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EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Esteemed Stakeholder,

The Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia (EIF) is recognised as a leader in the development and application of innovative financing mechanisms to support environmentally sound and climate-change-resilient development. The EIF was established with the overall objective of mobilising and allocating funding to activities and projects that promote the sustainable use and efficient management of natural resources for the benefit of all Namibians, ensuring the sustainable use of natural resources and preventing degradation.

As His Excellency, President Dr. Hage G. Geingob, has themed 2023 to be a year of revival, the EIF welcomes this inspiring idea and continues its commitment of ensuring sustainability that benefits all Namibians as it gears up to celebrate its eleven-year anniversary. The mission of the EIF is to provide a sustainable source of funding to support environmentally sound development in Namibia and to do so in a manner that complements programmes and actions of both the public and private sectors. We owe our gratitude to our stakeholders and Board of Directors who play a significant role in our growth. Needless to say, we are proud that eleven years after its establishment, the EIF has become one of the fastest-growing green and climate financing institutions in Africa. Our multi-stakeholder approach enables us to create and sustain value in our work.

In 2022, the EIF celebrated its ten-year anniversary under the theme "10 Years of Ensuring Inclusivity." Some of our interventions included the successful implementation and closing of the more than N\$850 million credit line titled the Sustainable

Utilisation of Natural Resources and Energy Financing (SUNREF) Project. Due to its success, the project attracted additional funds from the Green Climate Fund (GCF). Adding to the heaps of success achieved last year, the Fund secured a three-year line of credit from a French development agency – which closed in May 2022. It deployed more than N\$850 million, mainly for renewable energy assets, sustainable agriculture, and sustainable tourism. The GCF has financially supported the EIF with more than N\$640 million in grants for climate-change adaptation interventions in Namibia. In most cases, these activities benefit rural communities, as our directive as a State organ, has been to target rural communities for developmental initiatives.

In more celebratory news, it is safe to say that the Fund had notable success last year and we can only hope to surpass this success in 2023.

It is indeed a fact that no man is an island, and therefore, the hard work of the team does not go unnoticed. I would like to thank our young, dynamic and dedicated team for their tireless efforts and encourage them to continue making the dream work by working even harder.

To our readers, there is no "we" without "you." We express our unfailing gratitude to you for taking time to read our newsletter. We hope to continue bringing you joy through the life-changing stories we share.

Here is to more years of commitment and excellence!

Lot Ndamanomhata
Editor-in-Chief & Manager:
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Lot Ndamanomhata
Chief Editor

EIF 10TH ANNIVERSARY: “CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF INCLUSIVITY” CAMPAIGN

As part of its ten-year anniversary celebrations, the EIF held a three-week campaign under the theme “Celebrating 10 Years of Inclusivity.” The aim of the campaign was to educate the Namibian public about the Fund’s mission, strengthen brand awareness, highlight EIF accomplishments, and generate media coverage. The campaign positioned the Fund’s management team as thought leaders, cemented its reputation as a stable presence in the community, and served to generate a great deal of goodwill towards the Fund.

A special publication included in The Namibian newspaper, with a focus on the Fund’s success stories and journey thus far, also formed part of the campaign. In addition to imparting information, the publication sought to increase the number of social media followers, and celebrated employees as ambassadors of the Fund. The publication is available at the following link <https://www.eif.org.na/post/eif-10th-year-anniversary-publication-final-news>

SUNREF VIDEO PRODUCTION

The EIF and Agence Française de Développement (AFD) officially closed the Sustainable Utilisation of Natural Resources and Energy Financing (SUNREF) Facility at a ceremony in Windhoek. Together with the AFD and the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism, the Fund produced a video about the project as part of the Fund’s knowledge

management and lessons learned process. The video, which celebrates the success of the SUNREF Project in Namibia, was shared on the Fund’s various social media platforms and website, and aired on television by the Namibia Broadcasting Corporation (nbc).

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS IMPACT FACILITY VIDEO PRODUCTION

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), together with the Ministry of Industrialisation and Trade (MIT) and its partners – the Environmental Investment Fund (EIF) and Standard Bank Namibia (SBN) – launched the Sustainable Development Goals Impact Facility (SDGIF) on Monday, 2 November 2020.

The SDGIF was used to provide mentorship grants and debt financing to women and youth in business, social enterprises, and micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) in various sectors, including Agriculture, Artisans, Nutraceutical, Tourism,

Manufacturing, Renewable Energy, Information and Communication Technology, and Hospitality. Fulfilling the promise of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) requires multi-sectoral approaches that bring together expertise from a range of perspectives.

The EIF and its partners produced a video of the SDGIF Project to celebrate its success and included testimonials from beneficiaries. The video was shared on the Fund’s social media platforms and website.

PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES VISITS CLIMATE CHANGE PROJECTS

From 7 to 20 August 2022, the EIF, the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism, and the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Natural Resources conducted field visits to climate change projects. The visits provided the committee with the opportunity to fully assess the implementation of various Government interventions that address

climate-change-related impacts in the Kunene, Ohangwena, Zambezi, //Kharas, and Kavango East and West Regions. The field assessments included engagement with various stakeholders, such as beneficiaries and community members, and courtesy visits to regional governors.

ESWATINI ENVIRONMENTAL FUND (EEF) SUSTAINABLE PARTNERSHIP

The Eswatini Environmental Fund (EEF) visited Namibia to conduct a three-day study of the EIF to attain suitable benchmarks for its National Environment Fund. The purpose of the visit was to learn from the institutional set-up that enables the EIF to deliver on the same objectives as the Eswatini Environmental Fund (EEF). The EEF delegation also visited the Fund's line Ministry, the Ministry of Finance, and the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism. The visit provided a platform for the two institutions to network and engage on the opportunities and challenges inherent in their respective institutional set-ups, with a view towards documenting best practices and lessons learned.



EIF ATTENDS PRIVATE INVESTMENT FOR CLIMATE CONFERENCE 2022

The Chief Executive Officer of the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia, Benedict Libanda, took part in the Green Climate Fund's Private Investment for Climate Conference (GPIC), a flagship event that gathers

global leaders from the private and public sectors to accelerate private finance for climate action in developing countries. The GPIC 2022 focussed on connections, collaborations and partnerships to unlock capital for climate action.

EIF HOSTS ROUND TABLE DISCUSSION ON GENDER MAINSTREAMING AND CLIMATE FINANCE

As part of the National Gender Workplan, the EIF, in partnership with the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism, hosted a round table discussion on gender mainstreaming and climate finance on Thursday, 8 September 2022 at the Windhoek Country Club. The event provided a platform for financiers of different projects in Namibia to share lessons learned on gender mainstreaming and climate finance and to discuss how best climate finance practices influence gender mainstreaming in national policies and strategies.



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Round Table Discussion on Gender Mainstreaming and Climate Finance

VENUE: WINDHOEK COUNTRY CLUB RESORT
DATE: THURSDAY, 08 SEPTEMBER 2022
TIME: 09H00 - 13H00

MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, FORESTRY & TOURISM

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Gender Expert & Senior Lecturer, University of Namibia

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SDG NAMIBIA ONE PRESENTED AT ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK CONFERENCE

On Wednesday, 7 September 2022, Benedict Libanda, EIF Chief Executive Officer, presented the SDG Namibia One at the Asian Development Bank Conference in Manila, Philippines. The conference focussed on the role of public and private finance in mobilising and delivering climate finance. In his speech, Libanda indicated that “blended financing and fit-for-purpose capital structuring for large-scale infrastructure is the future of the climate financing landscape.”



PRODUCTION OF IREMA SMALL STOCK REVOLVING SCHEME VIDEO

The IREMA Project implemented a small stock revolving programme in the project target areas, Sesfontein and Fransfontein, in the Kunene Region. The objective was to provide a quality core breeding flock of suitable local goats to selected vulnerable households to gain a sustainable means of income generation and enhanced food security. A video highlighting the project and showcasing the journey of Valerie Garases, one of the scheme beneficiaries, was produced. The video can be viewed at the following link: <https://youtu.be/IYXqvJrZYoQ>



EIF PARTICIPATION IN WINDHOEK CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGN AND WORLD CLEAN-UP DAY

On 17 September 2022, the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia joined the world in commemorating World Clean-up Day under the theme “This is the only home we have.” The Fund participated in activities in the John Pandeni Constituency, Khomas Region, with the aim of creating awareness of the importance of environmental sustainability and hosted a clean-up drive at A. Shipena Secondary School under the theme “My Waste, My Responsibility.”

The day fell within the three-month #CleanUpWhk campaign, a collaborative initiative of the City of Windhoek, EIF, Mobile Telecommunications Limited (MTC), and Namibia National Reinsurance Corporation (NamibRe), which ran from August to October 2022. The Fund committed N\$100,000 towards the campaign. The aim of the campaign was to instil a cleanliness culture in Windhoek residents, and to restore Windhoek to its former glory by reclaiming its status as the cleanest city in Africa.

The EIF’s commitment to this campaign aligns with its message of environmental sustainability by ensuring that the capital city sets an example of cleanliness and encourages the use of clean energy sources, tree planting, clean and healthy environments, improving sanitation, green growth and promoting the use of biodegradable plastic bags.



CRAVE VALUE ADDITION WORKSHOP IN ZAMBEZI REGION

The Climate Resilient Agriculture in Three of the Vulnerable Extreme Northern Crop-growing Regions (CRAVE) Project hosted a value addition workshop for farmers in the Zambezi Region. View a video of the workshop here:

<https://fb.watch/eFOgUEaxNs/>

VIDEO PRODUCTION OF NILALEG, CBNRM EDA, CRAVE AND IREMA PROJECTS

The EIF Communications Unit, with support from the Project Management Units of the various projects, managed the production of videos to showcase the activities of the NILALEG, CBNRM EDA, IREMA and CRAVE Projects. The aim of the videos was to document the projects and their impact for future reference and knowledge management purposes.

Video production was finalised in the last quarter of 2022 and the videos were broadcast by the Namibia Broadcasting Corporation (nbc), screened at the COP27 Namibian pavilion, posted on the Fund's social media platforms and website, and shared with the Green Climate Fund and other stakeholders.

ACCREDITATION MASTER AGREEMENT BETWEEN GCLF AND EIF

After the initial five-year accreditation with the Green Climate Fund (GCF) lapsed in June 2021, the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia and GCF signed another five-year Accreditation Master Agreement. The GCF Secretariat announced the re-accreditation of the EIF after the thirtieth meeting of the GCF Board, conducted virtually from 4 to 7 October 2021. The re-accreditation was preceded by a rigorous institutional review and assessment of the Fund by the GCF.



EIF PARTICIPATION IN NCCI BUSINESS BREAKFAST SESSION

EIF Chief Executive Officer, Benedict Libanda, participated in the Namibia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NCCI) Business Breakfast Session, held on 25 October 2022 at the Windhoek Country Club under the theme "Role of Private Sector in Climate Change and Adaptation."



EIF HOSTS CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP FOR CLIMATE FINANCE PARTNERS

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ) provided the Environmental Investment Fund (EIF) with financial assistance to conduct climate finance capacity building workshops for Namibian stakeholders. The objective of the workshops was to accelerate the implementation of the NDC targets through development of project concepts and proposals by a core team of State and non-State stakeholders. The sessions resulted in five zero drafts of Project Concept Notes and two Project Idea Notes (PINs) targeting a range of public and/or private sources of finance for priority sectors in Namibia.

Earlier in the year, the Fund conducted two training workshops to direct the acquired knowledge into the production of tangible outputs. The Fund further highlighted the need for increased access to climate finance, enhanced capacity of institutions to identify and access climate finance, and enhanced private sector engagement in financing local climate actions and interest in blending financing with public resources.



EIF PARTICIPATION IN WORLD ELECTRIFICATION DAY 2022

World Electrification Day 2022 was commemorated under the theme “Accelerating electrification for universal access by 2040!” The objective of the day was to raise awareness of energy usage to ensure the affordability of safe, sustainable energy for all people and increase access to reliable electricity services. Namibia’s National Electrification Policy aligns with these objectives, underscoring the use of contemporary technologies and approaches in conducive market environments to provide reliable and affordable electricity services that spur individual and national development, while benefitting from local resource endowments where possible.

The Fund participated in a World Electrification Day Panel Discussion, with EIF Corporate Secretary, Legal Advisor and Compliance Officer, Carol Lee Pick, moderating a session on “Accessing Finance to Accelerate Electrification.” The panel consisted of industry experts, including representatives of the Development Bank of Namibia, Standard Bank, First National Bank and Nedbank. During the discussion, the Fund highlighted the successful implementation of the SUNREF Programme, a EUR46 million partnership credit line facility between the Fund and the French Government, with three participating Namibian banks, namely First National Bank of Namibia (FNB), Bank Windhoek and Nedbank Namibia.

EIF PARTICIPATION IN SADC DFRC BOARD MEETING

As a member of the Southern Africa Development Community – Development Finance Resource Centre (SADC DFRC), the Fund participated in the SADC DFRC Board Meeting in Mozambique. The SADC DFRC serves as a sub-regional centre of excellence to strengthen the SADC Development Finance Institutions (DFIs) Network and to enhance the capacity of the SADC DFIs to deliver on their mandates towards the achievement of the SADC

Regional Indicative Strategic Development Plan (RISDP) goals of economic growth, employment generation and poverty alleviation. To date, the Fund has benefitted tremendously from membership in the SADC DFRC through training in areas such as strategic financial reporting, performance management, investment appraisal and risk analysis.

HANDOVER OF EIF-FUNDED WATER SOFTENING FACILITIES AT SPITZKOPPE

In partnership with the Erongo Regional Governor, Neville Andre Itope, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia hosted the handover ceremony of the Reverse Osmosis Units installed at three community waterpoints, namely at Farm Vrede, Goiegeluk Pos and Santamab Pos. These technologically advanced facilities will significantly improve community livelihoods at the communal farms.

In its role as a national entity, the EIF is responsible for mobilising funds and investing them in community projects to improve the lives of Namibians in communal areas. The EIF invested N\$1 million of its own resources in the pilot project to finance water-softening facilities at the three community waterpoints to make it suitable for human consumption and irrigation.

In his welcoming remarks, Headman Benjamin Naruseb, who spoke on behalf of Hon. Benitha Imbamba, Chairperson: Erongo Regional Council, said, “I would like to commend the EIF for its concerted efforts and dedication in mobilising the necessary resources towards achieving national and most importantly regional priorities and objectives, and for arranging this event. This is a reflection of the reality that communities in Namibia’s rural communal areas are at the centre of Government planning. We highly appreciate your efforts and accept the funding with gratitude.”



HANDOVER OF EIF-FUNDED WATER SOFTENING FACILITIES AT SPITZKOPPE (continued)

In a statement delivered on behalf of EIF CEO, Benedict Libanda, EIF Chief Operations Officer, Karl Aribeb, said, “The simple and straightforward aim is to relieve the communities of these communal farms from the plight of hard water. This small initiative contributes to a broader goal of achieving universal and equitable access to safe and affordable drinking water for all.”

Aribeb further highlighted that Namibia is a water-scarce country and ranks among the thirty driest countries in the world. “It is against this background that I would like to urge all stakeholders and implementing partners of this project to ensure that the little water that we have is conserved, respected, shared and enjoyed by present and future generations in our country,” he said.

Expressing delight at the handover ceremony and delivering the keynote address, Hon. Neville Andre Itope, Governor of the Erongo Region, stated, “I am confident that the new water softening systems (mini desalination plants) that we are handing over to the communities here today will ensure not only easy access to water but an efficient and regular water supply system for the whole community.”

He continued, “Today’s event signifies our response as Government and development partners towards helping our communities adapt to the dire impacts of climate change. The three mini desalination plants are a result of concerted effort in addressing climate change at the local level. These facilities are expected to impact many beneficiaries, including small-scale farmers in the area. In the process, they will improve sanitation and hygiene and serve as a platform for rural economic emancipation for many households in the Daures Constituency. Therefore, these facilities will contribute to poverty eradication in the constituency through increasing the resilience of our vulnerable rural communities to the impacts of climate change.”

Delivering the vote of thanks on behalf of Ndiyakupi Nghituwamata, Executive Director of the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, Dr. Elijah Ngurare, the Ministry’s Director of Rural Water Supply, Sanitation and Coordination, stated that “I am very confident that the investment made by the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia in these technologically advanced facilities will contribute massively to improving livelihoods of the communities at the three communal farms.” He concluded by encouraging the community to take care of the facilities, to ensure that they are used for the right purpose and to jealously guard the investment made.



NILALEG ROAD SHOW

The Namibia Integrated Landscape Approach for Enhancing Livelihoods and Environmental Governance to Eradicate Poverty (NILALEG) Project hosted several clustered workshops which were aimed at raising awareness of the NILALEG Project and grant facility, and providing beneficiaries with a detailed overview of the project's mandate. The workshops, which were held as part of a road show across all regions in which all five landscapes are situated, were a collaboration between the EIF and the national designated authority, the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism.

The NILALEG Project and workshop are a testament of the EIF and Ministry's commitment to enhance livelihoods and environmental governance through natural resource management.

PRODUCTION OF GREEN HYDROGEN VIDEO

The Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia was involved in the production of a video on the promotion and stakeholder engagement of Namibia's Green Hydrogen initiative. The initiative has the potential to mitigate climate change and address global warming, making it vital to integrate the impact of climate change in national financial planning. In the video, EIF CEO, Benedict Libanda, gives an overview of the role of the Fund in the Green Hydrogen initiative. The video can be accessed here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DFKsXOSwboc>

EIF COMMEMORATES NAMIBIA ARBOUR DAY

The Fund joined the world in celebrating Arbour Day by using its various platforms to create awareness of the importance of ensuring environmental sustainability. Namibia's National Arbour Day celebration usually takes place on the second Friday in October. An indigenous tree chosen as the Tree of the Year is planted, and tree planting is promoted countrywide. The 2022 theme was "Forests and sustainable production and consumption" which was adopted from the United

Nations Collaborative Partnership on Forests and used for the International Day of Forests commemoration.

The Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) joined forces with residents from all fourteen regions to mark the day, which fell within the three-month #CleanUpWhk campaign held under the theme "My Waste, My Responsibility."

EIF-GCF PROJECT VIDEOS

The EIF's journey with the Green Climate Fund (GCF) has been a rewarding and transformational one, significantly scaling up adaptation finance to Namibia, and enabling a paradigm shift in how adaptation projects are conceived and financed. The Fund facilitated the production of videos on

the CBNRM EDA, IREMA and CRAVE Projects to document the projects' progress and impact and for knowledge management purposes. The videos were shown at the Namibian pavilion at the COP27 Conference, held in Egypt in November 2022.

EIF PARTICIPATION AT COP27

The Fund participated in the blended financing platform that was launched during the COP27 Conference in Egypt in November 2022 to support Namibia's Green Hydrogen initiative. Seed capital of EUR40 million in the form of a grant was confirmed by the Netherlands Government through Invest International. Furthermore, an MOU was signed

with the European Investment Bank to establish a EUR500 million facility. The Fund further facilitated the programme of activities and moderated various panel discussions at the Namibian COP27 pavilion. All activities and events at the pavilion were live streamed.



CBNRM EDA AND IREMA PROJECTS HANDOVER

The Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism, Hon. Pohamba Shifeta, handed over completed projects under the Community Based Natural Resources Management Enhanced Direct Access (CBNRM EDA) and Improving Rangeland and Ecosystem Management Practices of Smallholder Farmers Under Conditions of Climate Change in Sesfontein, Fransfontein and Warmquelle areas of the Republic of Namibia (IREMA) Projects between 27 September and 14 November 2022.

The Namibian Government ratified the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) in 1995 at the Conference of Parties (COP) in Paris. As the national designated entity, the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism implements the Paris Agreement. The Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia (EIF), through the Ministry, has been accredited to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) for accessing multilateral funding on behalf of the Government.

The completed projects are centred around ensuring sustainable resource management, fighting climate change, ensuring water provision and security in drought-stricken areas, ending water scarcity, enhancing environmentally sound water utilisation and management, implementing solar powered water pumping systems and clean technology, replacing fossil fuel energy sources, reducing greenhouse gas emissions from diesel powered systems, converting bush to feed, facilitating bumper harvests and goat breeding stock, moringa production and horticultural production.

The sites of the completed projects are Otjimbojo Conservancy in Daures/Uis, Zambezi/Sikanjabuka Community Forest, Kavango East/Likwaterera Community Forest, Kavango West/Ncamangoro Community Forest, Okongo Community/Ohangwena, Omusati/Sheya Shuushona, Kunene/Fransfontein, Otjondjupa-Ozonahi Conservancy, Han Aub Conservancy, //Kharas and Hardap-Uibes Conservancy.



SDGIF INFORMATION WEBINAR

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Ministry of Industrialisation and Trade (MIT) have jointly established the Sustainable Development Goals Impact Facility (SDGIF), which is co-financed by Standard Bank Namibia. The Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia acts as the facility's fund manager. The SDGIF is a multi-stakeholder financial and capacity building platform that bridges entrepreneurship, social innovation and blended capital to create sustainable economic and social returns.

The Namibian SDGIF's fourth call for proposals was advertised and a webinar session held in October 2022 to share information about the project and give potential beneficiaries the opportunity to register and engage with the Project Management Unit. The SDGIF success video was also shown to give a glimpse of how Namibian lives have been changed as a result of the project.

SIGNING OF MOU BETWEEN EIF AND NYS

The Environmental Investment Fund (EIF) and National Youth Service (NYS) in collaboration with the Implementation of the Namibia Integrated Landscape Approach to Enhance Livelihoods and Environmental Governance to Eradicate Poverty (NILALEG) Project signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the project's public works programme for landscape restoration.



PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES VISITS FRANSPONTEIN AND SMALL STOCK REVOLVING SCHEME

The Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia (EIF) with its designated authority, the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism, and the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Natural Resources visited climate change projects from 7 to 20 August 2022. During the visit, the Community Garden was still at infancy stage, specifically in terms of production and the establishment of a governance structure. Therefore, the members of the Standing Committee conducted a follow-up visit on 7 December 2022 to witness the first bumper harvest.

The field visits were aimed at assessing the impact of climate change and inspecting progress of IREMA Project activities. Farmers in the Kunene Region have endured a prolonged drought, which resulted in heavy livestock losses and made crop production a mammoth challenge.

The delegation also paid a courtesy visit to Magrietha Haradoes, a local farmer and beneficiary of the IREMA Project's Small Stock Revolving Scheme (SSRS).

EIF PARTICIPATION AT GREEN HYDROGEN SUMMIT IN CAPE TOWN

The Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia participated at Offshore Technology Africa in Cape Town, South Africa, from 30 November to 2 December 2022. Several sessions were held, including "Interactive Boardroom: Leveraging Existing Infrastructure and Renewable Potential for Green Hydrogen," which discussed how Africa's

successful offshore ecosystems will be critical in the deployment of offshore renewables and the production of Green Hydrogen, and how this in turn can service the maritime and coastal industry. It also looked at how existing offshore ecosystems can be leveraged successfully.

EIF SPONSORSHIPS

Conference on Climate and Development in Africa

The EIF availed N\$50,000 for the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa and the African Union Commission Conference on Climate and Development in Africa, which was held in Windhoek, Namibia, from 24 to 28 October 2022. The Fund facilitated and moderated various sessions at the event and hosted a cocktail evening for over 200 conference participants.

Wakapinya Environmental Educational Youth Show

The Fund donated N\$20,000 to the Wakapinya Youth Environmental Show, which creates educational content in the environmental sector and targets Namibian youth as leaders of

tomorrow, who will have the mandate of ensuring environmental sustainability and Namibia's sustainable development. This exciting partnership is an opportunity for the Fund to raise awareness of various important climate and environmental issues.

Humanitarian Support for Abed Nghipandulwa

As part of a required community project, students of the University of Namibia put out a funding request for solar panels for Abed Nghipandulwa, a resident of the Havana Informal Settlement, whose story was broadcast on One Africa Television on 29 April 2022. In 2005, Nghipandulwa was diagnosed with tuberculosis which caused extensive damage to his lungs, culminating in the removal of his right lung. Since 2014, he has required an oxygen

EIF SPONSORSHIPS (continued)

machine to support his breathing and maintain health. As he does not have electricity in his shack, he relies on the goodwill of neighbours and other samaritans to charge the oxygen machine. Despite his condition, Nghipandulwa, who has four children, remains the breadwinner of his family, mainly relying on the Government disability grant and proceeds from his home tuck-shop. As part of its Corporate Social Initiatives, the Fund availed N\$20,000 for the procurement and installation of solar panels at Nghipandulwa's residence to allow him to charge his oxygen machine.

University of Namibia Annual Research Conference

The Fund supported the University of Namibia Annual Research Conference on Agriculture, Engineering and Natural Resources with a sponsorship of N\$7,400. The coreference was held from 23 to 24 November 2022.

Access to Biological and Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge Act

As a party to the Nagoya Protocol on Access to Genetic Resources and the Fair and Equitable Sharing of Benefits Arising from their Utilization to the Convention on Biological Diversity (Nagoya Protocol), Namibia is obliged to put in place legal and institutional frameworks for the implementation of, communication on, and awareness raising on access and benefit sharing modalities and procedures in the country in line with the Nagoya Protocol and national circumstances and obligations. Subsequently, the Access to Biological and Genetic Resources and Associated Traditional Knowledge Act, Act 2 of 2017 (ABS Act) was developed and implemented. The ABS Act aims to (i) regulate access to biological and genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge, and innovation, practices and technologies associated with biological and genetic resources and traditional knowledge; (ii) protect the rights of the local communities over biological and genetic resources and associated traditional knowledge; (iii) provide for a fair and equitable mechanism for benefit sharing; (iv) establish the necessary administrative structures and processes for the implementation and enforcement of such principles; and (v) provide for incidental matters.

The Fund supported the ABS Festive Awareness Campaign of the Ministry of Environment, Forestry

and Tourism (MEFT) with a donation of N\$30,000. The objective of the campaign was to educate the public about the implementation of the ABS Act and its regulations, and ensure compliance from stakeholders. It further aimed to increase awareness of bio trade and bio prospecting potential, and natural products related to ABS processes.

Green Hydrogen Conference

The Fund availed N\$50,000 for the Green Hydrogen Conference held in Namibia in August 2022. EIF Chief Executive Officer, Benedict Libanda, presented the SDG One Namibia programme concept at the conference and highlighted the role of the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia in terms of its envisioned participation in SDG One Namibia.

NEW FACES AND PROMOTIONS



Pauline Mugore
New Chief Financial Officer,
as of 1 November 2022



Katrina Ambunda
Promotion from EIF Project
Accountant to Manager of
Finance and Administration



Veno Mberirua
Promotion from Professional
Intern to EIF Assistant Project
Accountant



Willibard Kozosi
Promotion from EDA and
IREMA Project Accountant to
Accountant and Administrative
Officer

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