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# The Social Agenda



## Business quote of the week

*"I never dreamed about success- I worked for it"*  
- Estee Lauder

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## Debmarine Namibia commits to Women empowerment

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Source : NBC Airwaves

Debmarine Namibia has committed to the upliftment and empowerment of women. This is one of the reasons why the company has availed N\$ 2.5 Million to the Miss Namibia Pageant.

Debmarine Namibia made this reassurance during its meeting with Miss Namibia's finalists and the NBC's Director General, Stanley Similo at its premises. The visit was aimed at educating the contestants on Debmarine's operations, including training on general safety, psychological wellbeing, and its contribution to the development of the country.

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**Mr. Willy Martins**  
CEO DebMarine Namibia

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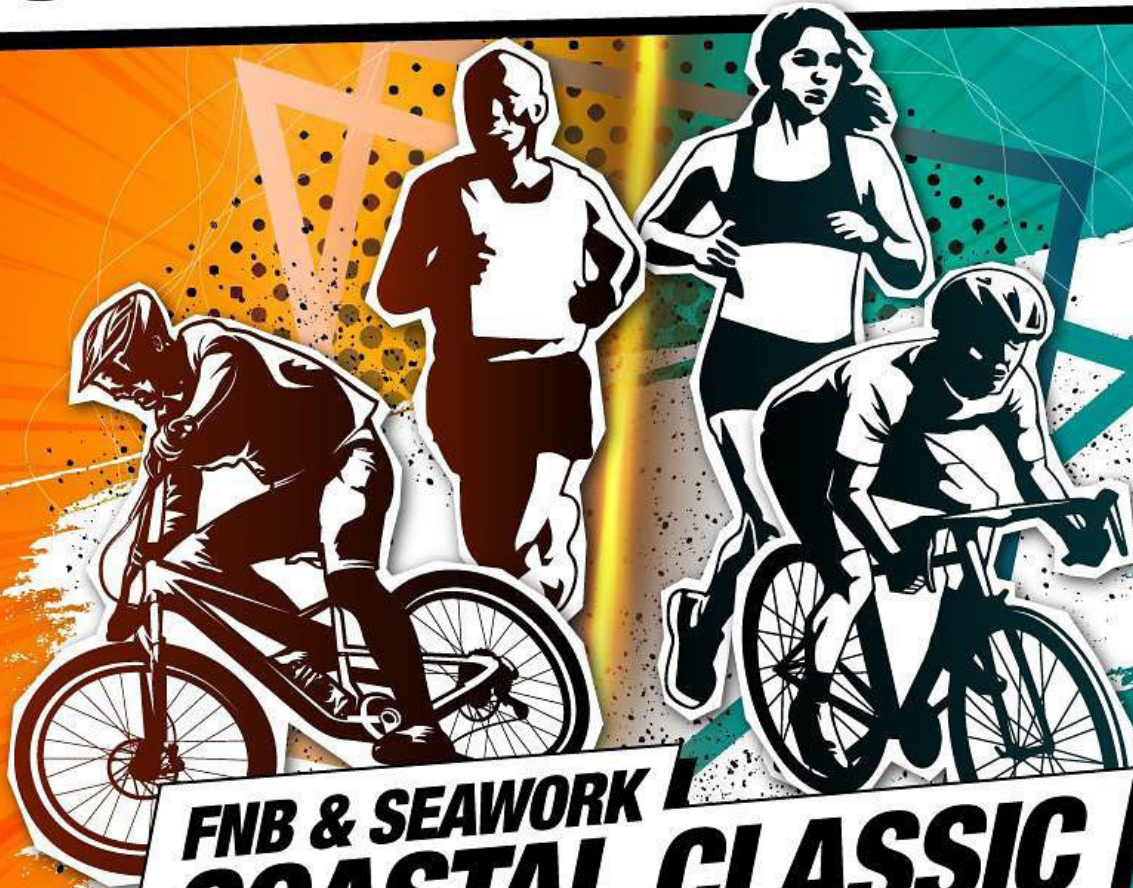


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# Editor's Notes

The Social Agenda e-newspaper is a project that started in 2019. We have since created 8 issues.

[Read them here](#)

Through our e-newspaper we contribute to the sharing of the important work that is taking place across the sectors of society. Namely, Community sector, Private sector, Public sector, Development sector and the Political sector.

We can no longer ignore the fact that business and social co-existence is a necessity and the agenda of co-designing valuable and sustainable Social and Economic coalitions for thriving communities is a National priority.

This largely depends on but is not limited to the successful inter-related synergies, resources, innovations, partnerships and human centered solutions that will drive true access, opportunities and ownership.

For now we explore opening up our conversation and programmes platform and we look forward to meeting you on our journey.

**“The world’s biggest problems are the market’s greatest opportunities”**

XOXO,



Editor in chief



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### PURPOSE

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### WHAT

We connect, match & advise; We do programme design, management and execution; We mobilise resources; We create, trade and produce; We do community and We do partnerships.

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# COMMUNITY SECTOR

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## CITIZEN'S CONNECT | CJ Dumeni

Source : [Chommie Bikes LinkedIn](#) | [africanleadership](#)

CJ Dumeni is a young Namibian born tech entrepreneur. After completing high school, Cj Dumeni moved to Cape Town, South Africa, to obtain a BA in Marketing communication at one of the best marketing schools on the continent. He was selected from 25 000 students as a top 24 team worldwide for a **Global Product Development & Marketing Competition -L'Oreal Brandstorm**.



| FEATURING |

## CITIZEN'S CONNECT | Mr. Melkies Ausiku

Source : [Melkies Ausiku LinkedIn](#)

Melkies Ausiku is the founder of **LEFA Transportation Services (Pty) Ltd.**, the company which owns the **LEFA** transportation app. Melkies completed his BEng (Electrical) at the University of Pretoria. After a brief spell in the engineering industry, he embarked on an entrepreneurship journey which led to the birth of **LEFA**.



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**CHOMMIE BITES**

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*Chommie Bikes is a green logistics and transportation company based in Namibia. Our mission is to provide sustainable and cost-effective transportation solutions to individuals and businesses in Namibia. We believe in creating positive impact and are committed to enhancing environmental sustainability and reducing unemployment in our country.*

Our fleet of e-bikes offers a sustainable alternative to traditional modes of transportation, helping to reduce traffic congestion and enhance public transportation options. We work with businesses and individuals to provide eco-friendly and cost-effective green logistics solutions. Our team of rental providers, technicians, and mechanics are passionate about the role we play in creating jobs and opportunities for Namibians.

At **Chommie Bikes**, we are also committed to collaborating with tourism service providers to showcase the benefits of e-bikes. We believe that these vehicles can be a valuable addition to any tourist operation, helping to reduce costs, improve sustainability, and enhance the overall experience for visitors.

The Company transitioned from **Chommie bites** earlier this year. Chommie bites is a crowd shipping african e commerce company. Offering a platform allows users to order food for delivery some of the best kitchens in the country.

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**LEFA** 



*LEFA Transportation Services (Pty) Ltd is a dynamic urban mobility startup founded in 2018, which owns the LEFA ride-hailing app. LEFA facilitates passenger transport by connecting passengers in need of transport to registered LEFA drivers offering transport. LEFA seeks to be the most sought after urban mobility company in Namibia and neighbouring markets LEFA was born from a need to provide a safe transportation option for visitors, tourists as well as travellers in the wake of heightened criminal activities in the local public transport services.*

LEFA Transportation Services (Pty) Ltd has been shuttling clients around Windhoek through a high tech yet simple mobile application system since February 2018. Through smartphone connectivity clients have chosen to utilise LEFA's safe form of transportation, offering a ride-hailing service like you would find in every major city, town and country across the world. LEFA's services undoubtedly have led to safer roads in Windhoek.

Namibia has one of the world's most alarming road traffic accident statistics in the world and often driving under the influence is a factor. With 120 000 rides completed so far, of which 50% took place over weekends and in the evenings, LEFA's contribution to safer roads cannot be discounted. Less people driving under the influence of alcohol means safer roads, less accidents, less casualties and less damage to infrastructure, saving authorities millions of dollars.

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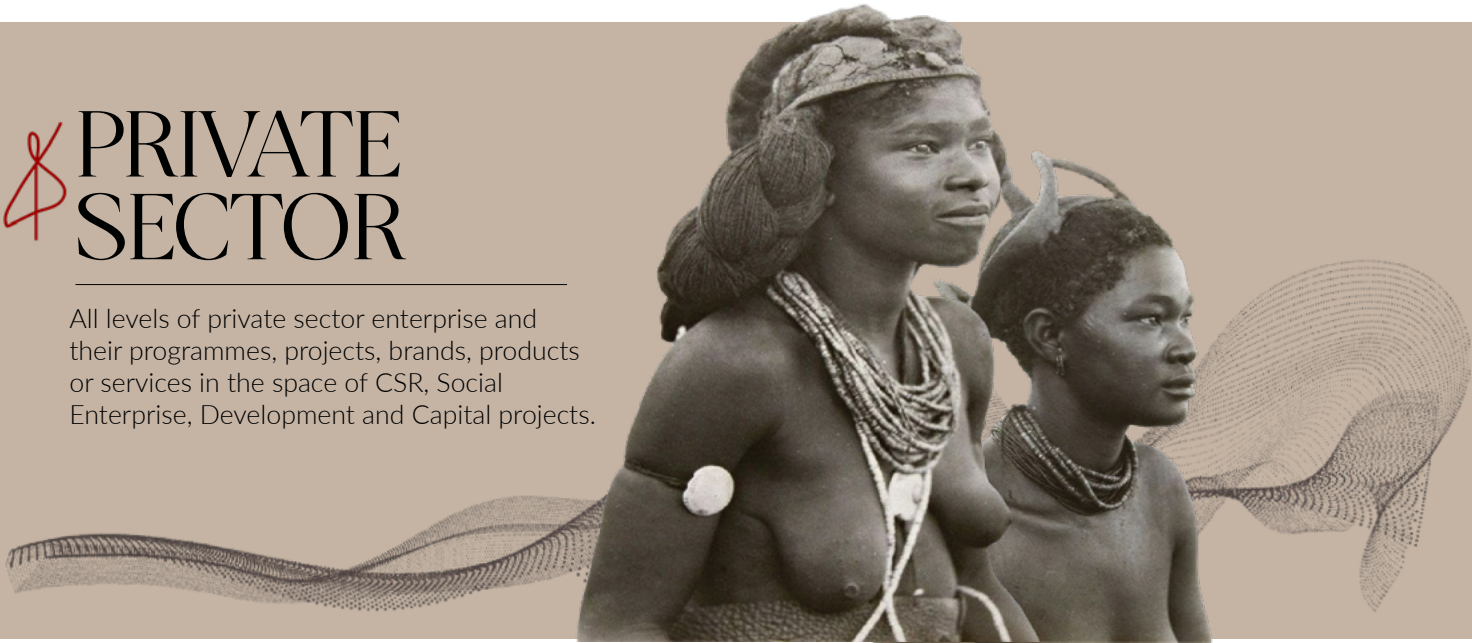
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## Old Mutual Foundation Empowers African Leaders: Unstoppable Transformation Programme

Source : [Old Mutual Website](#)

*The Old Mutual Foundation is pleased to announce its ongoing sponsorship of the African Leadership Institute (ALI), a programme that has been endorsed by the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture (MoEAC) since its inception in 2007. The three-year sponsorship agreement, which was confirmed in 2021, is now entering its final year.*

Under the partnership agreement, the **Old Mutual Foundation** committed to a yearly contribution of N\$300 000 for three years to support the training and development of Principals and Heads of Department (HOD) in government primary and high schools across the country. The programme, known as the **Certificate in Transformational Leadership (CTL)**, aims to empower educational leaders with the necessary skills and knowledge to drive positive change within their schools and communities.

Representing the **Old Mutual Foundation**, **Mignon du Preez**, Group Executive of the Marketing, Public Affairs, and Sustainability Department, expressed the Foundations commitment to this initiative which aligns with the company's long-standing values and corporate

social responsibility efforts. "By supporting the **CTL program**, the Foundation aims to empower educational leaders and strengthen the foundation of the Namibian education system, thus enabling the growth and success of future generations."

**The Ministry of Education** has shown great enthusiasm for the programme, recognising its potential to enhance leadership capabilities within the education sector. **Dr. Chrisna Von Gericke-Fourie**, Co-Founder and Training Director of the African Leadership Institute, expressed her excitement about the long-standing partnership with Old Mutual. "We are ecstatic about **Old Mutual's Foundation's** ongoing support over the years," said **Von Gericke-Fourie**. "Their commitment has been instrumental in enabling us to provide quality training to school leaders, empowering them to make a meaningful difference in their schools and communities."

**Kalistus Funette**, a school principal at **Gcwagi Senior Primary**, Bunya circuit in the Kavango West region, a 2022 beneficiary of the Old Mutual sponsorship said: "**Old Mutual Namibia** through its Foundation has given me a chance to be capacitated and empowered with the tools necessary for me to lead and manage an organisation in the 21st century". Such success stories reaffirm the importance and effectiveness of the partnership between the **Old Mutual Foundation** and the **African Leadership Institute**.

As the sponsorship enters its final year, the **Old Mutual Foundation** remains committed to supporting the development of educational leaders in Namibia and looks forward to witnessing the continued growth and success of the African Leadership Institute's Transformational Leadership Programme.

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## ReconAfrica's Social Responsibility programme

Source : ReconAfrica Website



**Mr. Scott Evans**  
CEO ReconAfrica

*ReconAfrica's goal is to provide responsible energy development and power independence to Namibia and Botswana. We are committed to conducting safe operations, respecting communities and other stakeholders and protecting the environment in Namibia, and in Botswana and wherever we work. To support these commitments, ReconAfrica incorporates environmental, social and governance norms and standards into our project activities and business ventures.*

Our Commitment to strong **Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG)** ReconAfrica will always work in a manner that is safe, ethical, and consistent with all applicable laws and regulations.

**ReconAfrica** will make operational and management decisions based on consideration of the commitments made in these guiding CSR Principles.

ReconAfrica will adopt appropriate procedures to measure and report on our performance with respect to the commitments made in the Guiding CSR Principles.

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2. Corporate Governance Committee Charter
3. Audit Committee Charter
4. Anti-Bribery Policy
5. Disclosure Policy
6. Whistle Blower Policy
7. Blackout Policy
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## OUR COMMITMENT TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

We are committed to not harming the environment, avoiding environmentally sensitive areas, minimizing disturbances in line with international best standards and will implement environmental and social best practices in all our project areas.

We are focused on conventional oil and gas reservoirs, which flow naturally under their own pressure. ReconAfrica respects the integrity of all designated protected and environmentally sensitive areas; for example the Tsodilo Hills in Botswana. We have a collaborative agreement with the Government of Botswana to exclude the core area and buffer and we will continue to implement exclusionary areas.

Our wells will be drilled with water-based fluids and use modern casing and cementing best practices to ensure the complete protection of all water aquifers.

## OUR COMMITMENT TO COMMUNITIES

We will partner with local and national governments, the traditional authorities, and communities to provide sustainable growth which will create jobs and other economic benefits by investing in people.

**ReconAfrica** is committed to maximizing local employment, contracting and skills transfer. Expatriots will only be used where skills and experience not available locally are required. We will also target technology transfer for the benefit of local communities as appropriate.

**ReconAfrica** will use its success to help improve local education by investing in schools, supporting teachers, and the expansion of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) training.





## OUR HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITMENT

**ReconAfrica's** Environmental, Health & Safety (EHS) goals include the following: zero accidents, no harm to people and no damage to the environment. We will apply best practices in our operations to achieve these goals.

## OUR COMMITMENT TO LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

We work with local, regional, and national business suppliers and services. These include: Water Drilling, Construction, Logistics and Transport, Trucking, Telecom, Camp Management & Logistics, Training,

Medical Experts and Supplies, HR Personnel & Contracting, Engineering & Project Management, Environmental and Risked Based Solutions amongst other suppliers. We, to the utmost of our ability, procure and purchase ongoing required supplies in the regions where we work.

We will maximize national hiring and provide training for nationals in key technical areas associated with our business. We will strive to ensure that our affiliate companies management is also national.

We will also partner with the existing economies in the local areas where we work. As an example, in the Kavango area, a key focus is the agriculture, tourism, and services industries allowing ReconAfrica to support the growth of these industries through improved water and power access, and the use of dual-purpose infrastructure.

Each water well that **ReconAfrica** drills will be donated to the community after completion of its to support to operations.

Working with local governments, **ReconAfrica** has initiated a program to drill community water wells in key communities that are distant from existing wells. We will implement training programs that will also look at the opportunities of local business development.

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## FINALISTS FOR CSR CAMPAIGN OF THE YEAR

- **Chevron** for its SI Project developed at Jesus Municipal Hospital in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
- **ReconAfrica** for its water, education and health projects in the Kavango Basin of Namibia.
- **Shell** for its water project improving and expanding the network of existing water for the benefit of the communities in Bolivia.



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**NEDBANK**

## The return of the Nedbank CitiDash

Source : Nedbank LinkedIn

*The premier mass participation event, the Nedbank CitiDash 2023 will make a return and is scheduled to take place on 10 September in the heart of Windhoek after the challenging silence of the COVID-19 pandemic.*

“This will be the third event of its kind, and the bank has generously donated N\$400,000 to host the event,” they added.

Nedbank Namibia’s executive of Retail and Business Banking, JG Van Graan said they believe that running provides an opportunity to touch the lives of all Namibians.

“As a long-standing supporter of the sport, we are truly delighted to be the title sponsor of the third edition of the Nedbank CitiDash,” added Van Graan.

The exclusive race will once again attract top-tier elite runners,



enthusiastic and novice runners and walkers, and even families who are just looking to have a fun and active outing, he added.

“We further believe that this year the Dash will once again have one of the greatest lineups that Namibian running has ever seen,” noted Van Graan.

Manager of OTB Sport, Yvonne Brinkmann, expressed her enthusiasm for the Nedbank CitiDash and thanked all the sponsors on board for this year’s event.

“Every year, this event brings us together in a way few others can. It is not just about the thrill of the race, it is about the shared spirit and camaraderie. It is a unique experience and one I have been looking forward to. I can not wait

to see the sense of community this year’s race will foster,” she said.

The event comprises two distances the 5km and 10km race and the starter’s gun is expected to go off at 07:00. The 5km fun run entry fees are N\$50, and the 10km elite run entry fee is N\$250.

Group entries exceeding 30 participants earn a discount and online entry is possible via the CitiDash Website. Prize money of N\$40,000 is up for grabs for the elite males and females, as well as the top under 10 male and female athletes, and the top visually impaired and wheelchair athletes.

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## Adopt-a-School initiative makes strides in improving school attendance

Source : The Economist

*Seawork Cares through its Adopt-a-School initiative, in association with FNB Namibia continues to significantly improve school attendance at primary schools in the Kunene, //Karas and Kavango East regions by providing daily nutritious meals to over 860 underprivileged children.*

The initiative promotes education by providing a healthy meal to underprivileged learners, thereby increasing school attendance, and ultimately improving academic performance by allowing them to focus on their education without worrying about where their next meal is coming from.

To date, FNB through the **FirstRand Foundation** has contributed a total of N\$450,000 to this initiative.

**FirstRand Group** Corporate Social Investment (CSI) Manager, **Revonia Job** highlighted the importance of keeping children in school by giving them the right tools to ensure their success adding that through



Learners from the Marmer Primary school

partnerships with non-profit organisations like Seawork Cares, corporates can make a real difference in the lives of communities.

“Food insecurity is one of the biggest challenges facing underprivileged learners in our society which often hinders their academic progress. The FirstRand Foundation believes in giving children a fair chance to enable them to be successful in their academic journeys thus this partnership is vital for us to achieve just that” she said.

“Thanks to the significant donation and partnership with FNB, **Seawork Cares** was able to expand its efforts in August 2022 by adding three more schools to the **Adopt-a-School** initiative. This expansion represents a remarkable milestone in our mission to uplift communities and provide better opportunities for children in need,” **Seawork Cares** Project Coordinator **Annie Theron** said.

She added that the community’s response to the **Adopt-a-School** program has been overwhelmingly positive, with teachers, parents, and students expressing gratitude for the support received. The initiative continues to not only nourish the bodies of the beneficiaries but also their hopes and aspirations.

“**Seawork Cares** is driven by a deep commitment to shaping a brighter future, and we firmly believe that by working together, we can make a positive impact. Our mission is rooted in the understanding that a simple act, such as providing a good meal, can yield incredible results. We firmly believe that education is the great equaliser, granting those less fortunate the chance to pursue their dreams and transform their lives” Theron said.

**Seawork Cares** is a non-profit initiative established to support and assist the most vulnerable individuals and to provide those in need with the resources to build a brighter future. Forming part of **Seawork Cares**, the **Adopt-a-School** initiative aims to provide nutritious meals to underprivileged primary school children residing in remote rural areas of the country, enabling them to focus on their education and offering relief from food insecurity. **Seawork Cares** launched the **Adopt-a-School** Initiative in March 2019, initially providing support to two schools: **Marmer Primary School** and **Cocoma Junior Primary**.

### PRESS RELEASE

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# PRINCIPLES THAT GUIDE

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- **Sustainability:** We are dedicated to achieving lasting socio-economic benefits within the communities we serve.

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## NIPDB brings K2G NextGen entrepreneurs showcase to Swakopmund

*Know2Grow NextGen Entrepreneurs Showcase is a platform created by the Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board (NIPDB) which not only creates opportunities for young entrepreneurs to grow and learn but also allows them to unleash their full potential as well as transform their ideas into tangible businesses.*

At a small ceremony held at the MTC Dome, Swakopmund, the centre of adventure was officially announced as the host for the **Know2Grow NextGen Entrepreneurs Showcase 2023** taking place at the MTC Dome as from the November 2-4, 2023.

On behalf of the governor, Mr Michael Jimmy expressed his gratitude to the different stakeholders involved in the **Know2Grow NextGen Entrepreneurs Showcase**, specifically **Coca-Cola Beverages Africa**. He said, "I am delighted to announce that **Coca-Cola Beverages Africa, Namibia** has generously sponsored this event with a remarkable sum of N\$550,000. This sponsorship is more than just financial assistance. It represents a partnership built on shared values and a belief in the potential of our local talent.

**Coca-Cola's** investment in this showcase demonstrates their unwavering commitment to fostering innovation, creating opportunities, and empowering the young minds that will shape our future."

The **Swakopmund Municipality** pledged N\$10 000 towards the initiative.

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## DEB MARINE NAMIBIA

# Debmarine Namibia commits to Women empowerment

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*The Miss Namibia hopefuls were advised how to practice safety when on social media to avoid internet bullying, which has the potential to negatively impact their mental health.*

The chief executive officer of **Debmarine Namibia**, Willy Mertens, reaffirmed his company's responsibility to empower women. He says that 49% of **Debmarine's** employees are women : we are proud to stand with women and girls as part of our commitment to participating, so when we say we stand with women and girls is that we take seriously, it's part of what we deliver as part of our commitment to empowering women both with our business and also through our corporate investment programmes and the community as well."

He says the partnership with **Miss Namibia** allows the company to promote and highlight its contribution to society through its precious resources, such as diamonds.

Similo commended **Debmarine Namibia** for its contribution to **Miss Namibia**, an action that will change the lives of girls. He said that that there is always a start to creating better mothers, and **Miss Namibia** is one of such platform to start with. "Had it not been for



NBC Director General Stanley Similo, Debmarine Communications Manager, Stella Ipinge and Debmarine CEO Willy Mertens flanked by the beauty queens

you, I think we would have difficulties in getting our beautiful ladies to be part of what you are doing, and want to extend my thinking by saying that for the very first time ever, we have a very diverse group from all over the country. Because through our sponsorship we are able to travel to almost all corners of Namibia, were we raise awareness of what the pageant is all about. Part of what we want to do is now grow a girl child to give her the same base of respect and to get the girl child to believe in herself.

### PRESS RELEASE

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## Oshana NamPol Street Mile and Fun Walk a resounding success

Maria David

Source : Nampol Press Release



**Commissioner Naftal Lungameni Sakaria**  
Police Regional Commander : Oshana Region

*The first-ever Oshana NamPol Street Mile and Fun Walk was a resounding success. The event attracted nearly 50 participants from Oshana and neighbouring regions. The aim of the event was to raise funds for the Namibian Police National Championship, scheduled to take place from September 6th to 17th, 2023, in Outjo, Kunene Region.*



The participants embarked on a 1.6km Street Mile and Fun Walk, starting from the Oshana police headquarters, going all the way to Ben Kathindi street, and returning to the police headquarters.

Oshana police commander, Commissioner Naftal Lungameni Sakaria, expressed his desire to boost the state of sports in the region. "We will come out in full force next year," he stated. Sakaria emphasized the importance of engaging the community in social activities like this fun event.

The fun walk, covering a distance of 6km, began at exactly 09:00 and saw the participation of notable figures such as **Mayor Taarah Shalyefu** of Ongwediva and Commissioner Naftal Lungameni Sakaria.

Various categories were included in the event, including juniors, para-athletics, legends, and the open race, all covering a 1.6km distance.

Former undisputed champion, **Julius Indongo**, explained that the purpose of the race was to raise funds for Oshana's sports accounts in preparation for the annual **NamPol championship** in September. **Indongo** expressed satisfaction with the success of the event and mentioned plans to make it even bigger and better next year.

The **Oshana Police Street Mile and Fun Walk** is set to become an annual event for the region.

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## The Government of Namibia and Dutch partners ink memorandum of understanding

Source : Konrad Adenauer Stiftung website



The Government of the Republic of Namibia (Government) is pleased to announce the conclusion of agreements for the establishment and management of Namibia's sovereign wealth fund SDG Namibia One, the exercise of Government's option to take up a 24%

interest in the first awarded project being developed by Hyphen, and the signature of a memorandum of understanding (MOU) between a coalition of Namibian and Dutch partners. With the conclusion of these milestones the Government has taken yet another significant step towards realising the potential of the transformative green hydrogen sector for the benefit of all Namibians as envisaged in the Harambee Prosperity Plan II (HPPII).

Government, delivering on the vision of HPPII and the first hydrogen valley to be developed, the **Southern Corridor Development Initiative (SCDI)**, recognised the need to strategically mobilise billions of Namibian dollars of funding in a manner that does not place additional fiscal burdens on the country. In raising the necessary funding, Government has sought partners to assist in its realisation and has developed relationships with the **European Union (EU)** as a block and the countries of the Netherlands and Germany specifically. These strategic relationships have been driven by the significant alignment between the aspirations of HPPII and the objectives of the EU, the Netherlands and Germany in driving the energy transition.

The establishment of **Namibia SDG Namibia One** will see Namibia's Environment Investment Fund partnering with two Dutch organisations, Climate Fund Managers and Invest International. 100% of the initial funding of €40 million (~N\$850 million) is being provided as grant funding by Invest International. This vehicle will look to raise money from local institutional investors and investors from around the world to develop Namibian green hydrogen projects and related infrastructure. **The European Investment Bank** and the Government concluded a letter of intent at COP27 for the raising of €500 million, a portion of which is to be proposed to be designated for investment via **SDG Namibia One**.

**SDG Namibia One**, a EUR 1 billion blended financing vehicle for green hydrogen investment in Namibia. The platform is managed by **Nam-H2** Fund Managers,

a partnership between the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia, Climate Fund Managers, and Invest International from Netherlands. SDG Namibia One will be jointly managed by a newly established management company, NH2 Fund Managers, which will comprise Namibia's Environmental Investment Fund and Climate Fund Managers as shareholders.

With agreements for the establishment of SDG Namibia One concluded, today Government has issued Hyphen with its Official Notice indicating the exercise of Government's right to take up a 24% equity interest in the project at historic cost.

"This marks yet another key progressive milestone in the development of a local and transformative Synthetic Fuels Sector!", exclaimed the Minister of Finance, Ipumbu Shiimi. Joost Oesterhuizen added, "We are excited at the prospects that this new partnership between our two countries will unlock for our respective people."

Climate Fund Manager Found Andrew Johnstone noted, "Climate Fund Managers is committed to bring to bear its full expertise to bear in order to meet the Namibian and Dutch Governments ambitions of mobilizing fit to purpose capital to drive economic development in Namibia and combat climate change globally. We are also humbled to have been given the mandate to build capacity in the Namibian public sector."

The EIF CEO, Benedict Libanda said: Global partnership is of paramount importance to advance green hydrogen development, especially considering the nascent nature of the sector. Collaboration among countries, industry stakeholders, and international players is vital to overcome technological challenges, scale up production, and establish a global sustainable hydrogen economy. By joining forces, we can pool resources, share knowledge, and accelerate the transition towards a low-carbon future powered by green hydrogen.

The signature of the MOU between Namport, the Port of Rotterdam, Hyphen, Gasunie, Nampower and Invest International represents the strategic intent of these partners to work together to realise the vision the SCDI.

To be developed in the most environmentally sustainable way, the SCDI could ultimately span the length of the //Kharas Region with an annual production capacity of 3 million tonnes of green hydrogen. The development will initially be anchored by the Port of Lüderitz for access to international markets with the development of hydrogen pipelines to connect to South Africa in the medium to long term. The realisation of the SCDI will generate significant energy propelling Namibia to become energy self-sufficient, improve regional energy security by exporting excess electricity to the Southern Africa Power Pool and will supply various international Ports, including the Port of Rotterdam will clean molecules to decarbonize hard to abate sectors.

## ABOUT

### ABOUT CLIMATE FUND MANAGERS

Climate Fund Managers has a proven track record of deploying over €1.7 billion into emerging markets through their two flagship funds, Climate Investor 1 and Climate Investor 2. The Manager was recognized by Bloomberg as a Manager of Choice in 2019.

### ABOUT INVEST INTERNATIONAL

Invest International is a Dutch development finance institution that has been mandated by the Dutch Government to invest in strategic infrastructure in emerging market nations, with the mission of improving the lives of its inhabitants.

### ABOUT THE ENVIRONMENT INVESTMENT FUND

The Environment Investment Fund (EIF) is a fund focused exclusively on investments in the environmental sector. EIF is one of only 24 such entities globally and the only one in Africa to have been accredited by the Global Climate Fund. EIF has raised more than N\$2 billion globally and has deployed more than N\$1.7 billion into various climate related projects in Namibia.

### ABOUT PORT OF ROTTERDAM

The Port of Rotterdam is the largest port in Europe and a key energy hub for Europe. The Port of Rotterdam Authority is working actively to stimulate the energy transition and aims to become the Hydrogen Hub of Europe. In order to fulfil the projected hydrogen demand in its port and its hinterland it will need to import a significant amount of hydrogen from overseas locations.

### ABOUT GASUNIE

Gasunie is an energy network operator. In the Netherlands and the northern part of Germany, Gasunie manages and maintains the infrastructure for large-scale transport and storage of gas of over 15,000 kms in the Netherlands and Germany. Gasunie is planning the development of a hydrogen distribution network in the Netherlands and Germany.

### ABOUT HYPHEN

Hyphen Hydrogen Energy (Pty) Ltd ("Hyphen") is a Namibian registered green hydrogen development company, specifically formed to develop green hydrogen projects in Namibia for international, regional and domestic supply.

## PRESS RELEASE

[www.eif.org.na/post/sdg-namibia-one-press-release-20-june-2023](http://www.eif.org.na/post/sdg-namibia-one-press-release-20-june-2023)

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## Meet Master Printmaker, Petrus Amuthenu

Source : Start Art Gallery



Petrus Amuthenu, San women and children, 38 x 39 cm, cardboard print, 2015

*Petrus Amuthenu (b. 1981) was born in Swakopmund and grew up in northern Namibia in Uukwaludhi. In 2002 a chance encounter with the late artist Samuel Mbingilo at the Katutura Community Art Centre gave Amuthenu his first introduction to the Namibian art world.*

A master printmaker, Amuthenu also uses pencil, charcoal, spray-paint, tipex, oil paint, watercolour and printing ink, combined with a variety of different techniques to create his works. Amuthenu's artworks draw on pop-culture and related motifs. A mix of urban and noticeably Namibian motifs, invites a local, young audience to relate and respond to his visual social commentary.

Emanating from his background in printmaking, Amuthenu's mark making is often highly detailed and dynamic and this translates into his paintings. His works can often be seen as murals all around Namibia as well as on paper and canvas.

In 2015, Amuthenu held his first solo exhibition 'Urban style / Kasi style' at the Franco Namibian Cultural Centre (FNCC). The exhibition 'Freeing My Mind' followed at the National Art Gallery of Namibia in 2016. In 2017, the artist held his third solo exhibition 'My Heritage' at the FNCC. As well as his solo exhibitions, the artist has participated in various group shows locally and internationally.

In 2022, Amuthenu exhibited as a duo in 'Collective Thoughts Vol 1' at the Woermannhaus Gallery, Swakopmund and 'Passing Through' at the Namibian Arts Association, Windhoek with fellow painter Frans Uunona.

[www.startartgallery.com/artists/petrus-amuthenu/](http://www.startartgallery.com/artists/petrus-amuthenu/)

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The proposals should focus on the following investment themes:

- Natural Resource Management & Utilization
- Aquaculture
- Micro-enterprises
- Green Technologies and Low Carbon Development
- Sustainable Agriculture

Grant amounts: N\$ 20,000.00 – N\$ 100,000.00 (Namibian dollars)

Non-viable applications previously supported through EIP grants and ECF funded projects of the EIP. Further information on the application guidelines are available on the link <https://www.efp.org.na/epip/grant-proposal> or hard copies can be collected from the EIP office.

Grant proposals submissions should be addressed to:  
Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia  
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