

**Prime Minister of Namibia recognizes work of ILO at Parliament
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At a ceremony held at Parliament in Namibia, Prime Minister, the Honorable Nahas Hangula, thanked the ILO for its support provided in the Government's effort to improve livelihoods of the Marginalized Communities.

The event, with support of the ILO, was organized to raise awareness and inform Members of Parliament and Members of Cabinet regarding the challenges facing Namibia's marginalized communities and efforts of government to curb this situation.

Despite all efforts, Namibia's marginalized communities still are amongst the most impoverished communities in Namibia.

In his remarks, Prime Minister, the Honorable Nahas Hangula reiterated government commitment towards bringing marginalized communities into parity with local ethnic groups. This is with a view to ensure marginalized communities to partake and benefit into mainstream economy. The improvement of marginalized communities should be viewed as a matter of urgency and cannot only be a government responsibility. At the same event, the Prime Minister officially launched the website for division San Development. www.sandevlopment.gov.na

ILO Director, Mr. Vic van Vuuren thanked the Government of Namibia for its significant work done on issues of Indigenous peoples as well as in matters of Decent Work. He urged the Namibian parliamentarians to support the ratification of Convention 169 given it is one of the few instrument which address critical issues affecting indigenous/marginalized communities.

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