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EDITOR'S NOTE

Dear Esteemed Stakeholder,

We are delighted to present the latest edition of Green Viewpoint, the official newsletter of the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia, which reports on the Fund's operational and strategic activities.

The first half of 2023 – which seems to have flown by in the blink of an eye – coincides with the end of the first quarter of the 2023/2024 financial year. In this time, the Fund has undertaken several activities and received recognition for its outstanding work.

In this edition, we highlight the Fund's performance and noteworthy achievements from April to July 2023, with particular focus on the climate finance training on project proposals, the inception meeting of Green, Resilient Recovery Rapid Readiness Support in Namibia, the review of the EIF's previous strategic plan 2018 – 2022 and the development of its new five-year Integrated Strategic Business Plan, the GCF visit to GCF-EIF-funded projects, the signing

of an MOU on SDG Namibia One between the Namibian Government and Dutch partners, and the SADC-DFRC meeting hosted by Namibia.

As always, we remain committed to serving you through our core values of professionalism, integrity, transparency and accountability, and teamwork.

To our readers, thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter. There truly is no “we” without “you.” We hope to continue to inspire and uplift you through the life-changing stories that we share and welcome your feedback and suggestions for inclusion in upcoming editions.

I wish you pleasant reading!

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EIF HOSTS CLIMATE FINANCE TRAINING

Gone are the days when Namibia relied mostly on external and international experts to develop bankable project proposals.

With the accreditation of the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia (EIF) to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) in 2016 and subsequent re-accreditation in October 2021, a new window of opportunity has opened for more entities seeking accreditation and access to climate change projects. As the National Designated Authority (NDA) for climate finance, the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) strives to strengthen the national capacity of coordinating the implementation of GCF funding in the country.

Thus far, the NDA has nominated four entities for accreditation to the GCF, namely Bank Windhoek, the Development Bank of Namibia (DBN), the Agricultural Bank of Namibia (Agribank) and the Namibia Nature Foundation (NNF), each for a particular purpose. Firstly, once accredited, the DBN would potentially access financing for larger climate change infrastructure investments, such as renewable energy and resilient infrastructures, among other developmental focus areas. Bank Windhoek would potentially access finance

from the private sector facility under the GCF for on-lending to the private sector, similar to the SUNREF project which was administered through the EIF and provided a €45 million credit line to green finance, climate resilience and improved energy self-sufficiency. Finally, the Agribank would potentially access finance for on-lending in the agriculture sector, while the NNF, one of the oldest environmental non-governmental organisations in the country, would take up access to finance in ecosystem management and, most importantly, occupy the micro category, should the EIF be upgraded to the small category.

Despite Namibia's leadership being able to obtain international climate finance, nominated entities are unable to complete accreditation requirements as per GCF standards and provide the needed services of accessing climate finance due to limited institutional and technical capacities within local institutions. In the long term, this will affect the extent to which Namibia can access climate finance and implement its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) towards the global goal of limiting climate change to no more than 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.



Participants at the TIDRET Project finance training

As such, Namibia needs to strengthen the competencies, skills and procedures of the four entities to support the development of further projects and their contribution towards NDC goals. It is against this background that the NDA has established a climate finance working group, whose key collective responsibility is to develop bankable project proposals in fulfilment of NDC targets.

A key partner in this capacity building programme is the Towards an Inclusive Design of the Renewable Energy Transition (TIDRET) Project, an initiative lead by the EIF under the Climate Change and Inclusive Use of Natural Resources Project (CCIU-EU) of the MEFT, administered through the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ). The key objectives of the project are to facilitate the formulation of evidence-based, gender-sensitive NDC projects and business models for climate action (adaptation and mitigation), and subsequently, to facilitate public and private sector stakeholder dialogues to support investment in climate action on various platforms.

The TIDRET Project provides ongoing technical support to the climate finance working group and convened a working session on 28 March 2023 at the Avani Hotel in Windhoek. The capacity development support is provided not only to entities pursuing accreditation, but also to institutions that are actively pursuing climate finance resources in fulfilment of NDC targets. The TIDRET Project has availed funds totalling €10,000 to seven institutions to finalise their Concept Notes, formulated during the climate finance training sessions on bankability, and to catalyse the submission of these Concept Notes to a funding organisation. By strengthening the capacity of local institutions, the TIDRET Project will increase Namibia's access to climate finance required for achieving its NDC ambitions. The ultimate goal is to develop context-specific climate solutions for Namibia, by Namibia.



Project finance training of the TIDRET Project

INCEPTION MEETING OF GREEN, RESILIENT RECOVERY RAPID READINESS SUPPORT IN NAMIBIA

On 31 December 2021, the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia under the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism as the National Designated Authority (NDA) successfully secured US\$300,000 from the Green Climate Fund for a readiness funding project titled “Green, Resilient Recovery Rapid Readiness Support in Namibia” (NAM-RS-004). As an entity accredited to the GCF, the EIF is the delivery partner for the seven-month project.

In addition to providing Direct Access Entities (DAE) such as the EIF with grants funding, the GCF provides readiness and preparatory support activities to enhance country ownership and ensure access during the early stages of the GCF partnership. The cross-cutting and ongoing support is aimed at strengthening the interaction between a country and the GCF. While the readiness programme targets all developing countries, the GCF prioritises particularly vulnerable countries, such as least developed countries (LDCs), Small Developing Island States (SIDS), and African States.

The readiness and preparatory support programme has five main activity areas, namely:

1. Strengthening the NDA and focal partners
2. Developing strategic frameworks such as NAPs
3. Preparing entities for accreditation
4. Developing pipelines
5. Sharing information and experiences

These activity areas are centred around the NDA, which is responsible for focal point oversight and is assisted by the EIF as the delivery partner for the readiness support project.

A one-day inception meeting was held in Windhoek on 13 April 2023 to introduce the readiness project to targeted stakeholders, including Government

officials, CEOs of various entities and civil society at large. Presentations covered project implementation modalities, objectives and intended activities, to ensure ownership and scope of the readiness programme.

The objective of the readiness and preparatory support project is to support the feasibility study on the three green valleys identified in the Green Hydrogen Strategy (GHS). Namibia aspires to create an at-scale green fuels industry with a production target of 10 – 12 million tonnes of hydrogen per annum by the year 2050. To this end, it will develop three hydrogen valleys, namely in the southern region of //Karas, the central region including Walvis Bay Port and Windhoek, and the northern region of Kunene. Namibia also aspires to establish an integrated, thriving green ecosystem across Southern Africa by creating synergies in shared infrastructure, manufacturing collaboration and power exports, for example, with South Africa, Botswana, Zambia and Angola.

The project’s executing entity is the Office of the President through the Performance Delivery Unit (PDU) with support from the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism and the EIF, which is the GCF-accredited entity. The National Planning Commission (NPC) and the Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME) are the key stakeholders identified in the implementation of this project. The two entities were deemed essential to project implementation, given their respective mandates of spearheading national development and overseeing the energy and mining sector. It is expected that the stakeholders will also add value to the outcomes of the feasibility studies by partaking in the validation process, as well as linking the recommendations to the country’s developmental priorities.

According to the 2022 Green Hydrogen Strategy, Namibia is well-positioned to partake in reducing the anticipated global hydrogen demand-supply gap and lower the cost of the net-zero transition. Many countries will not be able to meet their demand fully or cost-effectively through domestic production; instead, they will rely on energy partnerships with countries that have more abundant renewable resources to close supply gaps and lower costs. Its natural endowments give Namibia a comparable advantage and will enable the country to make tremendous contributions to the global transition to net-zero, while at the same time addressing socio-economic inequalities. It is anticipated that the country will be able to form broadly shared prosperity for its people through green hydrogen production and exports in the long term.

To date, Namibia has been the recipient of the following six readiness support projects:

- NAM-RS-001: Assist the accredited entity (i.e. the EIF) to put in place required policies
- NAM-RS-002: Assist the NDA to develop the GCF country strategy
- NAM-RS-003: Support strategic frameworks for Namibia through the Climate Technology Centre and Network (CTCN) and the UN Environment Programme 2019
- NAM-RS-004: Green, Resilient Recovery Rapid Readiness Support in Namibia
- NAM-RS-005: Developing key legislation, regulation, policies and concept notes for climate action in Namibia
- NAM-RS-006: Support for accreditation of direct access entities in Namibia

For more information about Green, Resilient Recovery Rapid Readiness Support in Namibia, follow the link:

<https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/NAPC/Support/Pages/GCF.aspx>

EIF COMMENCES DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW BUSINESS STRATEGY

The Fund began with the review of its previous strategic plan, which was concluded at the end of 2022. The review provides a high-level performance assessment at institutional, programme and project levels of the Fund's five-year Business Strategy 2018 – 2022 with the aim of identifying opportunities, weaknesses, threats to performance and subsequently improvements for the next business strategy. In addition, the review presents an opportunity to assess the expected outputs, outcomes and impact of the previous strategy, and thus informs the development of the new five-year Integrated Strategic Business Plan, as well as plans for its implementation, monitoring and evaluation assessment tools, and requisite skills for strategy execution.

The 2018 – 2022 Business Strategy, the second one since the Fund's inception, included 72 Key Performance Indicators (KPI), with the Fund achieving an overall performance rate of 70% of the set targets. Among the key milestones were the re-accreditation with the Green Climate Fund, the implementation of the Resource Mobilisation Strategy yielding approximately N\$3 billion worth of investment in grant and sustainable loan facilities, and the introduction of blended finance with several development partners from the public and private sectors and UN Agencies. The Fund collaborated with three local commercial banks, namely First National Bank, Bank Windhoek, and Nedbank to provide a technical assistant facility under the SUNREF Project funded by the French Development Agency (AFD). Transformation of rural livelihoods, energy efficiency and natural resource management were strong focus points over the past five years.

EIF AND LAO EPF HOLD BILATERAL MEETING

The Lao Environment Protection Fund (Lao EPF) and the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia (EIF) held a virtual bilateral meeting with the aim of seeking peer group networking and engagement. The objective was to build an organisational peer relationship for exchanging useful lessons and experience, with the envisioned outcome being mutual understanding and a communication channel between the two institutions.

The Lao EPF was created in 2005 with support from the World Bank, which helped to build EPF capacity and finance EPF-administered grants. As long financing support from the World Bank is coming to an end, the Lao EPF is compiling a completion report that reflects on EPF performance and institutional effectiveness and reviews institutional achievements and challenges, with prospects for a future strategy. The peer organisation exchange with the EIF was sought to widen perspectives on how the Lao EPF can strategise for its future development.

EIF AND MTC DONATE EARLY WARNING WEATHER SYSTEMS

The Fund and its partner, Mobile Telecommunications Limited (MTC), donated four Automated Weather Stations (AWS) and one Automated Rain Station to the Namibia Meteorological Service. The stations, valued at N\$800,000 in total, will serve as early warning weather systems in the Sesfontein, Fransfontein and Warmquelle areas in the Kunene Region.

The donation was made possible through a partnership between the EIF, the Green Climate Fund, the IREMA Project, and the Ministry of Works and Transport. The Namibia Meteorological Service, under the Ministry of Works and Transport, is the custodian of the highly-technical AWS and plays a pivotal role in their management.

The donation demonstrates a strong commitment to the Environmental, Social and Governance agenda, particularly to the socio-environmental sustainability element, and reinforces Namibia's pledge to implement early warning systems as a crucial means of alerting communities to climate change and enabling them to respond effectively. Early warning information empowers communities to take timely action in the face of potential disasters, such as droughts and floods. It serves as a safety net, allowing communities to proactively plan for disasters, thereby saving lives, preserving jobs, protecting ecosystems, and safeguarding critical infrastructure.



Automated Weather Station equipment on display at the handover ceremony at the Ministry of Works and Transport, Windhoek, Namibia



Pauline Mugore, EIF Chief Financial Officer, Timoteus Ekandjo, MTC Chief Human Capital and Corporate Affairs, Joyce Mukubi, Deputy Executive Director of the Department of Administration and Centralised Support Services of the Ministry of Works and Transport, and Sieglinde Somses, Meteorological Technician-Climate Services of the Namibia Meteorological Service under the Ministry of Works and Transport.

IREMA AND MAWLR HOST SMALL STOCK PRODUCTION TRAINING

The Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia (EIF) in conjunction with the Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform (MAWLR) is implementing a climate change adaptation project titled “Improving Rangeland and Ecosystem Management Practices of Smallholder Farmers under Conditions of Climate Change in Sesfontein, Fransfontein, and Warmquelle Areas” (IREMA Project). The IREMA Project aims to reduce the vulnerability of smallholder farmers under climate change conditions by safeguarding natural capital that generates ecosystem services to sustain agricultural production systems. As part of project activities, a Small Stock Revolving Scheme to support drought resilient livestock breeds, with a focus on small livestock farming practices, was implemented.

From 2 to 15 April 2023, training on small stock production was held in Khorixas and Opuwo. The training was attended by 25 farmers (11 men and 14 women), 19 of whom were from marginalised groups, such as the Himba, San and Zemba. The overall goal of the training was to enable beneficiaries who received goats from IREMA and the MAWLR in 2022 to increase their knowledge and skills in sustainable small stock farming and production/husbandry practices, marketing and revolving scheme regulations, and to address challenges faced by beneficiaries. In 2022, the IREMA Project procured 630 goats, which benefited 29 farmers, while the MAWLR procured 441 goats, which benefited 21 farmers in the Kunene Region.

Training sessions were facilitated by a mentor from the Agricultural Bank of Namibia, extension officers from the Directorate of Agriculture Production, Extension and Engineering Services (DAPEES), and the IREMA Regional Technical Officer. Agricultural technicians from various wards were also present to ensure close support and backstopping of the beneficiaries, as were two interns from the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST).

Through different training methods and techniques, including interactive presentations, discussions, brainstorming, and Q&A sessions, participants learned about various aspects of small stock husbandry (including animal health, breeding and nutrition), record-keeping, marketing, the effect of climate change, advantages of farming with small stock, the revolving scheme concept, as well as the roles and responsibilities of beneficiaries in ensuring successful implementation of the revolving scheme.

Participants said that the training had met their expectations and expressed a willingness to share their new knowledge with other farmers in their communities. The participants thanked the EIF/IREMA Project for the opportunity, as well as for the goats and financial support received through the IREMA Project, highlighting that it had greatly improved their livelihoods.



Participants at the IREMA Project training on small stock husbandry at Opuwo



Participants at the IREMA Project training on small stock husbandry in Khorixas

EIF COMMEMORATES WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY 2023

World Environment Day was celebrated on 5 June 2023 under the #BeatPlasticPollution campaign, which calls for global solutions to combat plastic pollution. This year marked the 50th anniversary of World Environment Day, which is organised annually by the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) to raise awareness of the importance of and action for the protection of the environment.

With the end goal to eradicate all forms of pollution by 2030, the UNEP was tasked by the UN Environment Assembly to coordinate the implementation of a global plan “Towards a pollution-free planet.” Addressing pollution is not only an environmental priority; it is a priority for the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The Environmental Investment Fund recognises plastic pollution as a considerable threat that impacts the health of humans, livestock, wildlife, fish, birds and the broader environment. Plastic bags, in particular, warrant urgent measures to reduce their usage due to their prevalence, visibility, durability and harmful effects on the environment. Scattered around all Namibian towns, cities, informal settlements and the marine environment, plastic bags are one of the most unsightly and problematic forms of waste in the country.

In August 2019, a plastic levy was introduced in Namibia as per a cabinet directive to develop regulations under the Customs and Excise Act 20 of 1998, the EIF Act 13 of 2001, and the Environmental Management Act 7 of 2007. The levy applies to customers, producers and suppliers, and among other things, seeks to discourage Namibians from using plastic bags in an effort to control plastic pollution. The objective of the environmental levy is to reduce the quantity of residual material by encouraging recovery and reclamation of discarded electronic appliances, used lubricants, and batteries.

In commemorating World Environment Day, the EIF echoed this year’s theme and urged the nation to collectively scale up efforts and partnerships to end plastic pollution as its detrimental impacts on health,

the economy and the environment can no longer be ignored. Chief Executive Officer of the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia, Benedict Libanda, highlighted that beating plastic pollution is the only choice we have. He said, “Plastic pollution is a problem of our making, but the solution also lies in our hands. We must take ambitious action along the plastic lifecycle. The scourge of plastic pollution is a visible threat that impacts every community.”

Plastic contributes to climate change, as it is predominantly produced from oil and gas, both of which are fossil fuels. The more plastic is produced, the more fossil fuels are required, and the more the climate crisis is intensified. In addition, plastic products create greenhouse gas emissions across their entire lifecycle. If no action is taken, greenhouse gas emissions caused by plastic could account for 19% of the Paris Agreement’s total allowable emissions in 2040.

In the past, the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism and the EIF partnered on a successful waste management campaign titled “Drive Your Rubbish Home.” The aim of the campaign was to engage communities to change their attitudes towards waste management.

The bottom line is that Namibia must take ambitious action along the plastic lifecycle. The scourge of plastic pollution poses a threat to every community across the country. The solution is to reduce the production and consumption of single-use plastic by replacing it with durable and sustainable alternatives, and reusable packaging. The solution is less pollution.



NAMIBIA HOSTS 2023 SADC DFIs NETWORK FORUM

From 6 to 9 June 2023, Namibian Development Finance Institutions (DFIs), namely, the Agribank of Namibia, the Development Bank of Namibia, the Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia and the National Housing Enterprise, hosted the 2023 SADC DFIs network forum, under the SADC Development Finance Resource Centre (SADC-DFRC) in Swakopmund, in the Erongo Region. Delegates and executives from Angola, Botswana, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Malawi, Lesotho, Eswatini, the Seychelles, Namibia and South Africa attended the event.

Convened under the theme “Balancing DFI Developmental Mandate with Sustainability,” the objective of the forum was to discuss and share experiences of how DFIs have been able to mobilise appropriately-priced capital to meet their developmental mandates and close existing market gaps, particularly in sectors such as SMMEs and infrastructure development. In addition, the forum touched on resources available to DFIs on domestic and international capital markets, and the nature and conditions of access.

A lean organisation staffed by professionals in strategic areas, the SADC-DFRC employs a collaborative approach that involves utilisation 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 mobilisation of resources by the financial sector, in particular 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).

To address DFI sustainability and effective mandate execution, the forum drew speakers from Microfinance Institutions (MFIs), the Institute for Climate Policy Solutions (ICPS), DFIs and regional organisations that focus on DFI regulation and governance, among others. Panel discussions, consisting largely of representatives from network member DFIs, constituted the main focus of the forum as these presented the opportunity to share information and experiences and the adoption of emerging best practices.

In addition to DFI CEOs and senior executives, the forum was attended by senior officials of regional and international DFIs, resource mobilisation specialists, government officials, and other development stakeholders. The Deputy Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises, Honourable Maureen Hinda-Mbuende officiated the event.



Hon. Maureen Hinda-Mbuende, Deputy Minister of Finance and Public Enterprises, with representatives of various DFIs at the official opening of the SADC-DFRC forum in June 2023



Participants at the SADC-DFRC forum, hosted by Namibia in June 2023

NAMIBIAN GOVERNMENT AND DUTCH PARTNERS SIGN MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Government of the Republic of Namibia finalised agreements for the establishment and management of Namibia's sovereign wealth fund, SDG Namibia One, the exercise of Government's option to take up a 24% interest in the first project being developed by Hyphen Hydrogen Energy (Pty) Ltd, and the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between a coalition of Namibian and Dutch partners. With the conclusion of these milestones, the Government has taken yet another significant step towards realising the potential of the transformative green hydrogen sector for the benefit of all Namibians, as envisaged in the Harambee Prosperity Plan II (HPP II).

Government, delivering on the vision of HPP II and the development of the first hydrogen valley, the Southern Corridor Development Initiative (SCDI), recognised the need to strategically mobilise billions of Namibian dollars of funding in a manner that does not place additional fiscal burdens on the country. In order to raise the necessary funding, Government thus sought partners and developed relationships with the European Union (EU) as a block, and the countries of the Netherlands and Germany, specifically. These strategic relationships are driven by the significant alignment between the aspirations of HPP II and the objectives of the EU, the Netherlands and Germany in driving the energy transition.



Andrew Johnstone, CEO of Climate Fund Managers, Benedict Libanda, CEO of the EIF, and Joost Oosthuizen, CEO of Invest International

The establishment of SDG Namibia One, a €1 billion blended financing vehicle for green hydrogen investment in Namibia, will see the Environmental Investment Fund partnering with two Dutch organisations, namely Climate Fund Managers and Invest International. SDG Namibia One will be jointly managed by a newly established management company, NH2 Fund Managers, which will comprise the EIF and Climate Fund Managers as shareholders.

Invest International is providing 100% of the initial funding of €40 million (~N\$850 million) as grant funding. This vehicle will seek to raise money from local institutional and international investors to develop Namibian green hydrogen projects and related infrastructure. The European Investment Bank and the Namibian Government concluded a letter of intent at COP27 for the raising of €500 million, a portion of which is to be designated for investment via SDG Namibia One.



Benedict Libanda, CEO of the EIF, His Excellency Mark Rutte, Prime Minister of the Netherlands, and His Excellency Nangolo Mbumba, Vice-President of Namibia, at the announcement of the shareholders agreement SDG Namibia One Fund in Windhoek, Namibia

GREEN CLIMATE FUND CONCLUDES MISSION TO EIF PROJECTS IN NAMIBIA

The Green Climate Fund (GCF) secretariat undertook an ad hoc mission to Namibia from 26 June to 6 July 2023. The overall objective of the mission was to assess the quality of project implementation of all EIF-approved projects, gain lessons to govern future project implementation, and provide recommendations to ensure intended project results and impacts are achieved. The GCF delegation was composed of an inter-divisional team that included Folasade Ayonrinde, Portfolio Management Specialist, DPM (PIMM-FA); Ben Vickers, Sector Senior Specialist, Land-use, Forests and Ecosystem, DPM (Sector); and Nathaniel Pappoe, Financial Management Specialist, DSS (Finance).

The secretariat engaged the EIF, the Government, civil society organisations, EIF project staff and management, community based organisations, and other stakeholders on the implementation of all EIF projects. The itinerary included project site visits and meetings with project teams, beneficiaries and other relevant stakeholders, and interactions with beneficiary communities and stakeholders to gain first-hand insights into their experiences in relation to engagement, capacities, access to finance, changes in community level climate change resilience, and adaptation and resilience benefits. The delegation paid courtesy visits to the Ministry of Finance and Public Enterprises, and the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism.

The EIF is a direct access entity to the GCF. It was accredited to the GCF in decision B.10/06, paragraph (c), in July 2016, and subsequently re-accredited in 2021. The EIF is accredited under micro-size projects and programme activities up to and including N\$10 million.

The EIF has four GCF-approved funded activities, namely FP023, FP024, SAP001 and SAP006, which are all adaptation projects in drought-stricken rural communities in Namibia. The total approved funding for EIF projects is US\$39.1 million (comprising US\$37.7 million in GCF financing and US\$1.4 million in co-financing). To date, US\$30.9 million of the GCF-approved funding amount has been disbursed, which equates to 79% of approved GCF funds for all EIF projects under implementation. In addition, the EIF's engagement with the GCF includes five approved readiness proposals, which are also under implementation.

The projects are at different stages of implementation. Although FP024 closed in November 2022, the project was considered during the mission to review results as well as for financial close-out.



The GCF secretariat delegation with beneficiaries of the GCF-funded SAP001 IREMA Project

GREEN CLIMATE FUND CONCLUDES MISSION TO EIF PROJECTS IN NAMIBIA (CONTINUED)

The delegation visited the following project sites:

- SAP006: Strengthening climate change resilience and adaptation of communal areas in the Ovitoto Conservancy
- FP024: Bush-based animal feed production project in the Ozonahi Conservancy
- IlHuab Conservancy: Hydroponics project
- Sorris Sorris Conservancy: 150-KW Solar Power Plant for clean power and revenue via offtake agreement
- Otjimboyo Conservancy: Resilience project field visits to SAP001 investments, namely Fransfontein Community Garden, Small Stock Revolving Scheme and Belmond rehabilitated waterpoint
- SAP006-approved grants: Omkhaibasen Farmers' Cooperative at farm Daweb-West, 40 km north of Usakos – “Water and Solar Infrastructure Development and Restocking” and Otjimbingwe Independent Development Association – “Enhance horticulture produce through new climate smart technologies to mitigate climate change effects on horticulture produce”



Karl M. Aribeb, EIF Chief Operations Officer; Ben Vickers, GCF Sector Senior Specialist, Land-use, Forests and Ecosystems; Hon. Pohamba Shifeta, Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism; Folasade Ayonrinde, GCF Portfolio Management Specialist; Nathaniel Pappoe, GCF Financial Management Specialist; and Teofelus Nghitila, Executive Director of the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism during a courtesy visit to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism

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