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The Social Agenda



Business quote of the week

"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today."

- H.Jackson Brown Jr

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NDTC and DIAMAN donated N\$700 000 to the Physically Active Youth programme.

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European Union & Konrad Adenauer Stiftung empowers 200 women from the NCA

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| FEATURE STORY |

Projects to equip youth with digital skills for E-government services being rolled out

| PUBLIC SECTOR |

Source : The Economist

The country is taking proactive steps to empower its citizens, particularly the youth, by introducing projects to enhance digital literacy and preparing them for the expanding realm of e-government services, an official said last week.

Speaking at a consultative stakeholder meeting, Deputy Minister of Information and Communication Technology, Hon Emma Theofelus emphasised the vital role of Information and Communication Technology (ICT) as an enabler of socio-economic development highlighting the need to ensure the availability, accessibility, and affordability of ICT services nationwide.

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Hon. Emma Theofelus

Deputy minister of Information, Communication and Technology of Namibia

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Editor's Notes

The Social Agenda e-newspaper is a project that started in 2019. We have since created 7 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.

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

XOXO,



Editor in chief



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Match and resource stakeholder needs to ecosystem resources.

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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

Citizens and their organisations, programmes, projects, brands, products or services.



| FEATURING |

CITIZEN'S CONNECT | Ms. Victoria Haihambo

Source : [Victoria Haihambo LinkedIn](#)

Victoria Haihambo is a tech entrepreneur, business coach, and author. with more than ten years of experience in local economic development and business support, gained over the years while working on a full-time job and managing a start-up company. **Agelvipa Online**, a multi-vendor e-commerce platform that connects small businesses with the market and offers capacity building services.



| FEATURING |

CITIZEN'S CONNECT | Mr.Risto Ashikoto

Source : [Risto Ashikoto LinkedIn](#)

Risto Ashikoto is a young Namibian entrepreneur, the founder of a manufacturing company by the name **Namaloe vera products**, which produces cosmetics and immune system boosters made from aloe plants in Namibia. He is also the founder of a boxing academy by the name **Power-Power** development and boxing academy in Windhoek Namibia.



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AGELVIPA ONLINE




The goal of the Agelvipa brand is to help micro-vendors in Namibia and the rest of Africa expose their goods to a larger market, expand, and sustain their operations. Agelvipa was established in 2019 and has since assisted more than 200 micro-businesses by providing training, mentorship, and opportunities for networking.

Victoria has won numerous start-up business awards on a national and international level.

Laureate for Women in Africa 54-year 2019 and represented Namibian women in Marrakesh, Morocco, at the **Women in Africa Summit and Bootcamp** in June 2019.

One of the 1000 **Laureates** from Africa for the "1000 Entrepreneurs Africa France Summit 2020."

She has won the prize for country winner for **Boost-up Scale-up Program 2020**, a startup competition sponsored by the **National Commission on Research, Science, and Technology (NCRST)** and **SAIS (Southern Africa Innovation Support)**. And was inducted as an Emerging Entrepreneur into the Namibia Business Hall of Fame in 2020.

Victoria also mentors startups in how to pitch for funding, and she is currently working on her fourth book, "Pitch like a Pro," a self-help book for business owners that will act as a pitch guide.

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NAM ALOE VERA



NamAloe Vera produces different types of products such as skincare products, hair products, cleaning products and also offers manufacturing training.

Ashikoto briefly explained the growth of his business as a result of hardworking and dedication from himself and his team. He started his business with only N\$ 250, and through his training and sales, he is now able to make approximately N\$ 50 000 monthly.

NamAloe further offers training to individuals interested in branching into created products from aloe. The goal is to train more than 10 000 people on how to manufacture products and manufacture products that are ready to get into the market by 2025.

NamAloe Vera received N\$40 000.00 by **SDGIF** Grant, and this year, October, they received N\$10 000.00 from Hon. Emma Teofelus, Deputy Minister of Information Communication and Technology as a Social Enterprise award. Additionally, the first lady, Madam Monica Geingos, rewarded them with N\$10 000.00.

He intends to use the pledged funds to mobilise training through out the country as they plan to travel the whole 14 regions to deliver quality training.

In 2023, their products will be in local stores. By 2025, **NamAloe Vera** has to be in some African countries.

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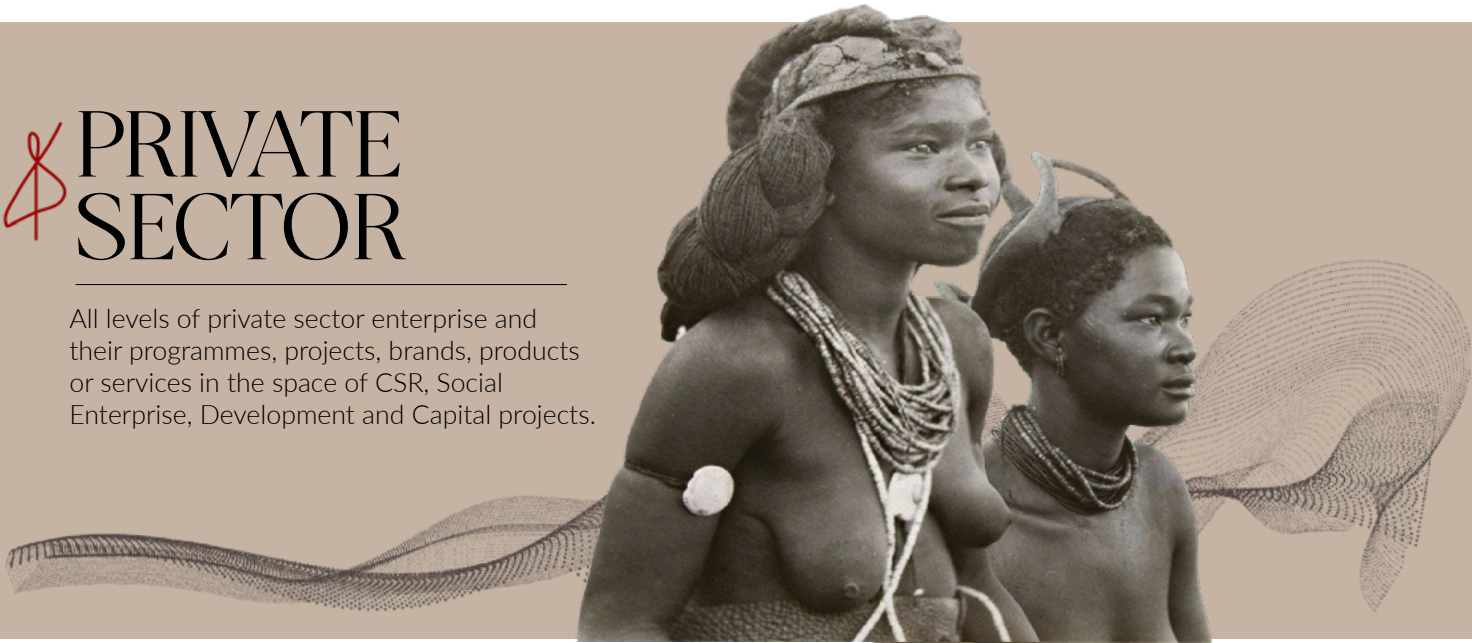


Climate change, human-wildlife conflict and population growth all threaten the future of Africa's wildlife. Rangers have the skills and knowledge to take on the fight, but growing pressures and demands mean gaps in funding are common place. Donate [\$/\$] 25 and support a one-day patrol for a ranger in a protected area, providing critical eyes and ears on the ground.

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All levels of private sector enterprise and their programmes, projects, brands, products or services in the space of CSR, Social Enterprise, Development and Capital projects.



| FEATURE STORY |



Bank Windhoek assists NIPDB in sending SMEs to the AB7 gathering

Source : Bank Windhoek Website

The Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SMEs) sector is strategically important to any nation as it aids in creating employment, poverty alleviation and economic growth. This statement was recently made by Bank Windhoek's Head of SME, Financial and Data Analytics, Bianca Janse Van Vuuren when she announced that the Bank would contribute N\$ 100 000 for three Namibian Micro Small Medium Enterprises (MSME) to participate at the Africa's Big 7 (AB7) Trade Exhibition in Johannesburg, South Africa. The event allows entrepreneurs to connect directly with buyers across Africa. It enables them to source products, develop new partnerships, and conclude export and import deals.

Shiwa's Bakery, Talamo Food Namibia and Zadeva Investment, owned by Shiwomeho Kalla, Erikson Malwa and Eva Shitaatala, are the MSMEs chosen to exhibit at the event, which will take place from Sunday, 18 June, to Tuesday, 20 June 2023. The participants said they are excited to showcase their products on an international and continental level. "Thanks to NIPDB and Bank Windhoek. This initiative reinforces sustainable growth for all SME'S involved," said Kalla.

In line with Namibia's National Development Agenda, Van Vuuren said that Bank Windhoek actively

supports the SME sector. "Our organisational purpose of being connectors of positive change is brought to life through sponsorships of this nature as we believe that this opportunity will bring about a positive outcome for the selected SMEs and ultimately lead to the growth of their respective industries," she said.

The three MSMEs were selected from the Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board's (NIPDB) existing Know2Grow High Potential Pool (K2G HPP), a specialised programme developed to assist MSMEs with significant export potential. The NIPDB developed the Know2Grow High Potential Pool Programme to aid in scaling the operations of export ready MSMEs with a high possibility of exporting their products.

NIPDB, as the coordinating entity, will host and showcase the selected Namibian MSMEs operating in the food and beverage sector at the Namibian Pavilion. NIPDB's Manager of Stakeholders and Communication, Shekutaamba Nepembe, said that his team always seeks ways to capacitate and empower MSMEs and benefit from multiple platforms such as Africa's Big 7. "These platforms provide our MSMEs access to global markets, expansion, and opportunities to network and find potential partners. Our products do not have to be limited to Namibian borders only," he said.

Van Vuuren concluded by thanking the NIPDB for choosing Bank Windhoek as a partner to kickstart this initiative. She wished the project team all the best.

PRESS RELEASE

www.bankwindhoek.com.na/Pages/News/Bank-Windhoek-supports-Doek-Literary-Awards-for-the-second-consecutive-year

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**NEDBANK**

The race of Nedbank Kapana Cook-Off 2023 champion kicks off in Oshakati

Source : Nedbank LinkedIn



EBBEN-EZER AMUYAGELE

Nedbank Kapana Cook-Off 2022 Competition winner

The Nedbank Kapana Cook-Off 2023 competition which launched in May this year, will have its first preliminary round at Oshakati on Saturday, 17 June 2023, where more than 150 kapana enthusiasts are expected to showcase their kapana braaiing skills.

The competition, which is in its ninth year, will have three preliminary rounds in the northern region, coastal region, and central region, where three finalists from each region will be chosen to take part in the final, which will see the overall winner walk away with a cash prize of N\$10 000 as well as a fully furnished mobile food truck worth N\$ 100 000.

Nedbank Namibia Manager for Communication and PR, Selma Kaulinge, said that the competition holds significance especially in the northern region where it originated nine years ago.

“The Nedbank Kapana Cook-Off competition reminds us that success is not solely measured the achievements, but by the joy of collaborating, fostering unity and savoring the delightful tapestry of cultures that make our communities thrive.

Through this competition, we have provided a platform for informal traders to use their skills and stand a chance at winning themselves the grand prize which will enable them to start their own venture and contribute to their communities. This has what we envisaged with this competition when we started it almost a decade ago,” she said.

“We want to wish the chefs best of luck on the day, it will be an exciting season of Kapana”, she concluded.

The competition will continue with the coastal round in Walvis Bay on Saturday, 8 July, the central round in Windhoek on Saturday, 8 July, and with the final slated for Saturday, 26 August at the Ongwediva Trade Fair, in the northern town.

The Nedbank Kapana Cook-Off is co-sponsored by Bakpro, Agra, and Omulunga Radio.

PRESS RELEASE

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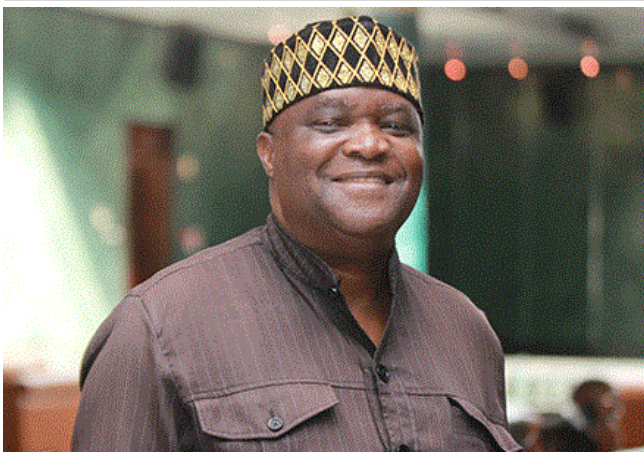


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Ohorongo Cement Donates cement to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety & Security

Source : Ohorongo Cement Press Release



Hon. Dr. Albert Kawana
Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration,
Safety and Security

Ohorongo Cement (Pty) Ltd, is one of Namibia's first cement manufacturers and owns one of the most modern cement plants in Africa.

The donation was handed over by Mr. Hans-Wilhelm Schütte, the Managing Director of Ohorongo Cement, to the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security, Hon. Dr. Albert Kawana, on Wednesday, 14 June 2023.

Ohorongo Cement (Pty) Ltd, responded to a kind request from the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security that sought aid in improving the living conditions of police officers deployed at the various border posts around the country.

The request was well received and urgently responded upon as Ohorongo Cement's token of appreciation and recognition of the valuable work that the police officers do in ensuring a safe Namibia.

While the donation aimed at the improvement of the living standards of the police officers at various postings within the country, "we feel this is also a

fulfilment of our obligation towards the Namibian nation as corporates in assisting our Government in conducting some of these vital services such as ensuring a safe Namibia" said Schutte.

In his acceptance remark, Hon. Dr. Albert Kawana, expressed gratitude towards Ohorongo Cement (Pty) Ltd for their noble gesture and showed great appreciation as Ohorongo Cement (Pty) Ltd was the first corporate to respond to his call for assistance.

Ohorongo Cement (Pty) Ltd demonstrated patriotism and unwavering support to the Government of Namibia by their noble gesture and such mutual corporations and understandings breeds success for the nation, said Hon. Dr. Kawana. The donation is considered a great contribution to the construction project aimed at ensuring conducive living standards for the Namibian Police Officers deployed at the various border posts across the country, who safeguard the internal affairs of the Namibian nation at large.

The Honorable Minister assured Ohorongo Cement (Pty) Ltd, that the donation will be utilized positively for its intended purpose and will be accounted for in accordance with a transparent accounting process.



Official handover by Mr.Hans-Wilhelm Schutte to the Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety & Security, Hon. Dr. Albert Kawana

The Minister further emphasized that some of the materials to construct proper living facilities such as cement are now in place and hence the construction process will speed up. Major General Elias Mutota of the Namibian Police was overwhelmed by the meaningful donation which he themed an encouragement to the police officers in carrying out their job in the reduction of crime.

Ohorongo Cement remains open to meet the Namibian government halfway where and when they can do so. The day ended on the words of Ohorongo Cement's Managing Director; "a safe nation is a prosperous nation to conduct business activities and live in as Namibians."

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<https://www.ohorongo-cement.com>

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A Legacy for African Wildlife: B2Gold's Commitment to Namibia's Cheetah Conservation

Source : B2Gold Website



B2Gold takes its environmental commitment – and its local legacies – seriously. And nowhere is this clearer than in Africa, where the company has been supporting the Namibia-based Cheetah Conservation Fund (CCF), headquartered near the B2Gold Otjikoto Mine operation, since 2012. In 2022 alone, B2Gold committed \$50,000 toward CCF research programs.

Namibia is home to the largest population of cheetahs in the world, with around 1,700 of the animals residing within its borders – out of around 7,100 total remaining in the world. While the big cats may be the world's fastest land mammal, they haven't been able to outrun the prime threats to their survival, including habitat loss, human-wildlife conflict and illegal wildlife trade. The species is listed as "vulnerable" by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species.

"They're Africa's most endangered big cat. They're the best hunter of all of the African plains, and we're losing them," said CCF founder and executive director Dr. Laurie Marker, while addressing the crowd at a B2Gold-hosted CCF fundraising event in Vancouver

this past April; the only Canadian stop on her North American spring tour. "But we can save them. Their survival is in our hands."

PARTNERS IN AFRICAN WILDLIFE CONSERVATION

Year after year, CCF works tirelessly toward its goal of saving cheetahs and their habitat in Namibia, Somaliland, and beyond – through research, conservation, and education programs built on community engagement. It's a mission that dovetails naturally with B2Gold's own journey to become a greener mining company, says Clive.

"Even back when we first went to Namibia and fell in love with the country, B2Gold's culture was about fairness, respect, and transparency – and how we could make a difference," says B2Gold President Clive Johnson. "We've always had that idea that we can leave a community better off than before we got there. And there are lots of different ways we've done that: education, agriculture, healthcare, and more. We met Laurie, and CCF, and quickly became kindred spirits in what we were looking to do in Namibia."

Laurie agrees and advocates for companies and wildlife-conservation organizations to work together to accomplish shared goals: "If we're going to have a sustainable earth, with our wildlife on the land, we need partners. And having good partners who have similar visions, I think, is really important as well," she says.

CCF research programs are aimed at establishing a sustainable model for human-wildlife coexistence, anchored in landscape-specific ecological and social understanding. This will require significant resources and efforts by all, notes Laurie – and stakeholders to help change the status quo and to support the transition to this sustainable model.

THE CCF LIVESTOCK GUARDING DOG PROGRAM



One of CCF's most successful initiatives has been its Livestock Guarding Dog program, which breeds and trains Anatolian shepherds and Kangal dogs at the CCF Namibia-based facility. The dogs are placed with farmers in hotspots of human-wildlife conflict and use their imposing presence and loud bark to warn off cheetahs and other predators. This prevents attacks on livestock and makes farmers less likely to trap or shoot cheetahs. In this way, the dogs provide non-lethal protection of herds – a measure that has reduced livestock losses due to predators by 90 per cent.

CCF conducts annual follow-ups to ensure the dogs are settling into their guardian roles, and to offer medical care. B2Gold's support has enabled CCF to expand the guard-dog program to more communities.

Read CCF's recent blog post on the Livestock Guarding Dog Program.

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION THROUGH RESEARCH AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH

B2Gold's support has also helped CCF to conduct essential research on cheetah behaviour, ecology, and genetics, which has informed conservation efforts in Namibia and beyond. The company has provided funding for CCF's research projects, and also permitted its own staff to participate as volunteers.

"We are a very holistic organization," says Laurie. "Our ecological programs are critical because if we want to understand how to live in harmony, we have to understand how the animals are living. Through our ecological programs, we study not only the cheetah, but other wildlife, as well as our soils and our vegetation – and all of that ties in."



In Somaliland, CCF is working with international partners and local communities to stop the illegal wildlife trade of cheetah cubs. CCF is providing care for more than 90 cheetahs that have been confiscated by authorities, with many of these now being transferred to a newly constructed sanctuary CCF Cheetah Rescue & Conservation Centre in Geed-Deeble.

In addition to its financial support, B2Gold has also been actively involved in CCF's community outreach programs, which aim to educate local communities

about the importance of conservation and sustainable living. The company has in turn hosted CCF staff at its mining operations to give them a firsthand look at the company's commitment to sustainability.

A SHARED COMMITMENT TO EDUCATION

Demonstrating CCF and B2Gold's full-circle commitment to education, young people from across Canada are also gaining valuable work experience at CCF – thanks to the organization's student intern program.

The program, based in CCF's Namibia facility, provides opportunities for students to deepen their learning and practical experience in a wide range of disciplines, including biology, animal science, genetics, and conservation. CCF has a veterinary clinic and a fully equipped genetics lab; the only one of its kind in Africa. Students return to Canada with a unique set of skills and knowledge that serve them well in their careers and communities.

To address growing demand for the program from students in Africa and internationally, CCF has built two new dormitories, one of which is named Canada House, as it was funded by B2Gold and another B.C. donor.

TOWARD A MORE SUSTAINABLE MINING INDUSTRY

Leaving a positive legacy is a guiding principle that is hardwired into B2Gold's culture of responsible mining.

If there's such a thing as a green mining company, I think we're aspiring to be that," says Clive. "You can be a responsible mining company and you can take care of the environment. You can do all the right things . . . you can take care of local communities and you can actually work on things like conservation."

As for Laurie, she's grateful to have strong industry partnerships in her quest to conserve one of Africa's most magnificent creatures.

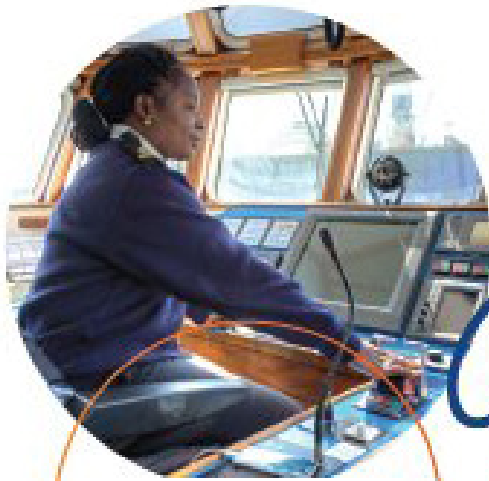
"Our motto is, save the cheetah, change the world. Because if we don't change the world, we won't have cheetahs and many of our other species," she says. "But together, we can go to scale, and go faster. We have to go cheetah speed."

To learn more about CCF and its work, visit the organization's website. Or, learn more about B2Gold's responsible mining practices around the world.

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Rural development and Income generating projects

Source : Financial Literacy Initiative

The **Ministry of Rural and Urban Development**, in collaboration with the **Kavango East Regional Council** provides assistance to businesses in the region, through its Rural Development and Income Generating Projects.

1. SME
2. With legal entity
3. Without legal entity
4. Startups
5. Micros
6. Equipment/Infrastructure
7. Starting a company
8. Growth/Expansion
9. Grant

ELIGIBILITY

Businesses must be specializing in the following areas:

Brick making projects, agricultural farming projects, fish farming projects, small scale mining projects, wood carving, catering, tailoring, poultry projects, gardening, rearing projects, knitting, basket making, shoe making, pottery projects.

1. Business owners must be Namibian.

2. Residing in rural areas.
3. Above the age of 18.
4. Individuals from marginalized and previously disadvantaged groups are encouraged to apply.
5. Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.
6. Individuals with project proposals that are economically viable.
7. SMEs that have proven to be expanding and growing.

VOLUME

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Application forms can be obtained from the Kavango East Regional Council. Duly completed applications must be submitted to Constituency Offices for recommendation. If project is not registered, it needs to be registered once the application has been approved.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

www.kavangoeastrc.gov.na

All enquiries must be directed to the Director of Planning and Development.

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5th Africa Youth in Tourism Innovation Summit and Challenge 2023

Top three finalists

The shortlisted innovators were drawn from a pool of 113 competitive young African innovators who pitched their ideas and solutions, from which 10 were selected and top 3 finalists chosen.

The winner of the 5th Africa Youth in Tourism Innovation challenge will be announced at the Tourism Leadership Forum and Awards, scheduled to take place in October 2023 in Botswana.



Ms. Ntshabo Lehong
South Africa



Mr. Cornelius Collins
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The National Innovation Challenge for Women (NICW 2021)

Source : NCRST LinkedIn



Winners : Ilotu Cosmetics; Awana Foods and Noi Coding Kids

The NCRST, in collaboration with the Social Security Commission, is proud to support the National Innovation Challenge for Women (#NICW 2021). This initiative aims to empower and accelerate the businesses of female entrepreneurs while raising awareness about potential careers in various sectors.

The NICW 2021 focuses on promoting innovation and entrepreneurship among women in the following sectors: Energy, Water, nutrition, and food security, Value addition on natural resources (Mineral beneficiation, Agro-processing, and Fish processing), Health, ICT/Technology, and Waste (upcycling). We believe that by empowering women in these areas, we can drive positive change and foster economic growth. We are thrilled to announce that the four national winners of the NICW 2021 will be attending and showcasing their exceptional products at the 8th Annual National Science, Technology, and Innovation Conference and Exhibition. This prestigious event is being hosted by the **Tanzanian Commission for Science and Technology (COSTECH)** in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. Only three out of the four winners are pictured here: Ilotu Cosmetics; Awana Foods and Noi Coding Kids.

We are calling on all entrepreneurs in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania to join us from June 14th to 16th, 2023 at the conference and exhibition, where you can meet these talented entrepreneurs, learn about their innovative solutions, and witness first-hand the impact they are making in their respective fields. This is an excellent opportunity to network, collaborate, and be inspired by the remarkable achievements of these Namibian women.

Namibia - Let's support and celebrate these outstanding female entrepreneurs as they continue to drive innovation and contribute to the growth and development of our nation. Together, we can create a more inclusive and prosperous future!

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www.ncrst.com

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NDTC and DIAMAN donated N\$700 000 to the Physically Active Youth programme



Source : NDTC Social Media

"With today's collective donation of N\$700 000 we are confident that it will enable the leadership of PAY to address other burning needs as well as confirm to the young people that NDTC and DIAMAN believe in their potential and will demonstrate such through ensuring that the center's capacity continues to grow annually." - NDTC CEO, Mr. Brent Eiseb

"I would like to applaud Mr. Ofer Babluki and all the diamond mining companies that form part of the DIAMAN board, as well Mr. Brent Eiseb and his hardworking team at NDTC that have recognized the diamond in the rough that is PAY and have backed it up with quality so it can continue to shine and soldier on in its bid to develop young people holistically and empower them to be future leaders of our country." - Deputy Minister of Mines & Energy, Hon. Kornelia Shilunga

"The coming on board of NDTC to provide further support and to rally behind us by matching the DIAMAN offering, was the answer to a prayer. We appreciate this huge investment into our organisation and we wholeheartedly welcome you into the PAY Family." - Ms. Thuba Sibanda, Programme Director at PAY Physically Active

PRESS RELEASE

www.paynamibia.org/

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Ministry's Digital Literacy training programme

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The Ministry of Information and Communication Technology recently hosted award ceremonies at Kalkveld, Omaruru, Katima Mulilo and Okatyali to recognise participants of the Ministry's Digital Literacy training programme.

The two-week training programme is aimed at imparting basic digital literacy skills as part of the Ministry's goals to roll out digital literacy programmes in the country.

Speaking during one of the award ceremonies, ICT Deputy Minister, Hon. Emma Theofelus said there is a need to look at the existing practices that link digitalisation to the different aspects that are relevant to and for young people.

"With this training, we expect the trainees to be digital champions and help us prepare Namibians for e-government services and the 4th Industrial Revolution," she added.

Over 200 participants received certificates of completion. The digital literacy training programme is expected to be rolled out countrywide during the current financial year.

Estonia's E-Governance Academy through the African Union - European Union Digital for Development Hub supported some of the training projects under this programme. E-Governance Academy.

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<https://mict.gov.na/>

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Germany in Namibia

Germany supports Namibia in urban planning in the area of green hydrogen production

Source : German Embassy Website



Ms. Wilhencia Uiras (Executive Director, Namibia Planning Commission), and Mr. Alois Schneider (Head of the Division "Southern Africa, South Africa" of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ))

Germany will provide Namibia with more support in urban planning in the vicinity of the planned production plants for green hydrogen in Lüderitz and also support the training of specialists who are urgently needed in the renewable energy sector. Both sides agreed to this at the government negotiations on joint development cooperation, which ended last week.

The Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) is providing six Million Euros (approximately 121 Million NAD) for this purpose. Overall, the BMZ has committed 51.5 Million Euros, (approximately 104 Billion NAD) for projects in sustainable urban development, vocational training, climate change adaptation, as well as the protection of biodiversity and improved water supply.

Development Minister Svenja Schulze: "Namibia has huge potential for renewable energies and has recognized that it can write a success story in expanding green hydrogen production. We will support Namibia in this. Sustainable urban planning in the vicinity of the future facilities is an important part of our cooperation. Above all, sustainable means involving the local

population in the planning. They have to be able to have a say, because it's about shaping their country. Ultimately, our cooperation with Namibia benefits threefold: climate, local development through new jobs and Germany, which gains a powerful partner for its energy transition." Namibia has already set the course for establishing green hydrogen production. The hub of the pilot phase will be the port city of Lüderitz in the southwest of the country. Many new jobs will be created there. But the challenges for the city with around 12,000 inhabitants are also great. Lüderitz already has to prepare itself for a strong influx of industrial workers and employees in the service sector.

To ensure that rapid growth does not lead to uncontrolled urban sprawl, it was agreed during the government negotiations to support Lüderitz in climate-neutral and participatory urban planning. Private investors are also to be brought on board in order to speed up the construction of new apartments, schools, water pipes, sanitary facilities, roads and public places. The German- Namibian development cooperation also pays particular attention to the expansion of vocational training in order to meet the growing need for skilled workers, for example in the production of green energy, and to offer young people reliable prospects.

A further focus of German development cooperation with Namibia will in the future be on promoting women and girls, whose interests should be taken into account from the outset of project planning - for example in the case of vocational training opportunities for women on the labour market, women's access to drinking water or protection against domestic and sexualized violence. As an inclusive city, Lüderitz should offer quality of life for all population groups and become a pioneer in climate-neutral urban development.

Namibia continues to struggle with the consequences of the pandemic. Although the economy is slowly picking up again, unemployment is at around 30 percent, among the youth at around 60 percent. In addition, the competitiveness of many Namibian companies suffers from cumbersome bureaucracy and a lack of skilled workers. BMZ supports Namibia in particularly promising economic areas; for example by providing loans for climate-adapted infrastructure projects in the wind, water and solar sectors.

Rural electrification is being promoted with German support. In addition, job descriptions and curricula are being further developed, training workshops set up and teachers and administrative staff in vocational schools receive further training. Prepared in this way, Namibia could not only become an important global supplier of green hydrogen, but also the first climate-neutral country in Africa from which only climate-neutral products are exported, and a model case for fairer economic relations between the global North and South.

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Meet Namibian veteran visual artist, Joseph Madisia

Source : [Joseph Madisia LinkedIn](#)



Mr. Joseph Madisia
Visual Artist

Joseph Madisia's life journey and his evolution as an artist is in many ways intertwined with and symbolic of Namibia's recent history. Born in 1954 in Lüderitz, Madisia belongs to the generation that has witnessed the final stages of apartheid colonialism and the first decades of the country's Independence.

Madisia and his artwork also made significant contributions to reclaiming Namibian culture that extended the accomplishments of his predecessor the late Muafangejo. Madisia believed in the humanitarian and spiritual power of art to evoke social change. He was never inspired by partisan politics, but by an inner creative energy to achieve unity and reconciliation and reshape black identity after apartheid.

However, Madisia's significant contributions to the Namibian art community did not end with his artwork or by being an exemplary role model for black youth; instead, his achievements as a teacher, board member, and art administrator must be considered for the role they played in reestablishing black culture and creating opportunity for younger artists.

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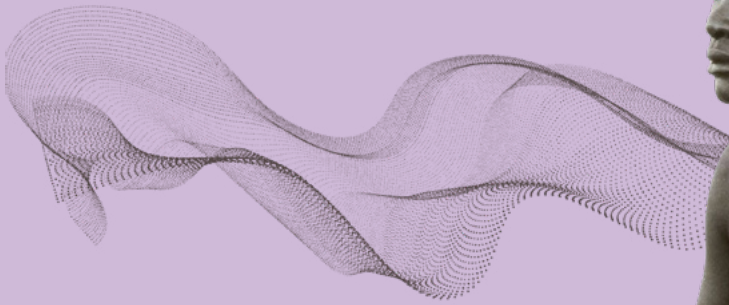
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