

Dear ladies and gentlemen!

Our guest of honour Mrs. Katrina Hanse- Himirwa, the Minister of Education, Arts and Culture, local and foreign dignitaries, The Abdus Salam International Centre of Theoretical Physics (ICTP), the National Commission on Research, Science and Technology, distinguished guests, colleagues, ladies and gentlemen good afternoon.

It is my both my honour and pleasure to address such a distinguished group of eminent experts and fellow students of the ASP2018 from all over Africa

As we all know the ASP is a very significant event. It has become a wonderful tradition in the participating African countries. We also know the ASP is being held for the fifth time and is being hosted for the very first time in Namibia. I am confident that the present and future discussions and exchanges within the framework of this school will contribute to the deepening of fundamental physics and its application. I can say that at the moment this forum plays an exceptional role in the discussions and analyses of better aligning the research and education priorities of African countries. This truly indicates that there is a great need for such discussions as they encourage networking and strengthen ties with people one could potentially work with in the future. Of course, this is exactly why interest in the forum is steadily growing. It has become an important format on the international arena.

At this point in time, the effect is that physics feels less intimidating and more engaging. Up to 70 participants are partaking in the intensive one week, high school teachers' workshop which helps teach and improve the scientific methods and concepts in the physics. Not only has the school encouraged networking and strengthening of ties amongst the participating students, the ASP also, has the ability to train physics teachers for better and improved learning deliverance of educational content in physics. It is our duty to educate the youth and raise their interests in fields of study such as the one we embarked on. We could do so by developing outreach programmes that target learners from all backgrounds and provide them with a hands-on experience in our field. In that way, we could pass on the wisdom of our forefathers and safely secure the future in physics.

As a student of science I am inclined to physics and I have come to know that in modern physics intellectual debate and intense search are going on, on the question of some conscious energy behind the phenomenal world. "Science is a continuous process of rethinking what we know in order to try to get a bigger picture. So if you want to communicate the beauty of a subject, you have to do it in person, and you have to remember that what you are really communicating is passion." With that being said the ASP Students' Program is a three weeks concentrated conference and thus far, the hands on-learning experience has been beneficial to all members that are involved. Such platforms allow the feedback of both students and educators, I can safely say that the type of participation adds interest and helps maintain the focus and attention to the topic at hand. At the end of the conference, every one of us will walk away

with in-depth knowledge of physics but most importantly, we would have learned to effectively communicate using the physics language.

I am sure that the prominent statesmen, public figures, scientists, specialists and experts participating in the ASP will continue to share with us their interesting thoughts over these days, so we can jointly contribute to the physics sphere. We, as students will continue to make an effort for the deepening of the physics cooperation in the future.

All in all, the best gift you can give to a person is knowledge and skills. We are magnificently excited to say thank you to all stakeholders for the great knowledge imparted from you to us. It only take a moment to say thank you, but your tender mentoring and training will be remembered for through our lifetimes.

Dear guests, let me welcome you once again. I know that among the guests there are people who are already familiar with our country. There are also those who have come here for the first time. I am sure that this forum will be very interesting for you. You will share your valuable thoughts and, at the same time, become more familiar with our country.

Let us bring harmony to the extrospective nature by being introspective.

Namibia is ever ready to extend her introspective hand to find together the reality, the oneness, the truth.

I wish the forum success. Thank you!