

**REMARKS BY THE HONOURABLE CHIEF JUSTICE P.S. SHIVUTE  
AT THE SWEARING-IN CEREMONY OF THE HON. LADY JUSTICE  
J. S. PRINSLOO AND THE HON. LADY JUSTICE E.M. SCHIMMING-  
CHASE AS ACTING JUDGES OF THE SUPREME COURT,  
SUPREME COURT OF NAMIBIA  
WINDHOEK, 5 JUNE 2023**

(Salutations)

I extend to you all a warm welcome to the Supreme Court and thank you for accepting my invitation to come and bear witness to this most historic occasion.

Today marks the first time in the history of our judiciary that two Namibian women will be sworn-in as acting judges of the Supreme Court.

His Excellency the President of the Republic of Namibia, as you are well aware, has on the recommendation of the Judicial Service Commission, appointed the Honourable Lady Justice Johanna Sophia (Hannelie) Prinsloo, and the Honourable Lady Justice Esi Malaika Schimming-Chase, as Acting Judges of the Supreme Court for the period 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.

Lady Justice Prinsloo and Lady Justice Schimming-Chase, I congratulate you on your appointments and wish you all the success at the Supreme Court. Allow me also to express my gratitude on behalf of the Supreme Court for your gracious acceptance of your appointments. I have no doubt that with your vast experience you will both be a boon to the Supreme Court Bench.

I now have the honour to call upon Lady Justice Prinsloo, followed by Lady Justice Schimming-Chase, to step forward to make an Oath or Affirmation of Office.

I thank you.