

Mr. Alex Shimuafeni was appointed as Statistician-General of the NSA for a term spanning 1 April 2016 to 31 March 2021. His employment contract was subsequently renewed by the NSA Board for a second term from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2026. On 14 August 2025, the Board passed a resolution extending his term to 30 September 2026.

In light of the NSA Succession Planning Policy, the Board resolved to renew Mr. Shimuafeni's contract as Statistician-General for an additional five (5) years, effective 1 October 2026 through 30 September 2031. Under Section 23 of the Statistics Act, No. 9 of 2011, the Board appoints the Statistician-General with the approval of the Minister responsible for Statistics, selecting a candidate possessing suitable qualifications and expertise across statistics, information technology, economics, and related sectors.

A major milestone of Mr. Shimuafeni's leadership has been the successful execution of the 2023 Population and Housing Census, alongside the publication of several thematic reports between 2024 and 2026 in alignment with the United Nations Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics.

The Agency is presently in the fourth year of executing its 2022–2027 Strategic Plan. Looking forward, Mr. Shimuafeni will guide the NSA in launching its 2027–2032 Strategic Plan. Formulated to align with the Sixth National Development Plan (NDP6), this upcoming strategy aims to advance Namibia's national development agenda by delivering accurate, relevant, and timely public-sector data.

Expressing full confidence in his leadership, the Board anticipates that Mr. Shimuafeni will steer the National Statistical System and the broader public sector toward data-driven economic development as outlined in Chapter 6 of NDP6. Furthermore, NDP6's emphasis on statistical coordination, management, robust governance, and evidence-based planning will serve to accelerate decentralization and regional development across all 14 regions.

ISSUED BY JUSTICE TJITUKA

Dated 29 September 2026



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Chairperson

NSA Board

