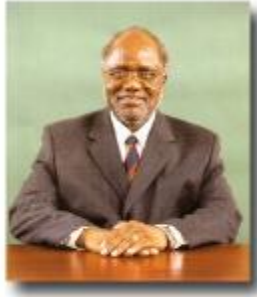


Head of State



His Excellency Hifikepunye Pohamba

CURRICULUM VITAE

I Hifikepunye Pohamba , ID Number 35081800430 was a member of OPO . When OPO was dissolved and replaced by SWAPO in 1960 I became a founding member of the new organisation SWAPO , while in Tsumeb under employment of TCL .

In 1960 October, I left TCL for the then Owamboland to be a full-time SWAPO mobilizer under regional leadership of Mzee Simon Kaukungwa , Eliaser Tuhadeleni and Andimba Toivo Ya Toivo .

In June 1961 I was arrested, detained and kept in chain at Ohangwena Tribal headquarters. After several days under detention was brought before a tribal court on charges of political agitation etc. The tribal senior headmen acting on the instruction of a white South African Bantu Commissioner stationed at Oshikango sentenced me to be flogged 24 strokes with a branch of a Makalani tree. In addition I was ordered to leave Oukwanyama area.

In August 1961 I left my home village, Okanghudi , in the company of my comrades France (Mushingiwodila) Daniel and Villioh (Shiayafa) Haitembu for abroad, to Tanganyika via Bechuanaland, South Africa, Southern Rhodesia and Northern Rhodesia respectively.

I arrived in Dar es Salaam, the capital of Tanganyika on the country's independence day, 9 th December 1961.

In May 1962 SWAPO leadership in exile sent me from Tanganyika back to Namibia together with Comrade Eliander Mwatale . The Southern Rhodesia authorities then arrested us, as we were about to cross the border into (Bechuanaland) Botswana. Kept in Southern Rhodesian prison for two months after which we were deported to South Africa on 1 st August 1962.

On arrival at Jan Smuts Airport we were arrested and detained for some hours after which we were released and ordered to leave South Africa within 48 hours. We left Johannesburg by train for (SWA) Namibia and arrived in Windhoek on 8th August 1962.

After approximately 7 days in Windhoek, police arrested us on charges that we had left the country unlawfully and that we were politically agitating the people to rise against the SW African government.

We were sentenced to 6 months imprisonment and released in December 1962 after the success of appeal against the 6 months sentence imposed on us.

We were deported from Windhoek to our respective home areas Oukwanyama and Uukwambi respectively. While in the North we joined the regional party leadership and resumed participation in Party activities.

In February 1964 the SWAPO leadership under Mzee Simon Kaukungwa disrupted a meeting convened at Ohangwena and was to be addressed by S African minister of Bantu Affairs.

As the Minister could not address the meeting, police were called in from towns in the police zone to arrest or kill Mzee Simon Kaukungwa and other SWAPO leaders.

On March 1st 1964 Mzee S Kaukungwa, 4 other comrades and I left Okanghudi, my home, for Tanganyika via Bechuanaland, (Northern Rhodesia) Zambia.

In September 1964 I was sent to Lusaka, Zambia to open SWAPO office. In the same month, CANU merged into SWAPO after an agreement reached between the two parties. I served in SWAPO office in Zambia up to December 1969. In 1966 March, I accompanied SWAPO President Comrade Sam Nujoma when he came back to Windhoek to challenge S Africa illegal regime in Namibia. I participated in the SWAPO congress held in town of Tanga in Tanzania between 27th December 1969, to 1st January 1970.

At the Tanga SWAPO Congress I was elected member of the Central Committee and Deputy Administrative Secretary of SWAPO.

In 1970 I was assigned to represent SWAPO in North and West Africa, based in Algiers, Algeria.

In 1973 became SWAPO Party Chief Representative in East Africa, based in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

In 1977 I was elected member of Polit Bureau and Secretary of Finance.

In 1979 I was appointed Officer (overall) in charge of SWAPO Affairs/Activities in Zambia.

In 1981 I was transferred from Zambia to Angola to serve as Secretary of Finance at SWAPO headquarters in Luanda.

When returned to Namibia in 1989 I served as Head of Administration at SWAPO newly established Headquarters in Windhoek.

After 1989 Elections I became a member of the Constituent Assembly. At independence, 21 March 1990 I became member of National Assembly and first Minister of Home Affairs in the Republic of Namibia.

I served as Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources and as Minister of Lands, Resettlement and Rehabilitation.

In 1997 I was elected SWAPO Party Secretary General at 2nd Congress of SWAPO Party held in Windhoek.

In 2002 the 3rd Congress elected me SWAPO Party Vice President.