

Hon. Usutuaije Maamberua, MP

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Date and Place of Birth: 5 August 1957, Tsumeb, Namibia.

Hon. Maamberua was a senior lecturer in the department of accounting at the University of Namibia between 2003-2010 and was the Head of the Accounting Department for 3 years. The Honourable also served as a member of the National Council on Higher Education; Team Leader of the UNAM Vision 2030 Economic Committee; Public Accountants and Auditors Board of Namibia. For more than seven years (1996-2003) Usutuaije Maamberua served as a Permanent Secretary under the Ministry of Finance where he was responsible for:

- Providing organizational and leadership;
- Ensuring that all disbursements are made within budgetary allocations;
- Initiating policy formulation and overseeing policy implementation and review;
- Advising the Minister on draft Cabinet Memoranda, and preparing answers to questions raised by members of the National Assembly during question time.

Furthermore, still as Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Finance, he administered the following Acts of which he was required to be fully conversant with and be able to interpret:

- Tender Board Act; State Finance Act;
- Short-term and Long Term Insurance Acts;
- Income Tax Act; Customs & Excise Act; and
- Public Service Act.

Hon. Maamberua additionally served as a key member of several Government committees that deal with matters ranging from restructuring of Government institutions to negotiations with trade unions.

He also served on the Boards of many parastatals and national institutions which include: Bank of Namibia, the Namibia Development Corporation, Namibia Water Corporation Ltd, Amalgamated Commercial Holdings Ltd, and Chairman of the Lüderitz Waterfront Company and was a member of the University of Namibia's Council and Senate. In all these institutions, he was deeply involved in especially strategic activities, by providing insight and advice.

In addition of the aforementioned, he carried out the following international responsibilities: The Ministry issued sovereign guarantees and made on-lending arrangements with bilateral and multilateral financial institutions to fund key development projects and programmes. He was the main negotiator for the new Southern Africa Customs Union (SACU) arrangement on behalf of Namibia. He had also participated in numerous regional and international conferences on pertinent economic

and legal policy issues. He was the Alternate Governor of the World Bank and African Development Bank, and therefore carried out the duties assigned to a person in such a position.

Project planning, management and implementation are some of his strongest areas of interest. In this respect his studies in Rural Development concentrated in Project Planning and Management. During his studies at Southampton University (UK) he examined and reviewed the project-cycle including appraising the capital reporting systems at the City of Southampton. This work was highly appreciated by the City of Southampton. Within the Ministry of Finance he was personally involved in assuring the successful conversion of all our systems to Y2K compatibility. He supervised the introduction of the process of the Value Added Tax. He chaired the Lüderitz Waterfront Development Committee, and he had a personal intimate supervision of all the processes. The introduction of the Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) was conceived under his supervision, involvement and successful implementation. He holds three Masters Degrees in Accounting and Management Science; Business Administration and; Economic Law, this is in addition to various diplomas and other awards he holds. He studies for a PhD (third year) in Accounting at the Witwatersrand University in South Africa. He has been a Member of Parliament since the 21st March 2010.

POLITICAL CAREER

Hon. Maamberua joined SWANU in 1977, but left Namibia for exile in 1979 before returning in 1991. He served as SWANU's Chief Representative in Botswana from 1986-1988 and as the European representative in West Germany between 1981-1982. Hon. Maamberua was elected SWANU President in 2007.

Since he became a Member of Parliament in March 2010, he was elected as Chairman for the Standing Committee on Public Accounts. He further serves as a member of the following Committees:

- Standing Committee on Economics, Natural Resources and Public Administration
- Inter-Parliamentary Union
- Commonwealth Parliamentary Association