

## The LHDA 10-Year Strategy Launch - March 2024



On Day 2 of the two-day platform, we followed up on the important conversations of Day 1 with the introduction and launch of our new 10-year strategy.

The Strategy was officially ushered in by the Right Honourable the Prime Minister, who opened the occasion by sharing that he was just in Polihali the previous days to check in on progress under Phase II, and was enamored with what he witnessed. He commended the LHDA's leadership and board for on the new strategy, stating that:

"To the LHWC and the LHDA board of directors, i commend you for having the presence of mind, and the courage to interrogate your own selves, on the merits of how this project has been doing in the past 37 to 38 years. I commend you for not only doing that collaboratively, but for also having the honesty agree that, where things have not been going according to plan – that it is time to revisit the founding instruments and use them to chart a new way forward."

The launch of our new strategy was attended by delegates from all parts of the LHDA's stakeholder universe, including diplomatic missions, international development agencies, private sector companies, government agencies, sector partners, the media, interest groups, and representatives from the project communities who were also part of the Day 1 Stakeholder Conference.

In his remarks, the Honorable Minister of Natural Resources once again echoed his sentiments from Day 1. He further highlighted that this strategy – is a clear indication that the LHDA is willing, and able to work hard to ensure development of not just project affected communities, but that of the country as a whole, and that his Ministry will work hard to ensure that the LHDA has all the tools it needs, including legal and governing frameworks, that allow it to be an effective force for development in Lesotho.