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# PROGRAMME FOR THE RIGHT START PROGRAMME RELAUNCH



2025



Mercure Hotel, Windhoek

# Master of Ceremonies:

**Ms. Lydia H. Indombo: Executive Director**  
**Mr. Erastus M. Haitengela: Executive Director**  
**Ms. Edda Bohn: Deputy Executive Director**

**MGECW**  
**MEIYSAC**  
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**07h30**

Arrival and Registration

- The Secretariat

**07h30-07h45**

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- Arrival of Dignitaries
- Arrival of Members of Parliament
- Arrival of Honorable Ministers

**07h45–08h00**

Arrival of Hon. Dr. Saara Kuugongelwa –  
Amadhila, The Speaker of the Namibian  
National Assembly

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**08h00- 08h30**

Arrival of Her Excellency, The Vice  
President of the Republic of Namibia

- H.E. Madam Lucia Witbooi – The Vice  
President of the Republic of Namibia

**08h30- 08h45**

National and AU Anthems

- All

**08h45-09h00**

Opening Prayer

- Ms. Proud Andreas

**09h00-09h35**

Welcoming Remarks

- Hon. Dino Ballotti – Deputy Minister-MEIYSAC

**09h35-10h05**

Presentation on the Right Start Strategy

- Ms. Rosina Museke – Mubonenwa – Director:  
Community Development, MGECW

**10h05-10h15**

Remarks by Civil Society Organization

- Ms. Nicolette Bessinger – Lifeline Childline

**10h15-10h25**

Remarks by the Private Sector

- Mr. Richard Cook – Anglo American Namibia  
Foundation

**10h25-1035**

Remarks by Development Partners

- Mr. Samuel Kweku Ocran – UNICEF  
Country Representative
- H.E. Madam Ana Beatriz Martins – EU  
Ambassador to Namibia





**10h35-10h40**

Performance

- Children from Dr. Sam Nujoma Pre-Primary School

**10h40-11h40**

Statements by Hon. Ministers

- Hon. Dr. Esperance Luvindao – Minister: HSS
- Hon. Sanet Steenkamp – Minister: EIYSAC
- Hon. Dr. Emma Kantema – Minister: GECW
- Hon. Lucia Ipumbu – Minister: HAIS

**11h40 -11h50**

Performance

- Children from the Centre for Communication and Deaf Studies

**11h50–12h00**

Introduction of the Keynote Speaker and unveiling of the National Right Start Programme Ambassador

- Hon. Dr. Emma Kantema – Minister: GECW

**12h00-12h30**

Keynote Address

- Her Excellency, Madam Lucia Witbooi, The Vice-President of the Republic of Namibia

**12h30**

Relaunch of the Right Start Programme

- Her Excellency, Madam Lucia Witbooi, The Vice President of the Republic of Namibia  
Joined by:
- Hon. Dr. Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila, The Speaker of the National Assembly
- Hon. Dr. Emma Kantema – Minister: GECW
- Hon. Sanet Steenkamp – Minister: EIYSAC
- Hon. Lucia Ipumbu – Minister: HAIS
- Hon. Dr. Esperance Luvindao– Minister: HSS
- H.E. Madam Ana Beatriz Martins – EU Ambassador to Namibia
- Mr. Samuel Kweku Ocran – UNICEF Country Representative
- All children

**12h40**

Joint Children's Performance

**12h45**

Vote of thanks

- Hon. Linda Mbale – Deputy Minister: MGECW

**12h50**

Closing Prayer

- Ms. Proud Andreas

**12h55**

AU and National Anthems

- All

**13h00**

Refreshments

- All



## NATIONAL ANTHEM



Namibia, land of the brave  
Freedom fight we have won.  
Glory to their bravery  
Whose blood waters our  
freedom  
We give our love and loyalty  
Together in unity  
Contrasting beautiful Namibia  
Namibia our country  
Beloved land of savannahs,  
Hold high the banner of liberty  
Namibia our Country  
Namibia Motherland  
We love thee.

## AU ANTHEM



Let us all unite and celebrate  
together  
The victories won for our  
liberation  
Let us dedicate ourselves to  
rise together  
To defend our liberty and  
unity  
O Sons and Daughters of  
Africa Flesh of the Sun and  
Flesh of the Sky Let us make  
Africa the Tree of life