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Namibia Investment Promotion & Development Board (NIPDB) & Sanlam, launch 2023 Bridge Programme

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By CLIFTON MOVIRONGO

Sanlam in partnership with Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board (NIPDB) announced the opening of the 3rd entrepreneurial support Sanlam Bridge programme. Businesses that have been operating for not more than a year or have a feasible business idea but lack the financial resources to grow their business. 10 candidates will be selected to participate pitch opportunity facilitated by NIPDB and stand a chance to receive funding to the value of N\$50,000. Entrepreneurs between the age of 18 - 35 are encouraged to apply.

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Capricorn Foundation Food Waste Challenge Phase 2 attracts vast interest

By Mrs. MARLIZE HORN



Mrs. MARLIZE HORN
Executive Officer- Capricorn Foundation

The Capricorn Foundation announced the successful conclusion of entries for phase two of its Food Waste Challenge (FWC). In line with its vision to be Connectors of Positive Change, the Foundation previously called for innovative solutions that can create or expand self-sufficient social enterprises (businesses) to address the issue of food waste in Namibia and create employment for Namibians when it officially launched the Challenge in April 2023.

"We are excited to announce that we have received 277 registrations for the challenge and that 152 submissions were formally entered. Thus, we had more entries this year compared to last year's Challenge. These submissions included individual, team, and business entity participants," said Rikus Grobler, Capricorn Group's Manager of Innovation and project coordinator of the Challenge.

The FWC was based on an open innovation platform, offering a cash prize of N\$100 000 from the Capricorn Foundation plus a branding refresh and a marketing package from Synergi Marketing PTY Ltd worth N\$50 000. Other project partners included Business Box Windhoek and the Gondwana Care Trust. The Capricorn Foundation sought ideas that would use social entrepreneurship to radically reduce food waste while also creating employment opportunities with the outcome of new possibilities in addressing the basic need for food security for the most vulnerable people while positively impacting society to improve the quality of life of many Namibians.

The entries received were mostly from Namibia and Botswana. Many entries were from students and young adults with diverse ideas of which some were focused on technological solutions, using food waste as compost to grow and produce other value-adding products and animal feeds, collecting and distributing food, awareness of food waste, and others focused on specific communities and areas.

The Capricorn Foundation confirmed that they are currently busy with Round 1 evaluations conducted by 7 internal judges from Capricorn Group to get to the top 5 entries or the semi-finalists which will be announced on 7 June 2023. The 5 semi-finalists will then be coached and mentored by Business Box from 8 to 16 June 2023 to prepare and polish their business pitches for the final round titled "The Eagles Den" on 22 June 2023, where they will present their business proposals to the judging panel in a live environment. The idea is to "groom" the potential entrepreneurs to learn the skills of how to "promote" their business idea and raise funding for their ventures, and in doing so, also inspire their fellow Namibians. Finally, the announcement of the winning entry is expected to occur by 13 July 2023. "This year's Challenge was for a business proposal (social enterprise) and the submissions were much more detailed in nature compared to last year where only ideas were requested. Once again, we are grateful and amazed by Namibians' creativity in coming up with solutions to address the issue of food waste and their compassion for their fellow Namibians. We look forward to the announcement of the winning solution", said Marelize Horn, Executive Officer of the Capricorn Foundation.

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The Social Agenda e-newspaper is a project that started in 2019. We have since created 4 issues.

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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.

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XOXO,

Ms. Tuna Willem

Editor in chief



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As co-founder and managing director of award-winning social enterprise, EBIKES4AFRICA, Marita Walther represents a women-led entity that works to empower African communities through sustainable mobility and energy. With a background in media, journalism and social sciences, Marita is passionate about gender and youth empowerment, uplifting local communities and preserving the natural environment for future generations.



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CITIZEN'S CONNECT | Mr. Gideon Mawenge

The Marginalized Mirror is a non-profit organization that was established in August 2021 with the goal of providing support and empowerment to the Indigenous Ovazemba community in Namibia. By focusing on the unique struggles and barriers faced by these communities, the organization aims to create positive and sustainable change in their lives. Through various initiatives and programs

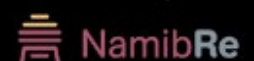


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The Ovazemba community relies on agriculture, specifically the cultivation of crops and the raising of livestock such as goats, sheep, and cattle, for its survival. However, frequent droughts have led to the loss of dairy products and traditional crops that are typically grown during the rainy season.

To address these issues of social and economic marginalization, the organization has developed a plan to establish a community-based irrigation project, known as a common-resource, which aims to produce horticultural and agronomic crops for human consumption and livestock feed. By cultivating these crops and fodder, the project aims to provide sustenance for the community and their livestock, as well as create economic opportunities by selling any surplus produce. The project not only focuses on reducing poverty and ensuring food security but also aims to generate employment, restore the environment, and promote a harmonious relationship between culture, nature, and the environment to achieve ecological restoration and sustainable community benefits.

The long-term impact of this project is to uplift the community socially and economically by providing sustainable work opportunities, revitalizing the neighborhood, building resilience against climate change, ensuring food security, improving health, expanding agricultural activities, enhancing biodiversity, promoting a harmonious coexistence with nature, and fostering responsible investments in agriculture and food systems through training and capacity development in Ovazemba culture-led regenerative agriculture.

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Ohorong Cement

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By Ms. ALINA NELENGE

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Support Ulm e.V. was established by a group of medical doctors who made it their aim to support medical projects throughout the world. They support various projects by means of financial, humanitarian as well as through donations.

The donation was handed over by Mr. Sion Amalovu, the Logistics Manager of Ohorongong Cement, to the Minister of Health and Social Services, Hon. Dr. Kalumbi Shangula, on 11 May 2023.

Amalovu highlighted that the donation was specifically aimed to improve medical services within the Ministry of Health, when fulfilling its obligation of providing basic health needs towards the Namibian people as enshrined in the Namibian Constitution.

"I am happy to confirm that, since the establishment of the partnership between Support e.V, the Ministry of Health and Social Services and Ohorongong Cement in 2009, we have spent over N\$ 77 million supporting a whole number of social projects and out of the N\$ 77 million, N\$ 64.8 million has been tallied to medical supplies and equipment, including today's donation," said Amalovu.

Amalovu also expressed gratitude towards Blaauw's Transport, a valuable CSI partner of Ohorongong Cement, for donating transportation and logistical services of the medical equipment from the Walvis Bay port to Windhoek.

In his acceptance remark, Hon. Dr. Kalumbi Shangula mentioned that the donation will go a long way in improving service delivery to patients and clients who seek medical care in health facilities across the country.

The donation is considered an extension to the existing measures used for the safeguarding of lives and enhancing the ability to treat and care for all patients

promptly, additionally the donation also lays the groundwork for future collaboration in promoting health and prosperity for all.

As part of the Harambee Prosperity Plan II, the health sector is expected to provide inclusive services, harnessing public-private partnerships, and pursuing the ethos of leaving no one behind, this Hon Dr. Shangula highlighted as he indicated that 80% of the Namibian population depends on public health care services and hence the high commendations extended to Support e.V Ulm and Ohorongong Cement (Pty) Ltd for its commitment and valuable support to the Ministry of Health and Social Services and to the people of Namibia at large.

The consistent support emanating from the relationship of Support e.V Ulm and Ohorongong Cement (Pty) Ltd who have become regular supporters to our health sector has over the past three years made several valuable donations to the Ministry of Health and Social Services, said Hon Dr. Shangula.

The event ended on the note of Shiksha ka Daan that, "True value of one's life can be measured if the person is able to make a significant difference in someone's life".



Hon. Dr. Kalumbi Shangula received the donation of medical equipment to the worth of N\$ 1.5 million from Mr. Sion Amalovu who represented Support e.V. and Ohorongong Cement, flanked by Dr. Utjua Muinjangue Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services, Mr. Deon Blaauw of Blaauws Transport and Senior Officials from the Ministry of Health and Social Services.

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How Companies and Foundations Can Use Technology to Create Positive Social Change

By Ms. MIGNON DU PREEZ



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Old Mutual Group Marketing, Public Affairs, and Sustainability Executive

Corporate social responsibility (CSR) has become an increasingly important consideration for companies and foundations seeking to make a positive social impact. With advances in technology, there are more opportunities than ever before to leverage technology to create positive social change. However, there are also risks and challenges associated with the use of technology for CSR.

In this article, I will explore the opportunities and challenges of using technology in CSR and provide best practices for the responsible and ethical use of technology.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR TECHNOLOGY IN CSR

Technology offers a wealth of opportunities for CSR initiatives. For example, companies and foundations can leverage technology to scale their impact, improve efficiency, and enhance effectiveness. One example is the use of machine learning and artificial intelligence (AI) to analyse large data sets and identify patterns and trends that can inform targeted interventions and policy recommendations.

In addition to improving efficiency and effectiveness, technology can also enhance the inclusivity and accessibility of CSR initiatives. For example, digital platforms and tools can make it easier for marginalized communities to participate in decision-making and advocacy efforts. Technology can also help to bridge the digital divide and improve access to education, healthcare, and other essential services.

CHALLENGES OF TECHNOLOGY IN CSR

Despite the many opportunities presented by technology for CSR, there are also challenges and risks associated with its use. One of the primary challenges is ensuring that technology-driven CSR initiatives are designed and implemented ethically and responsibly. This means taking into account issues such as data privacy and security, algorithmic bias, and unintended consequences of technology.

Another challenge is ensuring that technology-driven CSR initiatives do not exacerbate existing social inequalities. For example, initiatives that rely heavily on digital platforms and tools may unintentionally exclude marginalized communities that do not have access to these technologies. Additionally, technology-driven initiatives may inadvertently reinforce biases and stereotypes if they are not designed with diversity and inclusion in mind.

BEST PRACTICES FOR LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY IN CSR

1. To ensure that technology-driven CSR initiatives are designed and implemented responsibly and ethically, it is important to follow best practices that prioritize inclusivity, diversity, and community engagement.

Some best practices for leveraging technology in CSR include:

2. Conduct regular impact assessments to identify potential risks and unintended consequences of

technology-driven initiatives.

3. Engaging in ongoing dialogue with stakeholders to ensure that initiatives are responsive to community needs and priorities.
4. Co-creating initiatives with community members and other stakeholders to ensure that they are designed with diversity and inclusion in mind.
5. Prioritizing data privacy and security by implementing robust data protection policies and practices Incorporating algorithmic fairness and transparency into technology-driven initiatives to mitigate the risk of bias and discrimination

In conclusion, technology offers a wealth of opportunities for companies and foundations seeking to create positive social impact through CSR initiatives. However, it is important to approach the use of

technology in CSR with caution and care, considering the potential risks and challenges. By following best practices for the ethical and responsible use of technology, companies, and foundations can leverage the power of technology to create more inclusive, equitable, and sustainable communities. The future of CSR is bright, and technology will undoubtedly play a critical role in shaping the impact of CSR initiatives for years to come.

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The Sanlam Bridge Programme

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This programme is intended for future entrepreneurs who either already have a registered business not older than one year or have a feasible business idea but lack the financial resources they require to grow their business or turn their ideas into reality.

Funded by Sanlam and facilitated by NIPDB, the Sanlam Bridge aims to empower young citizens with the opportunity to acquire the necessary skills to run their businesses and receive the essential seed capital to get them started.

Additional to initially funding the projects and providing mentorship and coaching, Sanlam Bridge is now providing a platform that aims at bridging the gap between businesses/MSMEs and financial institutions like banks, and equity funders, thus making them more attractive for future funding, according to Sanlam.

The Sanlam Bridge Programme also creates opportunities for youth-led businesses to promote business innovation and help diversify the Namibian economy. Further, it creates employment opportunities as the idea is about giving a chance to young people to produce and generate their income. The programme is open to young Namibians aged between 18 and 35 years of age.

“For the past few years, we’ve seen a wide variety of businesses coming up due to this programme. Many of these have gone on to grow, creating employment for other Namibians. As Sanlam, we are once again excited to be able to offer young Namibians the opportunity to turn their business dreams into reality through the Sanlam Bridge”. Prinzensky added that to ensure more Namibians benefit from the programme, the team will select the top 10 candidates who will participate in a pitch opportunity facilitated by NIPDB,” said Laurencia Prinzensky, Sanlam’s Marketing and Communications Manager.



She also emphasized that the NIPDB will be responsible for coordinating the pitch competition, including pitch training and developing the evaluation criteria.

“We urge all young Namibians from all around the country to apply,” she added.

According to her, Sanlam annually selects five businesses from across the country, from different industries each receiving N\$50,000 in seed capital coupled with training and mentorship. “All 5 businesses will automatically benefit from the following NIPDB MSME incentives: branding masterclasses, financial symposiums, digital boot camps, business support weeks, and the Start Improve Your Business Training Programme,” she said.

Subsequently, the top five winners will be selected and continue the programme, which will see them receive N\$50 000 seed capital coupled with training and mentorship. An overall winner will be announced towards the end of the year to receive an additional N\$50,000.

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Namibia's president recently signed a projected \$10 billion deal that calls for Namibia and the German company Hyphen Energy to produce "green hydrogen," a clean energy source that advocates see as the fuel of the future.

Hyphen Energy last Friday concluded a multibillion-dollar agreement with the Namibian government to construct the project in the Tsau Khaeb National Park.

If a study finds the project to be feasible, Hyphen will build factories, pipelines and ports with the goal of producing 2 million tons of ammonia by 2030.

The ammonia, which could be used as fuel, would be produced using renewable energy sources like solar and wind power. The project would also produce oxygen and electricity for local consumption.

Speaking to the Voice of America, Namibia's green hydrogen commissioner and economic adviser to the president, James Mnyupe, said Hyphen Energy has made agreements with companies from Germany, England, South Korea and Japan that will ensure buyers for the company's main products.

The green hydrogen project, he said, will be vertically integrated.

"In other parts of the world you might get one player developing the port, another player developing the pipelines, another player developing the renewable energy and so on and so forth, whereas this project, we are envisioning to do all of that under one umbrella and that is what a vertically integrated project looks like," he said.

Hyphen's chief executive officer, Marco Raffinetti, said securing funding for green hydrogen projects is a massive undertaking but the investments are necessary if the world is to reduce the carbon output from fossil fuels which drive climate change.

Raffinetti said alternative sources of power, such as solar energy, were very expensive 20 years ago

Namibia Signs \$10 Billion Green Energy Deal With Germany's Hyphen

By VITALIO ANGULA



MR. JAMES MNYUPE

Namibia's green hydrogen commissioner and Economic adviser to the president



but have gradually become cheaper. He said green hydrogen might follow the same trajectory.

Namibian political commentators have raised red flags, however, regarding the speedy adoption of the project that is being spearheaded by the presidency. They question whether the project actually has national buy-in.

Speaking to VOA, political analyst Pendapala Hangala expressed some reservations about the project.

“This is a 45-year project, and a 40-year project, and ... I don’t think it went through the right due process, and it is not clear what is going on because we are also looking at critical raw material.... It’s a comprehensive project, which is being fast tracked, that is my concern,” he said.

This green hydrogen project is touted as the largest of its kind in sub-Saharan Africa.

Other countries such as Morocco are also embarking on green hydrogen projects, and Namibian commentators question what competitive advantage Namibia would have with exports over countries in closer proximity to Europe, which is viewed as the main buyer.

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ABOUT US

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.

PURPOSE

To positively contribute to achieving global decarbonisation goals through green hydrogen development in Namibia

VISION

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Johannes !Gawaxab
Governor of the Bank of Namibia

“ The positive reception of the SME Economic Recovery Loan Scheme is a source of encouragement. It underscores the pressing demand for such assistance for small and medium-sized enterprises in Namibia. We are convinced that the provision of loans will significantly contribute to the revival of businesses. We are steadfast in our dedication to ensuring the scheme's accessibility to eligible small and medium-sized enterprises nationwide. ”

SMEs are encouraged to contact their respective commercial banks and the Development Bank of Namibia for further consultation and application procedures.



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NBC and TRUSTCO ink agreement to foster positive change

By ADEKUNLE OWOLABI



The Namibian Broadcasting Corporation (NBC) this week signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Trustco Group Holdings in Windhoek. The agreement aims to harness the power of media to foster positive change, empower local talents, and promote meaningful dialogue.

Signing this MoU comes as part of NBC's ongoing commitment and efforts to forge strong partnerships with key players in fields related, but not limited, to media, information and communication technology, public relations, and marketing and archives, creating long-term sustainable growth for all stakeholders.

Following the signing ceremony, the two parties jointly agreed to execute the following upon the signing of the MoU, pillars of media training, local content development, marketing and branding enhancement, educational awareness on developmental and economic issues, and a Miss Namibia media partnership.

NBC Director General, Stanley Similo, said that the parties recognize the importance of cooperation to promote and develop areas of mutual interest. "It is against this background that NBC and Trustco enter into this mutually beneficial agreement with the desire to establish a formal basis for cooperation in content development and sharing, brand enhancement, and news stories exchange," he commented.

Meanwhile, Trustco Deputy Chief Executive, Quinton Z Van Rooyen, said that their organization is a diversified investment group with a culture of creating long-term sustainable growth for all stakeholders and has done so for the past 30 years.

"At Trustco, we view cyclical setbacks and the need for constant adaptation and improvement in our operating environments as catalysts that drive our success, Van Rooyen said, adding that through this partnership, they aim to harness the power of media to foster positive change, empower local talents, and promote meaningful dialogue on important societal and economic issues.

"Together, we will shape a future where knowledge, creativity, and responsible media, in driving progress and inspire our nation. We are truly honored to embark on this transformative venture and look forward to the positive impact we will create together," he added.

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Ambassadors donate to visually impaired school in Namibia

By ADEKUNLE OWOLABI



To mark the 60th Anniversary of the African Union, the African Group of Ambassadors accredited to Namibia came together at the School for the Visually Impaired in Khomasdal, Windhoek on May 22, 2023. Their purpose was to present a generous donation consisting of various items and fencing materials. This event symbolized solidarity and a shared commitment to inclusivity across the African continent.

Honourable Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of International Relations, expressed her gratitude to the African diplomats in

Namibia for their contributions to the noble cause of supporting the School for the Visually Impaired. Honourable Nandi-Ndaitwah acknowledged that their donation showcased their unwavering dedication to ensuring that every African child receives the support they need.

The Deputy Prime Minister stressed the paramount importance of prioritizing the well-being of children in all plans and programs. She emphasized the need to place children at the forefront of Agenda 2063, implementing targeted strategies, measurable results, and policy measures that cater to their specific needs. By supporting the School for the Visually Impaired, the African Group of Ambassadors demonstrated their commitment to the well-being and development of Namibian children.

Honourable Nandi-Ndaitwah praised the African ambassadors for actively engaging in community projects throughout Namibia, highlighting the strong bonds of friendship and solidarity between the country and African nations. This partnership reflects the essence of Africa and the collective effort to address common challenges.

Ambassador Jovelina Imperial e Costa, Dean of the African Heads of Mission and Ambassador of Angola to emphasized the ambassadors' commitment to supporting Namibia's development initiatives. She highlighted their involvement in the country's progress as an integral part of their diplomatic work. Ambassador Imperial e Costa expressed confidence that the donation to the School for the Visually Impaired would contribute to solving African problems and achieving the United Nations' sustainable goals..

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**Environmental Investment Fund
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Namibia to host 2023 SADC-Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) Network Forum

Development Finance Institutions in Namibia, namely, Agribank, Development Bank of Namibia, Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia and the National Housing Enterprise, are set to host the 2023 SADC-DFIs network forum meetings, under the SADC Development Finance Resource Centre (SADC-DFRC). The engagements are scheduled to be held from 6 - 9 June 2023, in Swakopmund, under the theme "Balancing DFI developmental mandate with sustainability."

The DFRC is a lean organization staffed by professional staff in the strategic areas and employs a collaborative approach which involves utilization of complementary external technical partners in its focal areas, and serves as a facilitator and catalyst to DFIs, SADC governments and other key development stakeholders.

Its mandate is to promote the effective mobilization of resources by the financial sector, in particular the DFIs, for investment in key areas with the potential to stimulate growth, generate employment and alleviate poverty, in line with the objectives of SADC under the Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP).

Against this background, the objective of the forum is to discuss and share experiences on how DFIs have been able to mobilise appropriately priced (low cost) capital to meet their developmental mandates and close existing market gaps, particularly in such sectors as SMMEs and infrastructure development that, due to

a number of factors such as high risk and long project gestation periods, have traditionally been shunned by commercial banks.

Thus, the forum will discuss available resources to DFIs on the domestic and international capital markets, nature, conditions of access and climate change financing institution such as the Green Climate Fund among others.

Furthermore, the forum will also look into how DFIs have fared under different forms of regulation and governance structures and how these impact their sustainability and what would be best practice in these areas.

To address DFI sustainability and effective mandate execution, the forum will draw speakers from MFIs, ICPs, DFIs and regional organisations that focus on DFI regulation and governance, among others. Panel discussions consisting largely of network member DFIs will constitute the main focus of the forum as this would present the opportunity to share information and experiences and the adoption of emerging best practices.

Besides DFI CEOs and senior executives, the forum will also be attended by senior officials of regional and international DFIs, resource mobilisation specialists and Government officials, among other development stakeholders. The Deputy Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises, Hon. Maureen Hinda-Mbuende, will officiate at the event.

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Cooking with Fortune

By Ms. FORTUNE KANGUEEHI



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Private Chef | Teacher | Marketer

Fortune Kangueehi is a self taught cook who was the very first Namibian to be a finalist on Masterchef South Africa's first season. She has since flourished as a television show cook, working with many of Namibia's brands. In 2019, she won the Namibia Chefs Association Amateur chef of the year competition.

After a 15 year career in advertising, media and marketing, Fortune has hung up her heels for the apron. Her Vision is to teach everyday Namibians to prepare delicious, nutritious meals and evoke a passion for produce and flavour combinations.

"My career in advertising, media and marketing combined with my love for food, people and brands has culminated to "Cooking With Fortune", she says.

ABOUT ME

- Self Taught Cook
- Masterchef South Africa Season 1 Finalist
- Television Cook
- Namibia Chefs Association Amateur Chef of the Year 2019

VISION

To teach everyday Namibians to prepare delicious, nutritious meals and evoke a passion for products and flavour combinations

PREVIOUS WORK 2023

- Distell wine extravaganza
- Grove mall Heart of food ladies night



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Meet PAPA Shikongeni, Namibian Artist

By STAFF WRITER



PAPA SHIKONGENI Namibian Musician

Starting his career as an apprentice under the famous Joe Madisia, Shikongeni has won many prestigious awards and toured with his work internationally. His cardboard prints have been exhibited around the world, through Sweden, Russia, Germany, Finland, Zimbabwe, Senegal and Botswana.

HOW DID YOU BECOME AN ARTIST?

I did not become an artist, I was born an artist. Art is a gift from the creator. In my early stages in school, I always took part in art competitions, be it Shell art competition or Environment art competition. I used to draw art for other students in schools, in Biology. Growing up we were very active children, unlike modern children. We started doing art by making wire cars and carving weapons for hunting birds, which is a form of Arts & Craft.

My first art was singing, my first cry on this earth was a song. As I baby I always cried a lot, it is believed that those who cried too much are singers.

WHICH PATH DID YOU TAKE FIRST, MUSIC OR THE VISUAL ARTIST ROUTE?

The music was my first path, when I was in exile I sang Freedom liberation songs. Music has been with me all my life. Back in High school I used to sing in the choir. Growing up my neighbor was a pastor, so I sang in the church choir. Upon returning from exile, I began making music with the mighty dreads. From there I became a dancer for Ras Sheehama. Music was first but after I met Mr. Madisia, he shared with me his wisdom.

He said, it is good to do visual arts because you do it as a solo act unlike doing music in a band. Visual arts allowed me to be self-confident, self-disciplined.

When we got back from exile, music was all we had post exile. Music was a means of healing from the war. We never received any counselling from the trauma, Art was our form of therapy.

WHAT INFLUENCE HAVE YOU HAD ON THE ARTIST COMMUNITY?

I spearheaded the cardboard technique, which was invented in Namibia. We did workshops in Senegal, Kenya, DRC, Sweden, Finland, Botswana, and so many more. Some of the artist I taught, are now giving workshops.

WHAT DID YOU DO TO MASTER YOUR ART?

I was mentored by Mr. Joseph Madisia. He also took me to Franco Cultural Centre. I studied there before becoming a teacher there myself. I become better by practicing. Every time I do art, I am learning something new. The more I practice I develop. Comparing my new art with my old art, I see development.

HOW DO YOU APPROACH YOUR CREATIVE PROCESS?

The creativity depends on the time and spirituality. I follow my spirit, soul, body and heart. I see visions and dream art. Sometimes I dream colors, or the ideas come while I am listening to something. It comes by itself.

WHAT MOTIVATES YOU TO KEEP MAKING ART?

I am inspired by you, I am inspired by the students. I'm inspired by the idea of showing them that they can survive through what I am doing. Furthermore, Art is healing, Art is therapy. That is why people buy our art. Art brings people peace and joy.

WHAT CAN WE EXPECT FROM YOU IN THE NEAR FUTURE?

So far in my music career I have released 7 albums, I have 3 albums which I intend to release. Each of these albums have a different target listening group. One for the youth, for the lovers of traditional music and another for the international scene. They are all ready for release but my heart and spirit will determine the right time to put it out.

IN WHAT WAYS CAN ORGANISATIONS ASSIST THE COLLEGE OF THE ARTS?

That would be to equip the students with material, tools & equipment.

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| FEATURE STORY |

Meet Gloria Del Mar, Namibian Songstress

By CHARENE LABUSCHAGNE



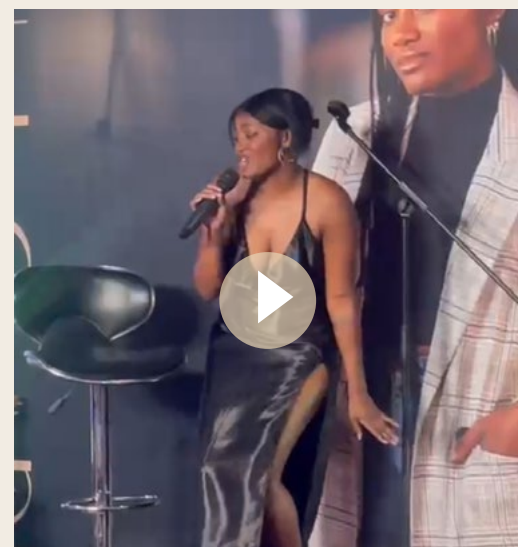
GLORIA DEL MAR Namibian Musician

Gloria developed a deep passion for music from a tender age, thanks to her mother's encouragement to explore various instruments like the piano, guitar, and violin. While her love for music blossomed early on, it was witnessing her siblings' performances in school plays that made her realize her dream included pursuing a career in musical theatre. While studying environmental economics in Los Angeles, Gloria temporarily set aside her musical aspirations to prioritize obtaining her degree.

While Gloria's music style is primarily acoustic, she incorporates various genres into her music. She describes her sound as a mix of pop, soul and folk, with a focus on telling stories through her lyrics. Her music is raw, authentic and deeply personal, drawing from her own experiences and emotions.

Gloria is bent on not only claiming her stake in the Namibian music scene, but also contributing to its collective growth. She believes that there is immense potential if everyone works together, adding that gatekeeping collaborators do the entire industry a disservice. "There is plenty of pie for everyone to go around," says Gloria. With a radiant smile, bubbly personality and heaps of talent, she is here to help serve it up!

VIEW PERFORMANCES



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- Registered Nurse
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 * Only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.
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