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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **Namibia Finds Its Voice for Glasgow 2026 – NNOC-CGA Announces the Winner of the Commonwealth Games Compose a Song Competition**

**WINDHOEK, NAMIBIA, 6 May 2026** - Sport has always been about more than competition, it is about identity, pride, and the stories we tell the world about who we are. When Namibia steps onto the global stage at the Youth Olympic Games in Dakar 2026, our athletes will not walk alone. They will carry with them the voice of a nation; a song composed by one of their own.

It is with great pride and excitement that the Namibia National Olympic Committee & Commonwealth Games Association (NNOC-CGA) announces the winner of its Compose a Song Competition for the Youth Olympic Games – Dakar 2026.

We wish to express our deepest appreciation to every individual who took part in this competition. The response from across the nation was a testament to the passion Namibians have for their country and their athletes. Every submission represented a personal expression of national pride, and every voice that contributed made this competition truly special. We see you, we value you, and we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

#### **About the Competition**

The Compose a Song Competition was launched as part of the NNOC-CGA's broader effort to involve all Namibians in the journey of our athletes to the Youth Olympic Games in Dakar. Running alongside the Pin Design Competition, which invited Namibians to design the official team pin, the song competition invited creatives from across the nation to compose an original song that would celebrate Namibian identity, spirit, and sporting pride on the world stage.

A total of 9 submissions were received from across the country. Each entry was reviewed and considered by a distinguished panel of decision-makers, including representatives from the Sports Commission, NNOC-CGA Executives and staff, as well as Deputy Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sport, Arts, and Culture Hon. Dino Ballotti, guided by the same principles of creativity, national pride, and authentic representation of Namibia's identity that shaped the evaluation of the pin design competition. After thorough deliberation, a winner was selected.

#### **And the Winner Is...**

The NNOC-CGA is thrilled to announce that the winner of the Compose a Song Competition is **Ms. Euthermiah Kalimbula**, aged 25, whose entry stood out for its infectious energy, deep national pride, and its powerful ability to unite and uplift.

Ms Kalimbula's song, titled "Omake," resonated strongly with the judging panel for its joyful celebration of Namibia's story and its rallying spirit. From its opening verse to its rousing chant, the song captures something essential about what it means to be Namibian, the pride, the resilience, and the unshakeable belief in our nation's potential. It is a song our athletes can march to, and a song our supporters can sing together.

Ms Kalimbula is awarded a prize of **N\$25,000 (Twenty-Five Thousand Namibian Dollars)** in recognition of her outstanding contribution.

## What Happens Next

The winning song will now be published on all our platforms and will be shared with all our Media Houses to be aired across the country. Further details on how and where the song will be used during the Games will be communicated in due course.

But that is not all, we are also excited to announce the launch of our **OmakeDanceChallenge!**

We are calling on all TikTokers, content creators, and dancers of all ages across Namibia to show us your best moves to *Omake*. Every month, leading up to the Youth Olympic Games (Dakar 2026) taking place 31 October – 13 November 2026 in Dakar, Senegal. We will crown a new winner, the creator whose dance video to our song earns the highest number of likes on TikTok by the end of that month.

To enter, simply:

1. Post your dance video using our *Omake* sound on Tiktok.
2. Mention us in your caption, [@namibianoc](#).
3. Include all three hashtags: **#TeamNamibia #NNOC #Dakar2026**
4. Get as many likes as possible before the month ends, the video with the most likes wins!

A different winner will be selected each month, right up until the Opening Ceremony of the Youth Olympic Games in Dakar. Each monthly winner will be awarded an incredible **OTB gift card worth N\$500.00 (Five Hundred Namibian Dollars)**.

So dust off your dancing shoes, get creative, and let the world hear Namibia's song, one dance at a time.

## Music, Sport, and the Spirit of the Games

Music has always been inseparable from sport. It fills stadiums, unites crowds, and gives athletes the emotional fuel to push beyond their limits. At the Commonwealth and Olympic Games, the sounds of each nation, anthems, chants, songs, are part of what makes the experience so deeply human. They are the voice of a people, carried across the world.

With "Omake," Namibia will add its own voice to that tradition. Whether echoing through the corridors of a Glasgow venue or shared across screens around the world, it will carry our nation's story forward.

## A Final Word of Thanks

To all 9 individuals who submitted an entry, thank you, once more, from the bottom of our hearts. The creativity and national spirit shown throughout this competition are a testament to the extraordinary pride Namibians have in their nation and in their athletes. We are humbled and inspired by your participation.

And to our winner — congratulations, Euthermiah. Your song is a gift to Namibia, and we look forward to hearing it lift our nation's spirit on the world stage in Glasgow 2026.

*"These competitions gave every Namibian the opportunity to be part of our athletes' journey to Glasgow 2026. From pin design to song composition, the response from our people has been overwhelming, and the quality of entries speaks to the extraordinary creativity and passion within our nation. We congratulate Euthermiah on a truly remarkable song, and we thank every participant for making this project a celebration of who we are as Namibians."*

– Dr Ndeulipula Hamutumwa, President, NNOC-CGA

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## The Winning Song: "Omake"

*Composed by Euthermiah Kalimbula*

### Verse 1

On your mark, ready and go  
Namibia rise, your dreams are valid  
Beloved land of savannahs  
Hold high the banner of liberty

### Chorus

Namibia land of the brave (oh we are champions)  
Namibia my mother land (oh screaming victory)  
Namibia land of the brave (oh we are champions)  
Namibia my mother land (oh oh oh)  
Since 1990 Namibia has been shining with victory  
We lead with strength ah we lead the way  
Omake omake omake omake  
Chepa chepa chepa  
Omake omake omake

### Chant

Give me a N kamarata (NNN)  
Give me a A kamarata (AAA)  
Give me a M kamarata (MMM)  
Give me I kamarata (III)  
Give me B kamarata (BBB)

Give me I kamarata (III)

Give me A kamarata (AAA)

## **Namibia**

### **Chorus**

Namibia land of the brave (oh we are champions)

Namibia my mother land (oh screaming victory)

Namibia land of the brave (oh we are champions)

Namibia my mother land (oh oh oh)

Shine like a diamond, from southern Africa to the world

Viva!

Omake omake omake omake

Chepa chepa chepa

Omake omake omake

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### **About the NNOC-CGA**

The Namibia National Olympic Committee & Commonwealth Games Association (NNOC-CGA) is the supreme body responsible for the Olympic and Commonwealth Games Movement in Namibia. It is committed to the promotion of sport, the protection of athletes, and the upholding of the values of Olympism across the nation.

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