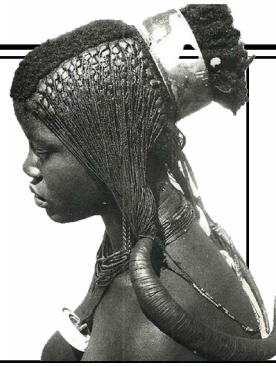


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"Quality is the best business plan"  
- John Lasetter

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**Hon. Christine //Hoebes**  
Minister in the Presidency

## 60-Million-Dollar Project Inaugurated in Arandis

Source: Namib Times

*THE inauguration of a N\$60 million investment project of the largest charcoal factory in Arandis, Green Charcoal Namibia took place on Monday, 25 September.*

Green Charcoal Namibia is a subsidiary of its mother company located in Belgium, Carbo Bois, the biggest importer and distributor of charcoal in Europe. The factory will package over 30 000 tons of FSC charcoal per year. The factory will also produce 8 000 tons of FSC briquettes per year.

This translates to approximately 1 500 containers annually - or 40 containers weekly. The Chief Executive Officer of Arandis, Stanley Norris, said these figures state that 25% of the Namibian FSC charcoal production exports, and about 14% of all Namibian charcoal exports will be produced in Arandis.

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# OLD MUTUAL FOUNDATION

## STAFF COMMUNITY BUILDER SUPPORTS THE PORRIDGE STORAGE FOUNDATION

#DoGreatThingsEveryDay

Mutualite Elina Shishanda supported the Porridge Storage Foundation with N\$10 000 through the Old Mutual Foundation Staff Community Builder. 200 children were given jackets and food through the donation. At the handover, Dr Simon Bobo highlighted the impactful work and accomplishments of the Old Mutual Foundation across the nation.



# Editor's Notes

It has indeed been a process of moving from the CSR space to the model of social enterprise, and development projects. The mechanisms in the market to realize innovation collaborations are still maturing as practitioners, foundations, CSO's and social enterprises push the envelope on impact driven initiatives.

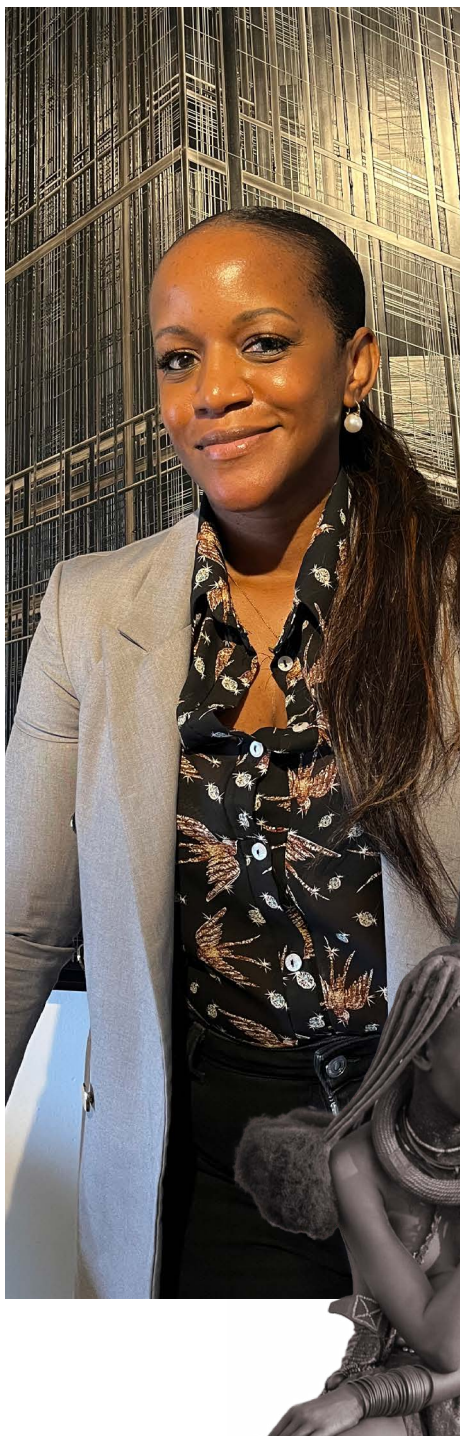
"The world's biggest problems are the market's greatest opportunities" and this could not be better exemplified than it is by award winning social enterprises around the world that are showcasing best practices while competing for business and social value alignment to attend to our most pressing challenges.

Often in the initial stages, we get asked, "Are you a charity?". I now respond "How?". We are a business like any other, that belongs to sister companies with interests in media and property. This business, Innv8e, specifically ventures to match community needs to organizational resources using commercial business principles. More often than not it takes us creating new value chains, deliberately implementing capacity building, implementing job creation opportunities and engineering commercial value into the model in order to create enterprise sustainability.

When we set out to establish this business, we had no idea how long it would take, the magnitude and difficulty of the task in our Namibian House. However it has become easier and we are finding our niche and getting braver to design and explore the magnitude of work and opportunities available to us.

2024 is around the corner and our commitment remains firm despite the various challenges we face. Thank you for reading our newspaper, thank you to those that have contributed, those that have given feedback and also to those that don't agree. We are squarely in the eye of innovation and evolution on this unique journey and space. Have a wonderful rest of the week, and we will catch up again soon.

XOXO, *Tuna Willem*  
Editor-in-Chief



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## B2GOLD Global Community Impact & Development

Source: B2GoldPress Release

### OTJIKOTO MINE

*The Otjikoto Mine was built in 2014 and is located in the Otjozondjupa region, approximately 300 km north of the country's capital, Windhoek. The mine's closest neighbouring towns are Otjiwarongo and Otavi located 70 km and 40 km, respectively, from the site. As Otjikoto does not have local communities in its impact area, community investment projects are expanded to include other regions of the country.*

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Community investment projects are overseen by a CSR Board comprised of internal and external stakeholders. The Board reviews proposals from across the country and works together to select, implement, and monitor

the progress of community investment projects. CSR programs are selected to align with the Namibian Government's key development plans and stakeholder needs, which are identified through broad-based consultation.

The land adjacent to the Otjikoto Mine was once characterized by excessive overgrazing by domestic livestock, hunting, and bush encroachment. While the mine was under construction, we recognized a unique opportunity to create a sustainable 15,000-hectare nature reserve. Through this conservation program, the land is being rehabilitated to its original state and, today, the Otjikoto Nature Reserve is home to a variety of indigenous species such as oryx, cheetah, giraffe, impala, kudu, leopard, springbok, waterbuck, wildebeest, and zebra, some of which we reintroduced to the area.



The reserve also includes an extensive education centre (aligned with the Namibian school curriculum) where students from previously disadvantaged backgrounds are instructed on topics such as environment, conservation, and sustainable living, and is home to the Colorado State University's Little Shop of Physics program. Up to mid-2021, the Reserve's edu centre has hosted over 5,800 pupils and teachers through its onsite activities and outreach programming.



## UPLIFTING AND UPSKILLING YOUTH UNICEF UPSHIFT PROGRAM

Launched in April 2021\*, UPSHIFT is a UNICEF program designed to build the capacity and create opportunities for young people. It combines some of the leading approaches to youth and adolescent development, social innovation, and entrepreneurship to empower marginalized youth and adolescents. The UPSHIFT program complements government and private sector efforts in this field. UNICEF acts as a convener with different stakeholders pooling resources to attain these goals. B2Gold's support of UPSHIFT includes mentorship and coaching and availing its education centre as venue and content resource and will provide mentorship and coaching opportunities to 100 "Upshiffters" during the first year of collaboration. \*Shortly after launch, a serious wave of Covid-19 impacted the short-term schedule of the UPSHIFT program. The program will recommence in 2021 and 2022.

## NAKAYALE PRIVATE ACADEMY QUALITY EDUCATION

Nakayale Private Academy (in the Omusati Region of Namibia) opened its doors in 2016. The school aims to provide quality education to orphaned and marginalized children in the western Omusati Region of Namibia. An agricultural project was started to financially support the school with the aim of future independence and sustainability.

The academy has 108 students across six grades with plans to grow to a full primary school over the next two years. B2Gold provides financial support to the school, helping the school secure educational supplies and equipment and employ welltrained staff to interpret and deliver the curriculum.

In addition, healthy daily meals are provided and living accommodations are maintained, allowing the school to provide quality education in a secure environment to children in need.

## INNOVATION FOR MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES QUALITY EDUCATION FOR AT-RISK CHILDREN

### EduVision

The remote villages of Namibia have difficulty attracting and retaining skilled teachers as they are required to live in areas with harsh environmental conditions, poor infrastructure, and limited facilities. Located in Otjiwarongo, the Edugate Academy developed the EduVision e-learning platform (which includes smartboards and dedicated satellite internet connections), to deliver the benefits of highly qualified educators to marginalized communities in these remote areas. Corporate support was crucial to its success and B2Gold came on board as partner.



The program achieved exceptional results at Tsumkwe Senior Secondary School, helping drive a dramatic improvement in the school's grades and pass rates. In the first year, the school jumped almost 100 positions in national ratings based on examination results.

EduVision now works with the Namibian Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture to further expand its activities. The Ministry has identified 50 additional schools that will benefit from the program over the next year.

B2Gold is proud of its responsible mining practices and sustainability achievements, especially within the context of CSR and community investment.

The collective efforts of everyone who works at B2Gold have enabled us to achieve the great results shared here. It is imperative that we continue to strive for excellence by demonstrating sustainability leadership and exceeding stakeholder expectations.

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## Nedbank for Good Series Raises N\$ 250 000 for Rössing Foundation

Source: Nedbank Press Release

*The 2023 Nedbank for Good Series concluded on Friday, 6 October at the Omeya Golf Club, and saw a total of N\$ 250 000 being raised for the Rössing Foundation.*

The final saw Heinrich Schmidt and Wilna Bredenhann being crowned the 2023 champions of the golf series in the men's and women's categories respectively.

In the men's category, Schmidt took the top honours by scoring 44 points, while second place was taken by Weitz van Niekerk with 40 points, and Desmond D'Emiljo in third with 38 points. In the women's category, Bredenhann scored 44 points ahead of Claris Chipfupa and Tiekie de Wet who both 37 points to tie for second place.

Speaking at the prizegiving ceremony held at the Nedbank Campus the Friday evening, Schmidt said the tournament was excellent as everything was well organised.

"My strategy was to manage the course well and just play my normal game without taking any chances. The weather was very hot as compared to the windy weather two weeks ago when I won the Windhoek leg of this tournament," he said.

On her part, Bredenhann said she was happy with her win.

"I am happy that I won today. The older I get, the better I am at this game. It was one of the best rounds of golf that I have ever played. I was struggling with my drive the past few months, but today, everything fell into place," she said.

Both winners said playing for a charitable cause, which is supported by the Nedbank for Good Series, was the highlight of their careers as it was an enormous contribution to the lives of young Namibians.

At the prizegiving ceremony, tournament organiser Dan Zwiebel paid tribute to all the participants, including players, managers, golf clubs across the country,

caddies, groundsmen, and sponsors, among others, for contributing to this event.

"The Nedbank for Autism Series was an event that we ran for three years. We raised valuable funds, which we channelled to that cause. After three years, we decided to do a name change, as we felt that there are so many charities that need our support, which is why we moved to the Nedbank for Good Series in support of the Rössing Foundation," he said.

The Executive Director of the Rössing Foundation, Uparura Kuvare, said this year's contribution received through the Nedbank for Good Series will reach the intended beneficiaries, who are the learners.

"There has been appreciation of our work in these communities, and thanks to Nedbank and the golf fraternity, we are looking forward to 2024, when we bolster our work to science-based learning in schools. We want to bring about a scheme that is expanded to reach more learners at schools. For the teachers and learners, it was a great year, and we hope the results for the 2023 examinations will be positive at the 41 schools that we reached so far," he said.

Nedbank Namibia's Head of Private Wealth, Cornell Meeks, said previously the fundraising golf series had raised a total of N\$656 000, which benefited the Autism Association of Namibia over its three-year stint, but has now expanded horizons to embrace more institutions, initiatives, and projects across the country.

"The Rössing Foundation plays a pivotal role in nurturing the educational growth of pupils nationwide, especially those in remote areas who struggle with limited access to educational resources. The funds raised in this year's series will breathe life into their laboratories. The Nedbank for Good series illustrates how corporate entities can join hands to reach out to the Namibian children, contribute to our nation's development, and imprint a deep impact on the lives of those who need it the most," she said.

She added that this year's focus was touching the lives of 8 000 learners and 300 teachers in the rural schools across Namibia.

Friday's event was the culmination of the 2023 series, which kicked off in February at Omeya. The tournament saw a total of 700 out of 1 100 active golfers participating in the 10-round golf series.

The 2023 Nedbank for Good Series was sponsored by Pupkewitz Motors as the official vehicle supplier, Future Media as the official media partner, and co-sponsored by AfricaOnline, Engen Namibia, Safintra Roofing, Gondwana Collection Namibia, CB Enterprises, Zebra Trailers, Pupkewitz Megabuild, Windhoek Lager, and Imperial.

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# School Bag Filled with *Necessities*



As we approach the end of the year, the holiday season is just around the corner, and the festive spirit is spreading. However, it's important to remember that not everyone has the privilege of enjoying this season to the fullest. That's why, every year, we take the initiative to provide special Back-To-School Christmas Bags to local schools in our community.

These Back-To-School Christmas Bags are thoughtfully curated, featuring personalised educational materials, essential hygiene products, a toy, and age-appropriate goods tailored to each child's gender. With every donation we receive, we are able to make a meaningful impact on the future generation of Namibia. None of this would be possible without your generous support.

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## Windhoek Jazz Festival returns after three year break

Source: CoW Social Media



**Suzy Eises**  
Performing Artist

*After a three-year break, the Windhoek Jazz Festival made an impressive comeback. The City of Windhoek event, organized in collaboration with its main sponsor, Bank Windhoek, took place on Saturday, 07 October 2023, at Windhoek High School's Vegkop Stadium.*

Despite its recent absence from the entertainment calendar, the festival drew an impressive turnout and featured an electrifying lineup of jazz musicians, including Éсме Songbird, Savannah Afros, Najah, The Yesterdaye, Suzy Eises, Erna Chimu, and internationally acclaimed contemporary jazz singer Jonathan Butler.

The festival is significant for the City of Windhoek and its partners because it serves as a powerful marketing tool, promoting the city while showcasing local artists and providing an opportunity for them to connect with international artists, ultimately boosting the local entertainment industry.

The festival was graced by esteemed dignitaries, including the first couple, President Hage Geingob and First Lady Monica Geingos, emphasizing its cultural significance. The city of Windhoek would like to thank music lovers and enthusiasts who attended the event and the corporate companies and businesses that came on board with sponsorship to make this event possible, including NBC, Adforce, the National Arts Council of Namibia, 99FM, and the Namibian Breweries.

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# 60-Million-Dollar Project Inaugurated in Arandis

**Green Charcoal : Continued from Page 1...**

Source : Namib Times

The Mayor of Arandis, Risto Kapenda, reported that the Arandis Town Council has added a corporate social responsibility component to the contract of Green Charcoal Namibia being the establishment of two playgrounds for the town of Arandis, valued at N\$240 000.

Kapenda said, “we are excited to inaugurate the first playground today. this will serve as a benefit to the children of the town of Arandis, and we thank the investors wholeheartedly for complying with the contractual obligations in this regard.” According to Ka-penda, the company will recruit 60 employees with skills transfer continuing throughout.

Christine //Hoebes, the Minister in the Presidency said the inception of this project represents a clear and resolute commitment to environmental conservation, clean energy, and the well-being of communities. It embodies the spirit of Namibia’s determination to embrace innovation and lead in the pursuit of a greener, more sustainable future. //Hoebes further said, “Arandis, with its unique position in our nation, is the ideal location for this venture. This town, with its rich history and warm-hearted community, has long been a symbol of resilience and progress. It is with great pride



that we inaugurate this Green Charcoal Production initiative here.”

According to //Hoebes, the production of green charcoal is not just an industrial process; it is a testament to commitment to responsible resource management and a sustainable future. Green charcoal is a cleaner, more environmentally friendly alternative to traditional charcoal production methods. “By producing it, we aim to reduce carbon emissions, preserve our precious forests, and significantly lower the environmental impact of energy consumption. The bene-fits of this project are multifaceted. First and foremost, it helps us combat climate change, one of the greatest challenges of our time,” said //Hoebes.

//Hoebes further stated, “green charcoal reduces deforestation, which, in turn, mitigates soil erosion and helps to protect our fragile ecosystems. By fostering a transition towards cleaner energy sources, we also improve air quality and the health of our citizens. This project holds the potential to create jobs, stimulate economic growth, and uplift the communities of Arandis and beyond.”

According to Tolefi Group Founder and Chief Executive Officer Serge and Jerome Goblet, over the past century, Namibia has tackled a pervasive bush encroachment phenomenon, covering up to 45 million hectares of its land, causing detrimental effects on its ecosystem.

Namibian farmers recognised the potential of using this encroaching bush to produce sustainable charcoal, which soon found a promising market in Europe. Given Namibia’s political stability and openness to international investors, Carbobois seized the opportunity to establish a branch in Namibia, marking the birth of Green Charcoal Namibia.

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## A cutting edge Food Production Facility

Source: NIPDB Social Media

*The NIPDB congratulates Your Kitchen, a cutting-edge Food Production facility, born from international investment for successfully inaugurating their operations in Windhoek this afternoon. Your Kitchen, which consists of Italian entrepreneurs and managers collaborating with a Namibian partner for the management of operations, is one of the investment projects facilitated by NIPDB. Ettore La Carrubba, Director of Your Kitchen says his team has chosen Namibia because of the ease of doing business.*

“Your Kitchen met with the NIPDB two years ago in Davos, Switzerland and that was the start of a very good relationship with the Board. When setting up a business in Namibia, NIPDB assisted us with the stages of setting up this project such as the acquisition of the machinery, our work permits and understanding the project,” he said. Your Kitchen is redefining the food service industry with modern, eco-friendly solutions, harnessing advanced technologies to minimise waste and maximise productivity.

With an expectation of over 100 jobs once fully operational, Your Kitchen is also focused on skills development for local chefs by fostering talents to rival Michelin star standards, enriching the local industry and elevating our global culinary presence to attract high level tourists. The facility also makes use of 100% locally produced products to plough back into the economy. Stay tuned for their promising journey ahead!

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Ettore La Carrubba, with various stakeholders at the Your kitchen official opening



## A Success Story from our Training Beneficiary

Source: Agribank Farmer's Crush Friday



Ms. Valery Haradoes  
Farmer

*Ms. Valery Haradoes a strong, passionate farmer and teacher was born and bred in a farming family in the Uis area. Starting with a few indigenous chickens, Ms. Haradoes is now a seasoned poultry, livestock, and crop farmer on Farm Aniswept in the Uis area of the Erongo Region.*

Ms. Haradoes started her poultry enterprise in 2019 following training held by Agribank and further training interventions in 2021 targeting women and youth supported by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

Armed with new knowledge of different poultry enterprises she commenced with broiler production and dual-purpose breeds incorporating Koekoek, Sussex, Naked- Neck and Black Australorp.

She attended further interventions where she was exposed to vegetable garden establishment after which she commenced gardening and harvested her first crops in 2022.

Upon interviewing her, Ms. Haradoes expressed how she obtained critical skills in poultry farming, such as

the construction of poultry housing, application of poultry medicines, poultry feed, maintaining hygiene in the coop, sourcing markets and many more skills which she continues to implement. She currently farms with a complement of 130 birds consisting of a mix of dual-purpose birds, doves, ducks, layers and has ordered 50 broilers and 30 point-of-lay birds to continue with her enterprise.

Moreover, she possesses over 170 small stock and has planted a variety of vegetables in her garden including cabbage, carrots, beetroot, chillies, onion, pumpkin, watermelon, green pepper, tomatoes, granadilla and some fig trees.

As with all farming enterprises Ms. Haradoes however expressed that she faces a myriad of challenges including the high cost of feed, market limitations, the cost and availability of medicines in the area, transportation costs, the availability of day-old chicks, unreliable suppliers, birds that frequently invade her crops, and stock theft.

Despite these challenges, Ms. Haradoes has found means to overcome them and currently sells her broiler chickens and eggs to customers in Okombahe, Omaruru as well as to locals in the Uis area. Moreover, she markets her livestock at auctions in Otjiwarongo and sells some to locals in the area as well.

Lastly, Ms. Haradoes encouraged fellow farmers especially young women to take up poultry farming to generate income and feed their families. She further mentioned the joys of farming that allow one to be self-sufficient and advised that training interventions should be followed by support for farmers, either through basic farm inputs or small loans that will allow farmers to start up and empower themselves.



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# KUNENE-OMATANDO Substations inaugurated

Source: NamPower Press Release



NamPower on Friday inaugurated its Kunene and Omatando substations in the Omusati and Oshana regions, respectively.

The Kunene Substation is situated 30km south of the Ruacana Power Station while the Omatando Substation is in Ongwediva.

The project was constructed at the value of N\$1.1 billion and is part of NamPower’s Strategic plan that aims to strengthen the northern Namibia transmission backbone, provide the first phase of a future redundant evacuation path for Ruacana Power Station, provide an integration point for future transmission integration of the proposed Baynes Hydropower Project, and provide an integration point for future transmission interconnection between the Namibian and Angolan grids.

The Minister of Mines, Tom Alweendo officially inaugurated the substations. At the same event NamPower handed over the “Otjirindi Otjikoto”

borehole to the community of Otjekua where the Kunene substation is situated. NamPower constructed the borehole as part of the Kunene Substation project, for the supply of water for basic use at the substation, but saw the need to share this resource with the surrounding community, and so installed a water tank, tap and water trough for easy access.

NamPower will continue to fulfill its social responsibility and its core mandate of ensuring security of supply and we pledge to continue investing in Namibia and her people in a sustainable manner, for the development of Namibia at large.

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## TIDRET x Fikile Simposi Life before Electricity

Source: EIF Namibia

*Fikile Simposi will never forget the day she was told she would be receiving electricity from the the TIDRET project.*

"To the partners who made this possible, thank you for all your efforts and to Erongo Red that allowed the TIDRET project to put electricity for us."

This life- changing event brought endless joy to the community but more to the community but more so to her family of two. Unti; recently Simposi was a housewife, but everything seems to be going in her favour lately as she will be starting a new job soon.o.

Until recently Simposi was a housewife, but everything seems to be going in her favour lately as she will be starting a new job soon. "God has not forgotten me. I have been staying in the Federation's house without electricity for two years now, and now we finally have electricity. And I start a new job in the coming days. No words can explain the joy in my heart." Days and nights were long without electricity she said. They would use other people's fridges to store meat, charge mobile phones, including laundry which didn't come cheap. Normally she would pay N\$ 100.00 for a batch of

laundry and N\$ 2.00 to charge her mobile phone, which has a battery life of about 2-3 days.

"I am extremely happy that I can now use my own fridge, do my laundry and charge my phone. I can now say that I have everything at home" said Simposi. Life before electricity also meant when her house would run out of gas, they would have to make a fire outside. "In Swakopmund, it is hard because firewood is hard to come by, so we had to opt for pallets but getting a hold of that was also a struggle, or we needed to fork out more money to buy wood," she proclaimed. My husband is very happy about this change too. Further expressing herself she said gone are the days they would wake up and look for matches to light a candle.

Now it is just a click of a button and then there is light. "Gone are the days I do laundry with my hands which brought me blisters and bleeding hands. "My hands can rest now" she stated. Fikile said that they are equally excited for the next batch of people who are yet to receive electricity. She urges them not to give up hope and reminds them of how long they waited for the houses. "We waited for 17 years for these houses, until we finally got them. Just be patient. It will come." When asked if she had a message to the implementing partners Fikile said "to the partners who made this possible, thank you for all your efforts and to Erongo Red that allowed the TIDRET project to put electricity for us."

The TIDRET Project is an initiative lead by the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia (EIF) under the European Union's Climate Change and Inclusive Use of Natural Resources Project (CCIU-EU) of the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) administered through the GIZ.

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The Ongos Valley Foundation is dedicated to fostering responsible and meaningful connections with the communities surrounding our development.

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## Youth Business Masterclass

Source: One Economy Foundation



**Usuta Katuuo**  
Pitch Competition Winner

*Yesterday the YO! team concluded the two-day Youth Business Masterclass in Gobabis . The sessions were led by industry experts who shared their knowledge and spoke to young entrepreneurs on how to manage their businesses and thrive in the age of innovation .*

Dylan Mukoroli tackled the topic Market Data Analysis. He stated that it is a fundamental component of entrepreneurship that enables informed decision making as it reduces risks and maximises opportunities in a competitive business environment. The entrepreneurs learned about financing options available at Old Mutual such as OM Seed.

Godfriedt Mukoroli explained that such opportunities target grass-root entrepreneurs and can encourage them to create sustainable businesses that will propel job creation. Tisoyaone Olibile focused on money management. During her presentation, she outlined 5 steps of budgeting which are: - Learn what you earn - Know what you owe - Reflect and change your expenses - Draw up a budget - Review your budget. Marketing is an essential aspect of entrepreneurship, as explained by Levi Katire, who defined it as creating awareness of your business.



He advised the entrepreneurs to pay attention to aspects of branding such as the logo, colours and overall look as that attracts customers. Pinehas Shikulo spoke on the importance of value chain. He said it's crucial as it helps entrepreneurs understand their process from raw materials to the final product. He stated that networking is linked to value chain as it provides opportunities for value chains to improve.

Regina Muyatwa, a social worker spoke on mental health. She described it as the emotional resilience that allows us to enjoy life & survive. She urged the entrepreneurs to take care of their mental health by practising self-care & seeking professional help if they aren't feeling well.

The entrepreneurs also learned about business pivoting from Blacky Tjingaete. He stated that pivoting is necessary to ensure a company's survival, growth and tolerance and the business to respond effectively to external and internal changes. The Governor of the Omaheke Region, Hon. Pijoo Nganate, paid us a visit. He expressed his delight at seeing young people taking the initiative to sustain themselves.

He also thanked ONE for empowering young entrepreneurs in Omaheke. We had an exhilarating pitch competition where 2 micro-entrepreneurs walked away with exciting prizes. Renishe Beukes walked away with N\$10,000.00 while Usuta Katuuo won N\$15,000.00

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***The Economist Businesswomen Association is looking for Mentors and Mentees to participate in the one year programme starting February 2024. Closing date for applications is 10 November 2023.***



# ARTS, CRAFTS & CULTURE

We delve into the captivating world of creativity, as well as giving you a background on some of the country's leading & upcoming personalities

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## EU Film Festival Presents: 'Capitães de Abril'

Source: EU Film Festival Press Release



Ready for the next movie? We'll be screening the Portuguese movie 'Capitães de Abril' on 25th October 2023 at 7pm. The venue is The Village Opera House on Lilliencron street. Entrance is free, so grab your popcorn and join us for a fun night.

### SYNOPSIS:

In Portugal, late in the night of April 24 to 25, 1974, the radio broadcasts an outlawed song: "Grândola". It could have just been an act of insubordination by a rebellious journalist. It was in fact the preplanned signal triggering the military coup which was to change the face of this country and the destiny of vast territories in Africa.

To the voice of the poet José Afonso, the insurgent troops took over the barracks. At three in the morning they would march on Lisbon. Shortly after the unfortunate military coup in Chile, the Portuguese Revolution stood out for the adventurous yet peaceful and lyrical nature of its course

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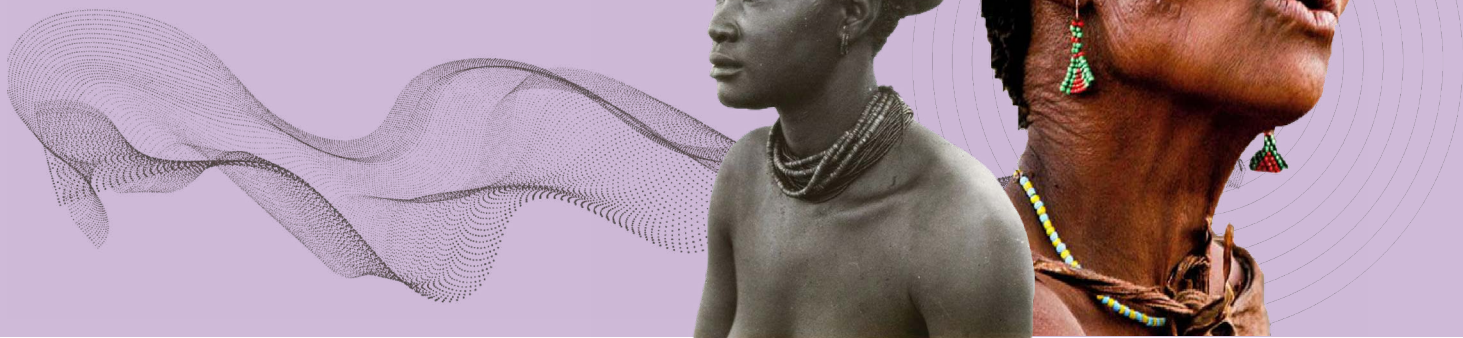
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The session will be an informative dive into the realm of franchising with renowned South African companies. Participants will learn business models, uncover the pathways to becoming a successful franchisee, and discover how they can embark on a prosperous franchising journey.

Date : 30 October 2023  
 Time : 10:00  
 Venue : Virtual (online)

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Application Period: 21 September – 31 October 2023  
 Deadline for Submission: 31 October 2023 at 23:59

The National Commission on Research, Science and Technology (NCRST) within the framework of the Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Strategy, invites interested applicants to submit proposals to undertake research in the following areas:

- Enhancing energy security and waste management in the industrial and agricultural sectors.
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**TO APPLY:** Visit [www.ncrst.na/calls](http://www.ncrst.na/calls) and apply.

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Issued: Thursday, 19 October 2023

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