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NAMIBIA AND BOTSWANA SIGNED A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT TO BID FOR THE CO-HOSTING OF 2027 AFCON

BY SILPA KANGHONO

Hon. Agnes Tjongarero, Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service with her Botswana counterpart, Hon. Tumiso Rakgara, Minister of Youth Empowerment, Sports and Culture Development, signed a Memorandum of Agreement to bid for the co-hosting of the 2027 AFCON in Namibia and Botswana on Thursday, 09 June 2022, at Lekidi Football Grounds in Gaborone, Botswana.

The two governments have agreed to collaborate on a 60 to 40 resource-sharing principle. The same principle shall apply in sharing the proceeds and benefits of co-hosting AFCON 2027..... continued on page 4

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Editorial

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The Ministry is committed to developing and empowering the youth and promoting sports development in the country.

To ensure that the Ministry addresses young people's needs, the Directorate of Youth Development convened an annual strategic meeting to re-align and enhance the directorate's operations. The 10th edition of the Youth Voice brings you essential activities undertaken during the first quarter of the period under view.

The Honourable Agnes Tjongarero officially opened the International Youth Day during the 15th National Youth Week under the theme, "Promotion of Youth Agri-prenuership: An Avenue for Self-Employment and Work Readiness", in Luderitz.

The Harambee Prosperity Plan 1 has tasked this Ministry to establish Youth Enterprises in 121 constituencies. The Youth Enterprises aims to create employment opportunities and improve the social-economic situation in their respective constituencies. In this regard, the partnership between the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service and the Development Bank of Namibia resulted in an N\$ 8 million loan awarded to 28 Rural Youth enterprises from various constituencies.

Rt. Hon. Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila, Prime Minister, officially handed over the cheque to the 28 Rural Youth Enterprises and requested the private sector to fund the remaining 93 Youth Enterprises.

In sports development, the country signed a memorandum of agreement with Botswana to bid for the co-hosting of the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) in Namibia and Botswana, respectively.

Honourable Agnes Tjongarero, Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service, appointed an Interim Board of the Namibia Sports Commission for six months to steer the operations of the Commission.

It is a well-known fact that the national team matches take place in South Africa due to the state of the Independence stadium. Towards addressing this anomaly, the Ministry convened a Breakfast session in Windhoek to raise funds for renovating and upgrading the Windhoek Independence Stadium. Dr Audrin Mathe called on the private and public sectors to join hands to upgrade the stadium to meet the FIFA and CAF requirements.

The president of the Confederation of Africa Football (CAF) paid a courtesy visit to Honourable Agnes Tjongarero to discuss areas of interest. The Minister also received a courtesy visit from the Secretary-General of COSAFA.

Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service, Honourable Agnes Tjongarero, officially opened and celebrated the 7th Edition of the Governor's Cup in the Erongo region. The event is marked under the theme, "Setting the stage for Excellence".

Please enjoy this edition of the youth voice.

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Botswana will contribute 60% of the resources needed for the project, and Namibia will contribute 40%. Namibia will host the opening ceremony, and Botswana will host the closing ceremony and the third-place playoff and final match.

In the agreement, Botswana will host 24 of the 36 group stage matches, and Namibia will host 12 games. Botswana will host 5 of the eight rounds of 16 matches, whilst Namibia will host three games. The quarter-finals and the semi-finals will be shared equally between the two countries.

The agreement will also officially facilitate the lobbying for support from various international structures and establish the Bid Technical Committee with the Chairperson from Botswana and a Namibian Vice-Chairperson.

“The key objective of the 2027 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) Botswana and Namibia (BONA) Bid Committee “BONA 2027” is to work through the formal bidding process for Botswana and Namibia with a view to secure the rights for the two (2) countries to jointly host the finals of the 2027 AFCON,” elucidated Hon. Agnes Tjongarero.

Hon. Tumiso Rakgara urged all stakeholders, from the business community, Government, NGOs, sporting community, and the two peoples of Botswana and Namibia, to work closer for the good of this bid and beyond.



The BONA 2027 Bid Technical Committee comprises of:

- Mr Ashford Mamelodi, Chairperson – Botswana
- Mr John Muinjo, Vice Chairperson – Namibia
- Mr Phazha Butale, Football Expert – Botswana
- Mr Segolame Ramothlwa, Football Expert – Botswana
- Mr Irvine Ndjavera, Acting Director of Sport Development – Namibia
- Mr Imon Bogosi, Director of Sport – Botswana
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28 RURAL YOUTH ENTERPRISES AWARDED LOANS BY THE DEVELOPMENT BANK OF NAMIBIA

BY SILPA KANGHONO

Prime Minister, Rt Hon. Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila officially handed over a cheque of N\$ 8 million to 28 Rural Youth Enterprises from the Development Bank of Namibia (DBN) on 09 June 2022 in Windhoek.

The Harambee Prosperity Plan (HPP) tasked the Ministry of Sport Youth and National Service to establish youth-owned enterprises in all 121 constituencies. The aim of the project is to create a minimum of 1210 new direct permanent and sustainable jobs for the youth and to stimulate the culture and spirit of entrepreneurship and job creations amongst the youth.

Towards ensuring the establishment of youth enterprises in all 121 constituencies, the Ministry, in collaboration with the Development Bank of Namibia, trained young people in business management. The training enabled the youth to identify business ideas for their respective constituencies.

The event, under the theme “Youth Economic Empowerment through Youth Entrepreneurship”, also introduced and solicited funds for the remaining 93 Rural Youth Enterprises from the private sector. Hon. Kuugongelwa – Amadhila called on the private sectors and other stakeholders to support the Rural Youth Enterprises through funding and mentorship to link them to market and consume their products.

“The government alone cannot address all the development challenges facing our country, therefore I call upon all stakeholders in the development of Namibia to support the rural enterprises,” remarked Hon Kuugongelwa – Amadhila.

Hon. Emma Gaomas-Kantema, Deputy Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service, stated that the specific funding facilities for youth enterprises aims to unlock the growth, job creation and self-employment.

The 28 Rural Youth Enterprises that received loans from the DBN are from the undermentioned constituencies.

- **Otjinene:** Otjinene Constituency Youth Enterprise cc – Leather Works
- **Gobabis:** Gobabis Constituency Youth Enterprise cc – Tailoring
- **Oranjemund:** Oranjemund Youth Manufacturing cc – Detergent Manufacturing
- **Keetmanshoop Rural:** Keetmanshoop Rural Youth Investment cc – Mini Market & Bakery
- **Gibeon:** Gibeon Youth Wholesale and Retail cc – Mini Market
- **Rehoboth Urban East:** Rehoboth Urban East Internet Cafe Investment cc – Internet Café
- **Samora Machel:** Samora Machel Youth Trading Enterprise cc – Printing
- **Windhoek Rural:** Windhoek Rural Constituency Youth Trading cc – Brick Making
- **Ondobe:** Ondobe Youth Construction Enterprise cc – Brick Making
- **Oshikango:** Oshikango Youth Enterprise – Carpentry
- **Katima Mulilo Rural:** Katima Mulilo Rural Youth Enterprise cc – Mini Market and Bakery
- **Kabbe North:** Kabbe North Youth Enterprise Cc – Mini Market and Bakery
- **Rundu Urban:** Rundu Urban Youth Project Trading cc – Event Management
- **Mankupi:** Mankupi Youth Investment cc – Mini Market
- **Oshikuku:** Oshikuku Youth Enterprise cc – Welding
- **Ruacana:** Ruacana Youth Enterprises cc – Garage
- **Arandis:** Arandis Youth Trading cc – Manufacturing & Printing
- **Walvisbay Rural:** Walvisbay Rural Youth Mini Market cc – Mini Market
- **Epupa:** Epupa Youth Investment cc – Garage
- **Khorixas:** Khorixas Youth Investment cc – Brick Making
- **Ndiyona:** Ndiyona Youth Enterprise cc – Mini Market and Bakery
- **Nkurenkuru:** Nkurenkuru Youth Event Management Trading cc – Event Management
- **Ompundja:** Ompundja Rural Youth Metal Fabrication Trading cc – Mini Market
- **Oshakati East:** Oshakati East Best Youth Trading cc – Brick Making
- **Okahandja:** Okahandja Youth Trading Enterprise cc – Carpentry
- **Tsumkwe:** Tsumkwe Youth Catering & Investment – Trading Bakery
- **Guinas:** Guinas Enterprise Trading cc – Bakery & Mini Market
- **Eengodi:** Eengodi Youth Trading Enterprise cc – Building Materials



FUND RAISING BREAKFAST SESSION FOR THE RENOVATION AND UPGRADING OF THE WINDHOEK INDEPENDENCE STADIUM

BY SILPA KANGHONO

The Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service convened a Breakfast Session to raise funds for the renovation and upgrading of the Windhoek Independence Stadium on 17 June 2022 at Safari Hotel, Windhoek. The session aims to meet the requirements of the International Federation of Association (FIFA) and Confederation of African Football (CAF).

Dr Audrin Mathe, Executive Director of the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service, thoroughly elucidated that the Windhoek Independence Stadium was unfit to host international events as currently, people sit on concrete benches instead of individual seats as per CAF requirements. He further explained that the VIP area was too small and needed to be extended and its entrance required to be separated from the media room.

The number of lights, as well as the pitch, needs to be extended. The media room also needs to be upgraded, and the entrance gate into the stadium, which is 2.2m, needs to be 4.4m. In this regard, Dr Mathe called on the private and public sectors to join hands to upgrade the stadium to meet the requirements of FIFA and CAF.

Below is the breakdown cost of the renovation and upgrading of the Windhoek Independence Stadium presented by the Ministry of Works and Transport:

- External Works – Building Works: N\$18.9 million
- Lifts and Fire Protection Installation: N\$ 437 000
- Data Installations: N\$ 517, 500
- Air Conditioning and Ventilation Installation: N\$ 1.265 000
- Electronics Installations (Access Control, Audio Equipment, CCTV, Backup Generator): N\$ 3. 622. 500
- Electrical Installations: N\$ 3. 450. 000
- Signage and Flag Poles: N\$ 368. 000
- VIP and Stadium Seating: N\$ 11. 442,500
- Covered VIP Parking, Open Parking and Paving, Entrance Gates and Fencing: N\$ 4. 485,000
- Team Benches and Players Tunnel: N\$ 488.750
- Sports Field (Grass, Irrigation and Track Field Installation): N\$ 13. 616.000
- External Water and Sewer Reticulation: N\$ 621. 000
- Balustrading and Handrails: N\$ 1. 618. 050

Mr Immanuel Mulunga, Managing Director at National Petroleum Corporation of Namibia (NAMCOR), pledged N\$ 1 million towards renovating and upgrading the Windhoek Independence Stadium. The total renovations and upgrading of the stadium are estimated to cost N\$ 98.1 million, excluding the purchase price of the land worth N\$ 26 million. The actual work of the renovation is estimated to begin in August 2022. So far, the government has contributed N\$ 50 million to show commitment to the required N\$ 98.1 million.



HON TJONGARERO OPENED THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY IN LUDERITZ

BY SILPA KANGHONO

Honourable Agnes Tjongarero, Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service, officially opened the International Youth Day during the 15th National Youth Week on 27 April 2022 in Luderitz.

The National Youth Week was under the theme “Promotion of Youth Agri-prenuership: An Avenue for Self-Employment and Work Readiness.

The International Youth Day is globally commemorated in August of every year; however, Namibia has elected her National Youth Day to be on the 27th of April of each year, and the National Youth Week during the last week of each year in April.

The International Youth Day is a celebration of the youth across the globe and, more importantly, a day on which socio-economic and legal issues that young people face around the world are reflected and addressed.

Hon. Tjongarero emphasized that the theme for this year’s National Youth Day and Week seems like an extension and a continuation of the Equipment Aid Grant Scheme that the National Youth Council coordinated between July and October 2020, where 112 young entrepreneurs from across the country received grants to the tune of N\$ 3 million to procure equipment.

These grants were awarded to youth entrepreneurs in manufacturing, food processing, IT services, automotive services, small-scale stone processing, media and, most notably, agriculture.

“The Equipment Aid Grant Scheme will assist youth enterprises in expanding their business operations and creating employment, especially during this post-COVID recovery period. It is a creative intervention that takes into account the various challenges that young people may face when acquiring capital and scaling up. Ensuring that Namibian youth are self-reliant and well-equipped to own their futures, empower themselves economically and take charge in solving the socioeconomic problems that they face,” stated Hon Tjongarero.

The NDP5 supports the 3rd National Youth Policy as it explicitly recognizes the increase in agriculture productivity.

Agriculture as a commercial activity can significantly empower Namibians if smallholder farmers can re-organize to increase production, productivity, food security and income, subsequently enabling the creation of opportunities for value addition and further development of the agro-business.

“Agriculture has vast potential to create employment and economic opportunity and to ensure food security and self-sustenance” said Honourable Tjongarero.

In conclusion, Honorable Tjongarero called on all green stakeholders to hold hands, take the challenge head-on with the youth and capacitate young people with the necessary skills, network and capital to venture into agri-business successfully.



MINISTER OF SPORT, YOUTH AND NATIONAL SERVICE, OPENED THE GOVERNOR'S CUP IN SWAKOPMUND, ERONGO REGION

BY SILPA KANGHONO



Honourable Agnes Tjongarero, Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service, officially opened the 7th Edition of the Erongo Governor's Cup on 16 April 2022, Vineta Stadium, Swakopmund. The Cup was celebrated under the theme, "Setting the stage for Excellence" and aims to unearth raw talent in Erongo region, so as to position the Erongo U/20 Team to emerge victorious at the upcoming U/20 Youth Games.

Hon. Tjongarero stated that she was pleased to see that sports events were normalizing especially after the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, when sports almost, came to a standstill.

The Honourable Minister also applauded the inclusion of volleyball in this year's Governor Cup. Towards sensitizing and educating the general public/athletes on the dangers of doping in sports, the Honourable Minister then requested the Governor of Erongo, Hon. Neville Andre Itope, to avail a display booth to the National Anti-Doping Agency.

Hon. Tjongarero advised the participants to embrace the opportunity given to them and to showcase their talents.

"Don't let the hours you spend go to waste, make the best out of the opportunities given to you on the field at all times, give a hundred percent effort in your respective disciplines. However, be reminded that COVID – 19 is still within our midst therefore take care of yourself whilst enjoying the festivities,"

Hon. Tjongarero extended her heartfelt gratitude to the stakeholders and sponsors involved in ensuring the success of the event. She also extended a word of appreciation to the teachers/volunteers/caches who spend their afternoons on school sports grounds, imparting essential skills to the budding future sports stars.

Honourable Tjongarero concluded by urging all participants representing their constituencies to enjoy themselves and make the best out of the opportunity granted to them.



STRATEGIC ANNUAL PLENARY MEETING OF THE DIRECTORATE OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT HELD AT SEASIDE HOTEL, FROM 20 – 24 JUNE 2022 IN SWAKOPMUND

BY GOMA KANDJIMI



The Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service's Directorate of Youth Development held its annual strategic meeting for 2022/23, from 20 - 24 June 2022 in Swakopmund. The purpose of the meeting was to realign the operations of the directorate and propose amendments for the operation's enhancement.

The meeting also discussed procedures for effectively coordinating functions and ways to collaborate with the National Youth Service and the National Youth Council on serving the target group to meet National Youth Policy objectives.

During his official opening remarks, the Executive Director of the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service, Dr Audrin Mathe, emphasised the need to improve on-time management as one of the critical elements to achieve the Ministry's strategic goals. Dr Mathe urged the participants to always look at innovative and creative ways to execute youth empowerment projects with the limited resources allocated by doing more with less.

The Executive Director further requested the regional offices to share the available resources in their offices to benefit youth and sports directorates and avoid working in isolation. In addition, he informed the Directorate to develop a business plan for the regional centres as a long-term sustainable strategy of utilising redundant facilities for possible economic empowerment opportunities.

The Director of Youth Development, Mr Nicolars Tembwe, stressed the significance of integrating regional inputs in strategic planning. He outlined the strategic process of the strategic documents such as the Ministerial Strategic Plan, National Youth Policy III and the Annual Plan 2022/23 in implementing the short and long-term objectives of youth empowerment in Namibia.

The Director proposed the need for regional heads of centres to strengthen stakeholders' relationships at the regional level and with the private institutions and civil society organisations in their locality. The Directorate of Youth Development management, Regional Heads of Centres and Senior Youth Officers attended the Strategic Annual Plenary meeting.



CAF PRESIDENT PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO THE MINISTER OF SPORT, YOUTH AND NATIONAL SERVICE

BY AINA SHIKESHO

Mr Patrice Motsepe, President of the Confederation of African Football (CAF) paid a courtesy visit to Hon. Agnes Tjongarero, Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service on 12 May 2022 in Windhoek.

Mr Motsepe was accompanied by Mr Veron Masengo-Omba, CAF General Secretary and officially welcomed by Dr Audrin Mathe, Executive Director of the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service and Mr Bisey Uirab, Chairperson of the newly-appointed FIFA Normalisation Committee of the Namibia Football Association.



COSAFA SECRETARY GENERAL PAYS COURTESY VISIT TO THE MINISTER OF SPORT, YOUTH AND NATIONAL SERVICE

BY SILPA KANGHONO

On Tuesday, 10 May 2022, Ms. Sue Destombes, COSAFA Secretary General, paid a courtesy visit to Honourable Agnes Tjongarero, Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service to discuss the preparations for the COSAFA Elective General Assembly, scheduled to take place on Saturday, 14 May 2022 at Hilton Hotel in Windhoek.

Hon. Emma Kantema-Gaomas, Deputy Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service, Dr. Audrin Mathe, Executive Director of Sport, Youth and National Service, Mr. Irvine Ndjavera, Acting Director of Sport Development and Ms. Jackey Gertze, Acting Secretary-General of the Namibia Football Association formed part of the discussions.



MINISTER OF SPORT, YOUTH AND NATIONAL SERVICE APPOINTS AN INTERIM BOARD OF THE NAMIBIA SPORTS COMMISSION

BY AINA SHIKESHO



On 16 June 2022, Honourable Agnes Tjongarero, Minister of Sport, Youth and National Service, appointed an Interim Board of the Namibia Sports Commission for a period of six months. The interim board comprises of, back row, from left: Mr. Simon Uirab, Ms. Adelheid Jacobs, Mr. Percy Xoagub, Mrs. Turkey Tiisa Shifotoka-Ndashiiva, and Mr. Linekela Nanyeni. Front row, from left: Ms. Monica Shapwa, Hon. Agnes Tjongarero and Mr. Nicky Mbaimbai as the Chairperson. Hon Tjongarero advised the interim board to acquaint themselves with the Public Enterprises Act and the Sport Act to perform their duties efficiently and effectively.





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