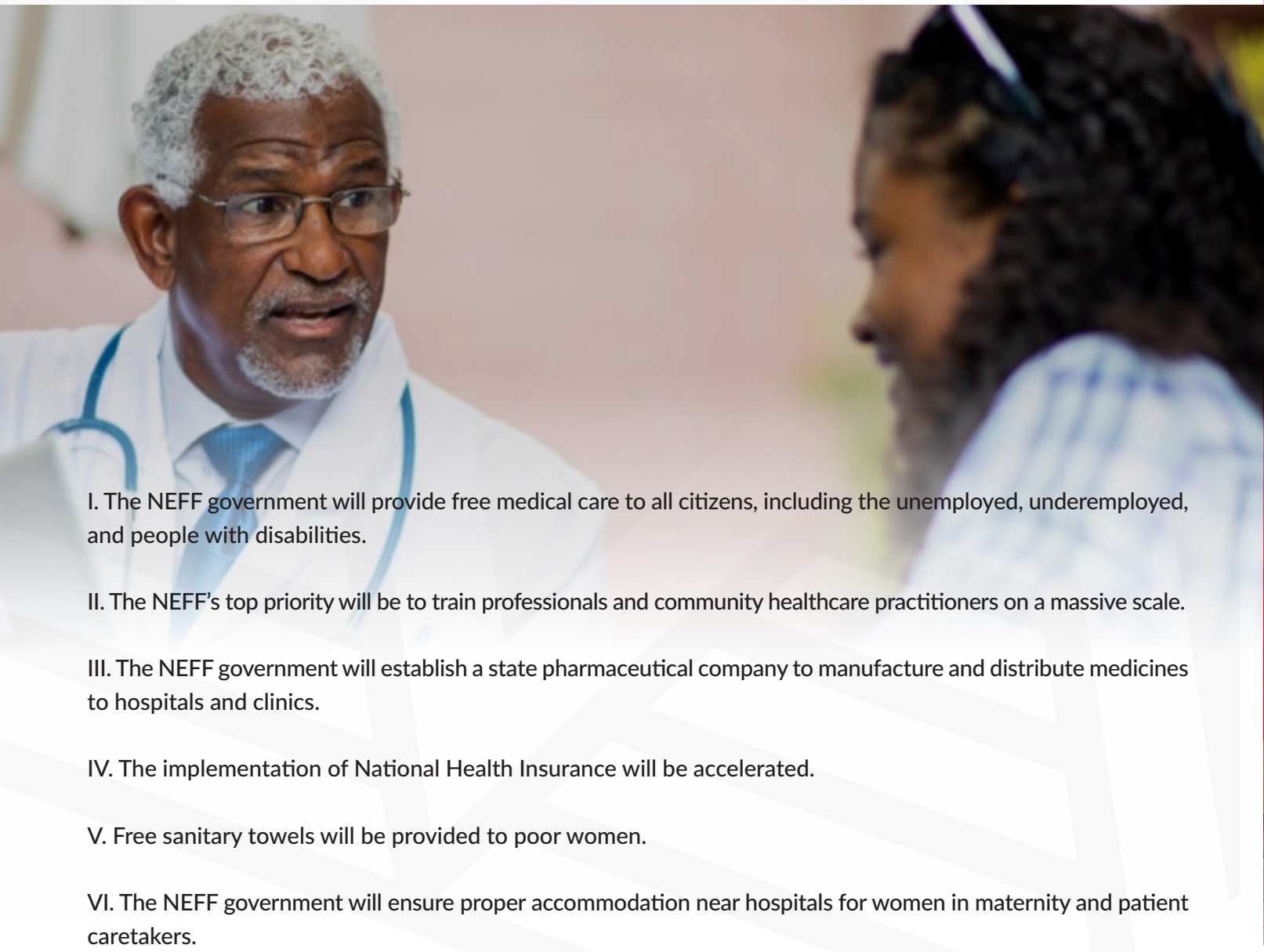


3.The government shall regulate the use of automation to preserve jobs for the people and to use AI to create rather than kill jobs.

4.Government will spearhead the use of AI and automation in hospitals for cancer treatment and diagnosis as well as other ailments and surgeries.

5.The use of robotics in public service institutions shall be mandatory where possible in order to refine efficiency

H) Healthcare



I. The NEFF government will provide free medical care to all citizens, including the unemployed, underemployed, and people with disabilities.

II. The NEFF's top priority will be to train professionals and community healthcare practitioners on a massive scale.

III. The NEFF government will establish a state pharmaceutical company to manufacture and distribute medicines to hospitals and clinics.

IV. The implementation of National Health Insurance will be accelerated.

V. Free sanitary towels will be provided to poor women.

VI. The NEFF government will ensure proper accommodation near hospitals for women in maternity and patient caretakers.



I) Safety and Security

- I. Police visibility will be increased, and the criminal justice system will be made more professional to ensure the safety of citizens.
- II. Permanent jobs and subsidized support will be provided to all police reservists (Women and Men network), ensuring their presence in all communities.
- III. Communities will have the guaranteed right to assemble and protest without police intimidation.
- IV. The use of live ammunition during protests will be completely banned.
- V. Military personnel will not be involved in community policing or security operations, reserving their role for defending Namibia's territorial integrity.

J) Roads, Transport, Housing, and Sanitation

I. The NEFF government will expand railway lines from Oshikango through Eenhana, Okongo, via Rundu, to the Zambezi Region.

II. Traffic fines will be reviewed to ensure fairness.

III. Taxi ranks and roads will be improved to enhance transportation for all Namibians.

IV. The taxi and bus service industry will be promoted and protected.

V. Labor-absorptive construction methods will be employed to build quality roads, engaging local communities in sustainable road development.

VI. Quality sanitation will be provided for all, with the goal of ensuring every household has access to decent toilets by 2029.

VII. Middle-income earners will receive financial subsidies, and legislation will be passed to ensure housing security.

VIII. The NEFF government will provide quality, spacious housing within sustainable human settlements, equipped with basic services such as water, electricity, sanitation, schools, sports grounds, and parks.

IX. Clean water will be distributed free of charge to rural communities.



K) Youth Empowerment



I. Youth development will be integrated into all aspects of the NEFF manifesto, with a focus on job creation benefiting the youth.

II. The NEFF government will mainstream youth development across all sectors and implement active programs to professionalize youth work.

III. Legislation will be passed requiring a minimum of 50% youth employment across government departments, public, and private institutions.

IV. Public office bearers, including the President, Parliamentarians, and councilors, will have a maximum age limit of 75 years.

L) Social Grants

- I. Social grants will be linked to development to bring the poorest into economic participation.
- II. Sustainable jobs and educational/training opportunities will be created for women receiving child support grants, to reduce reliance on childbearing as a basis for receiving grants.
- III. Social grants will be increased as follows:
 - a) Elderly and disability grants: From N\$1,600 to N\$3,000 per month.
 - b) War veteran grants: From N\$2,200 to N\$4,400 per month for minimum beneficiaries.
 - c) Child support grants: N\$1000 per month.

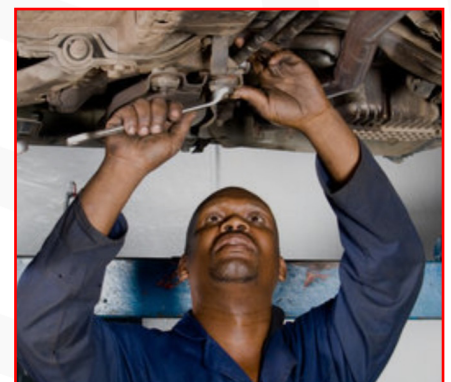


M) Fighting Corruption

- I. The NEFF government will ensure that corruption is exposed and that whistleblowers are protected to encourage accountability.
- II. The independence of the Public Prosecutor, the Auditor General, and corruption oversight institutions will be safeguarded to ensure they can independently oversee government programs without interference.
- III. The NEFF government will outlaw all public representatives and public servants from conducting business with public institutions, eliminating conflicts of interest.

N) Adequate Salaries and Working Conditions for Public Servants

- I. The NEFF government will dignify public service by ensuring market-related salary increases for all public servants, particularly teachers, nurses, police officers, cleaners, and other government employees.
- II. Efforts will be made to reduce the salary gap between high-earning and lower-earning workers, promoting wage equality across the public sector.
- III. The NEFF government will work toward filling 100% of vacancies in public service institutions, ensuring a fully staffed and effective civil service.





O) Climate Change

- 1.The Namibia Economic Freedom Fighters shall effectively fight climate change by transforming huge parts of the Namibian desert into forested fields
- 2.Every major building construction must fit the description of green buildings
- 3.Civil servants and public sector workers shall go to work without cars on specifically designated days to be called "Walks for Climate Action
- 4.The Namibia Economic Freedom Fighters shall have a climate resilient budget.
- 5.The incorporation of independent power producers leverage wind and solar shall be expedited while new players shall be incorporated
- 6.Every household shall have a solar system to complement the national electricity grid

Conclusion

The NEFF Election Manifesto is built on the recognition that Namibia's wealth is sufficient to provide for all its citizens. However, this wealth is currently distributed in an unequal and unjust manner, largely due to the greed of a ruling elite who have accumulated the lion's share of resources. The commitments laid out by the NEFF are aimed at bringing about genuine radical economic transformation in our lifetime.

These are not just promises but firm commitments to lift Namibia and its people to a position of global respect. By pursuing and implementing real economic emancipation, Namibia will set a precedent for the African continent and inspire nations worldwide. The NEFF vision offers a lasting legacy of prosperity and empowerment for future generations.

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