



**JOINT COMMUNIQUÉ ISSUED ON THE OCCASION OF THE STATE VISIT BY  
HER EXCELLENCY DR. NETUMBO NANDI-NDAITWAH, PRESIDENT OF THE  
REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA TO THE UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA  
19<sup>TH</sup> TO 22<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2026**

1. At the invitation of Her Excellency Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Her Excellency Dr. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, President of the Republic of Namibia, undertook a State Visit to the United Republic of Tanzania from 19<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> June 2026. This historic visit marked President Nandi-Ndaitwah's first State Visit to a fellow African nation since assuming office in March 2025. This is a demonstration of the unbreakable bond of friendship and Pan - African solidarity between the United Republic of Tanzania and the Republic of Namibia.
2. President Nandi-Ndaitwah was accompanied by the First Gentleman, Lt. Gen. (Rtd) Dr. Epaphras Denga Ndaitwah, Cabinet Ministers, Honourable Members of Parliament, Senior Government Officials, and a Business Delegation that participated in the Tanzania-Namibia Business Forum held on the sidelines of the State Visit.
3. During the State Visit, the two Heads of State engaged in a tête-à-tête and led their delegations in the official bilateral talks, which were characterised by a warm and cordial atmosphere reflective of the strong ties between the two nations. In this respect, they recalled with great pride the bonds of friendship and solidarity forged during the liberation struggle and paid tribute to the founding fathers, the late Mwalimu Julius Kambarage Nyerere and the late Dr. Sam Shafiishuna Nujoma, whose shared Pan-Africanist vision laid the enduring foundation of bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries.
4. The Heads of State held productive and candid discussions on the state of bilateral relations between their two sisterly countries. They reaffirmed their shared commitment to the spirit of solidarity, mutual respect, and deepening



cooperation that has long defined the relationship between Tanzania and Namibia.

5. The Heads of State further reiterated their commitment to the Joint Permanent Commission of Cooperation (JPCC), established in 1991 to advance structured cooperation between the two countries. They noted the recent Mid-Term Review Meeting convened ahead of the State Visit and directed their officials to implement all outstanding commitments diligently. The two Presidents further agreed that the United Republic of Tanzania shall host the 4<sup>th</sup> Session of the JPCC in November 2026.
6. They acknowledged that, despite strong historical ties, bilateral trade and investment remain modest. with trade standing at approximately USD 7.8 million in 2024. Both leaders reaffirmed their shared determination to substantially grow economic cooperation and agreed to redouble efforts to create an enabling environment for private sector engagement and business-to-business partnerships. Her Excellency President Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan extended an invitation to the Namibian business community to participate in the Dar es Salaam International Trade Fair (DITF) in July 2026.
7. Both leaders agreed to strengthen cooperation across key sectors of mutual interest, including: Trade and Investment; Oil, Gas and Renewable Energy, noting Tanzania's gas reserves of 57.5 trillion cubic feet and Namibia's offshore oil discoveries at the Orange Basin estimated at 20 billion barrels; the Blue Economy and Fisheries; Agriculture, Food Security and Livestock; Mining and Mineral Resources; Health and Education; as well as Tourism and Transport, including the possible establishment of direct flights between the two countries.
8. The two Heads of State underscored the critical geostrategic importance of the Port of Walvis Bay and the Port of Dar es Salaam as vital economic conduits for regional development. The leaders highlighted these ports as indispensable gateways for trade, linking all land linked countries within the SADC to global markets. By positioning Walvis Bay on the Atlantic coast and the Port of Dar-es-Salaam on the Indian Ocean, Namibia and Tanzania serve as pivotal hubs



facilitating seamless commercial interaction between the African interior and both the East and the West.

9. The Heads of State celebrated the growing momentum behind the promotion of the Kiswahili language in Namibia, welcoming the successful completion of the first cohort of students under the collaboration between the Open University of Tanzania (OUT) and the Triumphant College in Namibia in November 2025. They affirmed that language and culture are vital instruments for nurturing people-to-people bonds and keeping alive the shared history of African liberation.
10. In addition, the Presidents noted the Ministry of International Relations and Trade's acceptance of an offer by the High Commission of the United Republic of Tanzania, for the provision of a Kiswahili Language Tutor for the diplomatic staff of the Ministry, maintaining that Kiswahili is a working language of both the African Union and the Southern African Development Community, with a growing influence as a tool for communication, integration and cultural exchange across the continent.
11. The two Leaders reiterated their commitment to cooperate at regional and international levels within the frameworks of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), the African Union (AU), the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), and the United Nations (UN). They agreed to continue coordinating positions on issues of mutual interest, including climate change, UN Security Council reform, sustainable development and international migration.
12. Following their deliberations, the leaders witnessed the signing of Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) on Defence Cooperation, Trade Cooperation and the Promotion of MSME Development, alongside a Sister-City Partnership Agreement between the Zanzibar Municipal Council and the Swakopmund Municipality. The engagements culminated in a joint press conference during which the two Heads of State and Government called for intensified implementation of signed instruments for the benefit of the people of Tanzania and Namibia.



13. The Heads of State subsequently officiated the Tanzania – Namibia Business Forum in Dar es Salaam. The Heads of State, during the Opening Session of the Forum, issued clarion calls to the Business and Captains of Industry of the two countries to engage with a view to creating the necessary industries and jobs as well as produce the goods that will facilitate trade between the two countries.
14. During the visit, Her Excellency President Nandi-Ndaitwah also visited her former residential home at Magomeni and paid tribute at the Namibian Freedom Fighters' Cemetery in Kongwa District where she laid wreaths at the gravesides of three Namibian liberation heroes.
15. At the conclusion of the State Visit, Her Excellency President Dr. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah expressed her profound gratitude to Her Excellency President Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan, the Government and People of the United Republic of Tanzania for the exceptional warmth and hospitality accorded to her and her delegation. She reaffirmed Namibia's unwavering commitment to strengthening and deepening the bilateral relationship with Tanzania.
16. Her Excellency President Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan thanked President Dr. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah for honouring her invitation and for making Tanzania a destination for her first State Visit as Head of State, a gesture that speaks to the special regard in which Namibia holds Tanzania. Her Excellency President Dr. Nandi-Ndaitwah, reciprocating the strong affinity, invited Her Excellency President Dr. Samia Suluhu Hassan to visit Namibia at the earliest convenient.

**Done at Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania on this  
22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 2026**