



## PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Date: 15 March 2018  
To: All Passengers

### AIR NAMIBIA OPERATIONS CONTINUE UNHINDERED

This Public Announcement aims to respond to recent media articles speculating that Air Namibia's operations will cease. The statement further aims to restore our passengers' and all key stakeholders confidence in Air Namibia and its service offering.

1. Air Namibia continues to operate as per its mandate, transporting passengers and cargo between domestic destinations, the rest of southern Africa and Europe, via the Frankfurt.
2. We wish to reassure our clients and all stakeholders that, our **flights continue to operate according to our published flight schedule.**
3. Air Namibia is of strategic importance to the economy, contributing enormously to the tourism sector, the third largest contributor to Namibia's GDP.
4. This is confirmed in national development plans, with reference to the 5<sup>th</sup> Namibia Development Plan (NDP5), which underlines "Logistics as one of the driving forces." It is further confirmed in the airline's mission statement which states, "To provide air transport, to promote tourism and to encourage business investment in Namibia".
5. The Government of the Republic of Namibia (GRN) which is the sole shareholder of Air Namibia confirmed their continued support, amongst others through the targeted subsidy allocations as announced last week by Hon Calle Schlettwein, Minister of Finance in the National Assembly as follows:
  - N\$740 million for 2018/19
  - N\$676 million for 2019/20
  - N\$698 million for 2020/21The financial assistance provides testimony that the Government of the Republic of Namibia rallies behind the national airline due to its strategic importance to the economy.
6. Therefore, some recent media reports suggesting that Air Namibia may collapse are unfounded, untrue and devoid of any truth.

7. We thank you for your continued support.
8. Thank you for choosing Air Namibia as the preferred airline of choice.

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