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## MAIN STORY



# Shiimi rules out sugar tax

**F**inance and Public Enterprises Minister Iipumbu Shiimi has confirmed that the government has no plans to introduce a sugar tax, even though it could generate additional revenue.

Shiimi told The Brief that the country would need to conduct a feasibility study to assess the impacts of imposing a sugar tax on sugary beverage retailers.

“Sugar tax is not something that is in our plans for now. But we have to do an impact assessment first to see how it's going to

### Crucial Dates

- Bank of Namibia Monetary Policy announcement date:  
14 August 2024  
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- Global African Hydrogen Summit (GAh2S)  
Windhoek, Namibia from 03 - 05 September 2024

“The idea of a sugar tax might have been suggested, but it hasn't been seriously considered or developed into a policy.”

impact different stakeholders before we come to the final decision,” he said.

Despite sugar tax being a prospective revenue generating stream as shown in SADC countries like South Africa, Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe, Shiimi said the country was reluctant to impose sugar tax.

“...revenue is one aspect...definitely, we will generate revenue from that, but I think what is also important is to understand who is going to be impacted, how and will the benefits outweigh the costs. That's why it's important to do that impact assessment before we reach a conclusion,” Shiimi noted.

Furthermore, Shiimi emphasised doing a feasibility study on risk assessment, impact and costs involved with imposing a sugar tax on sugar-producing companies and products before considering the sugar tax in Namibia.

"Let us first do the feasibility study so that we can conclusively say yes, it can be done and it is going to benefit Namibia. Then it's going to impose an unnecessary cost on Namibia. One will have to weigh those costs,

we will only be able to arrive at that decision once we do the feasibility study or the impact assessment,” he said.

Shiimi said the idea of a sugar tax might have been suggested, but it hasn't been seriously considered or developed into a policy.

“I think if it was proposed, it was probably just an idea that came from someone. But it has not gone very far, as far as I know. I think the fact of the matter is we don't have that as part of our policy plans at the moment. We have to do that impact assessment before we make it part of our plans,” he said.

Director General of National Planning Commission Obeth Kandjoze also told The Brief that the government has no plans to introduce the sugar tax.

The sugar tax is designed to reduce the consumption of sweetened beverages by making them more expensive to purchase as part of an effort to lessen the prevalence of diabetes, obesity and other related non-communicable diseases.



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**NATIONAL  
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2024**



# CALL FOR ENTRIES

The Namibian Agronomic Board (NAB) annually hosts the National Agronomy and Horticulture Awards (NAHA) ceremony aimed at recognizing and awarding the value chain actors (producers, processors, traders, service providers, and school gardens) that have contributed significantly to the development and growth of Namibia's crop industry.

The NAB is pleased to announce that the 2024 NAHA awards will be hosted in the North Central Production Zone, at Olushandja on the 19 September 2024.

## ENTRY FORMS

The entry forms for the competition can be accessed from the links under each category. For more information kindly contact Ms. Victoria Petrus at [Victoria.Petrus@nab.com.na](mailto:Victoria.Petrus@nab.com.na) or on 061379516.

**DUE DATE: 25 JULY 2024**

The NAB hereby, invites **all registered Crop Producers, Traders, Exporters and Service Providers of horticulture** in all production zones to compete in the following categories;

### Horticulture Producers Awards:

<https://forms.office.com/r/RPkrP4krt5>

- Outstanding Horticulture Producer of the Year
- Emerging horticulture producer of the year
- Outstanding Horticulture Innovator of the Year
- Horticulture youth producer

### Horticulture traders awards:

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- Outstanding Horticulture trader of the Year
- Emerging Horticulture trader of the year

### Horticulture Exporters Awards:

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- Outstanding Horticulture Exporter of the year
- Emerging Exporter of the year

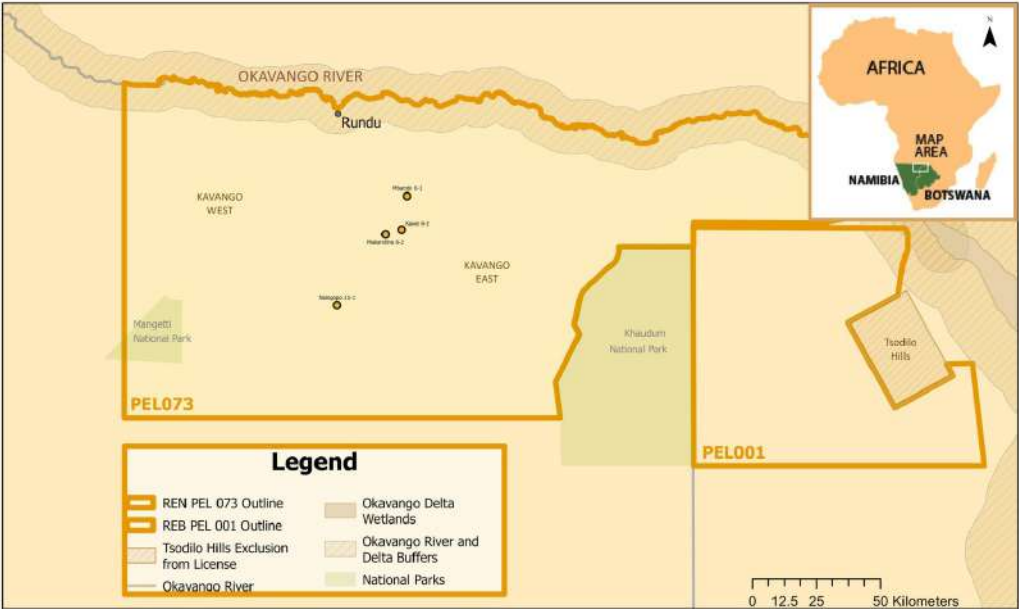
### Horticultural Service Provider Award

<https://forms.office.com/r/UjqVpNCyhz>

- Outstanding Horticulture Service Provider of the Year

## MINIMUM SELECTION CRITERIA

- Must be registered with the NAB as a producer, trader, or exporter of horticultural products.
- Traders must comply with the minimum 47% MSP requirement
- Service Provider must be a Namibian registred company.
- Horticulture youth producers should not be older than 35 years.



# ReconAfrica in N\$2bn Kavango Basin deal with BW Energy

**B**W Energy has entered into a N\$2,6 billion (U\$141 million) partnership with ReconAfrica, securing a 20% working interest in the latter's Namibian exploration license (PEL 73).

As part of the agreement, an upfront equity investment of N\$289 million (US\$16 million) by BW Energy will be made in ReconAfrica.

Additional payments tied to achieving commerciality and production milestones include a N\$407 million (US\$22.5 million) payment when a commercial development decision is made and another N\$407 million (US\$22.5 million) payment one year after oil production starts.

The deal also includes a N\$90 million (US\$5 million) payment 60 days after the

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

Provision of Insurance Brokerage for a period of **3 years**

Levy (Non-Refundable): **N\$ 300.00** (Cash only)

Collection of Bidding Document: **Procurement Management Unit Office**

Bid Submission Due Date: **31st July 2024 @11:00**





first oil is sold commercially and three potential payments of N\$452 million (US\$25 million) each, tied to BW Energy reaching specific total cash flow targets.

Additionally, BW Energy will contribute to drilling two wells targeting the Damara Fold Belt and a comprehensive 3D seismic program to gather geological data and has the flexibility to participate in drilling two more wells in the Rift Basin over the next 24 months.

“The transaction will enable BW Energy to expand its footprint in a strategically important energy region and further our position as a leader in Namibia’s development towards energy independence,” said BW Energy CEO Carl Arnet.

“The data and insights gained through ReconAfrica’s exploration campaign will further our understanding of the geology and petroleum

system in Namibia and help de-risk planned exploration and development of our Kudu license.”

As part of the agreement, ReconAfrica will retain a 70% working interest in PEL 73, allowing it to maintain control over the exploration efforts.

BW Energy’s participation brings not only capital but expertise in oil and gas development, which will be valuable as ReconAfrica progresses in exploration activities.

On completion of the transaction, the ownership interests in PEL 73 will be ReconAfrica at 70%, BW Energy at 20%, and NAMCOR at 10%. ReconAfrica remains the operator of PEL 73.

“We are delighted to welcome BW Energy as our partner in Namibia where we plan to drill a multi-well exploration program and acquire a 3D seismic program in the Rift Basin. Our farm out joint venture process was thorough and comprehensive, which attracted significant interest from high quality companies of all sizes,” said ReconAfrica President and CEO Brian Reinsborough.

Meanwhile, ReconAfrica is also undertaking a concurrent equity offering to raise N\$463 million (C\$35 million).

The proceeds from this offering and the capital secured from BW Energy will be used to fund exploration activities, working capital, and general corporate purposes.

ReconAfrica is a Canadian oil and gas company engaged in the opening of the newly discovered deep Kavango Sedimentary Basin

# PROCUREMENT NOTICE

MTC hereby invites companies to participate in the following procurement opportunity:

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**TENDER NO: MTC29-24-0**

**Request for Structural Definition & Design of MTC's Retail Shops.**

**Briefing Meeting:**  
Tuesday, 23 July 2024 @ 11h00

**Briefing Meeting Venue:**  
Microsoft Teams, the link will be on MTC's website.

**Closing Date: Friday, 2 August 2024 @ 14h30**

**Terms of References are available at:**  
[www.mtc.com.na/procurement](http://www.mtc.com.na/procurement)

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in the Kalahari Desert of north-eastern Namibia and north-western Botswana, where it holds petroleum licences comprising 8 million contiguous acres.

BW Energy is a growth E&P company with a differentiated strategy targeting proven offshore oil and gas reservoirs

through low-risk phased developments. The company has access to existing production facilities to reduce time to first oil and cash flow with lower investments than traditional offshore developments.

- [miningandenergy.com.na](http://miningandenergy.com.na)



We are a leading agricultural organization dedicated to advancing the sector through innovative practices and cutting-edge technology. We are currently seeking qualified and motivated individuals to join our team in the following position:

1. MECHANIZATION EXPERT

Key Responsibilities:

- Develop and implement mechanization strategies to enhance agricultural productivity.
- Assess and recommend appropriate machinery and equipment for various agricultural activities.
- Train farmers and staff on the operation and maintenance of agricultural machinery.
- Collaborate with stakeholders to promote mechanization initiatives.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree OR Masters in Agricultural Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, or related field.
- Minimum of 5 years of experience in agricultural mechanization.
- Knowledge of modern agricultural machinery and technology.
- Excellent communication and training skills.

2. AGRICULTURAL PROJECT MANAGER

Key Responsibilities:

- Plan, execute, and manage agricultural projects from inception to completion.
- Coordinate with stakeholders to ensure project objectives are met.
- Monitor project progress, prepare reports, and manage budgets.
- Identify and mitigate project risks.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree OR Masters in Agriculture, Project Management, or a related field.
- Minimum of 5 years of experience in managing agricultural projects.
- Strong leadership, organizational, and communication skills.
- Project Management Professional (PMP) certification is an advantage.

3. IRRIGATION EXPERT

Key Responsibilities:

- Design and implement efficient irrigation systems for diverse agricultural projects.
- Conduct water resource assessments and develop sustainable water management strategies.
- Monitor and evaluate the performance of irrigation systems to ensure optimal functionality.
- Provide technical support and training to staff and farmers on best irrigation practices.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree OR Masters in Agricultural Engineering, Water Resources Management, or a related field.
- Minimum of 5 years of experience in irrigation system design and management.
- Proficiency in using irrigation software and tools.
- Strong analytical and problem-solving skills.

4. RICE BREEDER

Key Responsibilities:

- Develop new rice varieties with improved yield, quality, and resistance to pests and diseases.
- Conduct field trials and research to evaluate the performance of new rice varieties.
- Collaborate with other researchers and institutions to advance rice breeding programs.
- Provide technical guidance to farmers on rice cultivation practices.

Qualifications:

- PhD or Master's in Plant Breeding, Agronomy, or related field.
- Minimum of 3 years of experience in rice breeding.
- Strong background in genetics, plant pathology, and biostatistics.
- Excellent research and data analysis skills.

5. AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION ENGINEER

Key Responsibilities:

- Design, develop, and improve agricultural machinery and equipment.
- Oversee the installation, testing, and maintenance of machinery.
- Ensure compliance with safety standards and regulations.
- Provide technical support and training to machine operators and technicians.

Qualifications:

- Bachelor's degree OR Masters in Agricultural Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, or related field.
- Minimum of 5 years of experience in agricultural machinery design and maintenance.
- Strong technical and mechanical aptitude.
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A Reputable Agro Group of entities is seeking to recruit a dynamic, result-oriented, passionate with ethical values for the position of **CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER** for the overall responsibility of strategic planning, implementation, managing and running of all the finance activities of the company, including business planning, budgeting, forecasting, risk and governance as well as negotiations and obtaining and maintaining investor relations and partnership compliance.

The CFO will interact with senior stakeholders and other company members as the key executive management team member. The CFO job description includes:

Responsibilities

- Aligning financial planning and strategy with business planning and the Group's strategy, including multi-year budgets, trend analysis and scenario modelling
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- Providing strategic recommendations to the Group CEO and executive management team.
- Managing the processes for financial forecasting and budgets, and overseeing the preparation of all financial reporting
- Advising on long-term business and financial planning
- Provide commercial insight and leadership across the business to exceed business plan targets.
- Responsible for ensuring the risk and compliance management framework is embedded and operational for the Group
- Establishing and developing relations with senior management and external partners and stakeholders • Reviewing all formal finance, HR and IT-related procedures

Qualifications:

The role of CFO is very senior; hence a high level of experience is expected for anyone applying for this role. Professional certification (CPA / ACCA / CIMA) or equivalent A bachelor's degree in the following will be expected for this role: Accounting, Finance or Economics.

An MBA is also highly desirable. At least 10 years of experience in the finance industry and proven leadership and management experience are essential –examples of when they have demonstrated excellence in the workplace.

Candidate must possess excellent interpersonal and communication skills with the executive presence to work with senior management, investors, and external stakeholders. They must be able to engage with staff at all levels of the organisation and exercise sound judgement.

**NB: Gender Equality, Women are encouraged to apply. Applicants should be willing to travel outside Namibia.**

**How to Apply:** Interested candidates should send their CV & Cover Letter to [HR@abanga-group.com](mailto:HR@abanga-group.com). The deadline for submission of applications is 30<sup>th</sup> July,2024. Please specify the position you are applying for in the subject line of your email. Join us in transforming the agricultural landscape and positively impacting food security. We look forward to welcoming dynamic and passionate professionals to our team.



# Namibia revokes visa exemptions for New Zealand, Denmark

**T**he government will impose visa requirements on New Zealand and Denmark due to their lack of reciprocal visa exemptions.

Namibia is set to start implementing visas on arrival for citizens of countries that have

not reciprocated the country's exemption gestures from 1 April 2025.

Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety, and Security Lucia Witbooi said Namibia has expanded its visa requirements to encompass 33 countries,

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following a government review that added two additional nations to the list.

"The entry requirements in respect of Namibia include, but are not limited to, a return ticket, medical insurance, proof of means of sustenance while in Namibia, not wanted by any country for criminal activities and passport valid for at least six months on the date of arrival. The implementation date has been set to commence on the 1st of April 2025. As before, we assure the Namibian nation that all decisions are made to further the interest of Namibian nationals," she said.

Thus, she added that the government will always look at how Namibians are treated elsewhere for the system to take reciprocal measures where engagement has not yielded the desired outcome.

This comes as earlier this year, Namibia resolved to introduce entry visa requirements for countries that have not reciprocated its visa exemption policy. Namibia had visa exemptions for around 55 nations, with only 18 of those having reciprocated the exemptions.


Notably, 18 countries such as Angola, Botswana, South Africa, Zimbabwe,

and others will remain unaffected by the changes, as they have reciprocal visa agreements with Namibia.

However, only 31 countries were impacted by the new visa requirements.

These include nations such as Armenia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Canada, Finland, France, Germany, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Moldova, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, United Kingdom, United States of America, and Uzbekistan.

The Ministry said to streamline arrival processes, the visa-on-arrival form will be merged with the arrival form, and departure forms will be discontinued.



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TENDER

First date of publication 12 July 2024

**DBMNE0509 - GEOTECHNICAL SITE INVESTIGATION: MUDBELT AND COARSE GRAVEL ENTITIES**

**DESCRIPTION:**

Debmare Namibia is looking for a contractor with the right expertise and experience to undertake a geotechnical site investigation utilising existing proven site investigation techniques to obtain detailed geotechnical data.

**SCOPE OF WORK:**

The locations are primarily the inshore portions of the license area known as Mudbelt South, Mudbelt Central and Mudbelt North and consist of Holocene material overlying coarse gravel and cobbles. A central area characterized by very thick gravel orebodies will also most likely be part of the targets. Water depths range from 90m to 140m. The data will be used to build a site ground model in conjunction with the geophysical data and previous geological data already available across the site.

**CLOSING DATE: 23 August 2024 at 12:00**, by electronic submission.

**REQUEST FOR ELECTRONIC TENDER DOCUMENT:**

Registered businesses interested in providing such services are requested to obtain the tender document with reference number DBMNE0509 GEOTECHNICAL SITE INVESTIGATION: MUDBELT AND COARSE GRAVEL ENTITIES.


**ENQUIRIES:**

The Procurement Officer  
Tel: +264 61 297 8481  
Email: [Tenders@debmarine.com](mailto:Tenders@debmarine.com)  
Subject line: DBMNE0509 - GEOTECHNICAL SITE INVESTIGATION: MUDBELT AND COARSE GRAVEL ENTITIES

**DISCLAIMER:**

Debmare Namibia shall not be responsible for any costs incurred in the preparation and submission of a response to this tender and furthermore reserves the right not to extend this tender into any future tenders, negotiations and or engagements.

Debmare Namibia shall not accept submissions rendered after the closing date and time.





# Windhoek approves 928 building plans worth N\$921.9 million in H1

The City of Windhoek approved 928 building plans during the first half of the year with a total value of N\$921.9 million, marking a 1.4% increase in number and a 30.0% increase in value compared to the same period in 2023.

IJG Securities reports that on a twelve-month cumulative basis, there has been a 16.3% decrease in the number of approvals

and a marginal 0.1% decrease in value compared to the equivalent period from a year ago.

Additionally, 98 building plans, valued at N\$50.5 million, were completed in the month. In June, the city approved a total of 149 building plans, a decrease of 20.7% from the 188 approvals in May.

The total value of June's approvals

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amounted to N\$109.0 million, which is 42.3% lower than May's approvals.

Meanwhile, Windhoek's twelve-month cumulative number and value of residential approvals have been hovering above 330 units and N\$630.0 million for the past few months, with 334 units valued at N\$633.6 million approved by the end of June.

IJG Securities reveals that this is however 40.7% y/y lower in number terms, but 1.1% more in value terms when compared to the corresponding 12-month period a year ago.

"During the first six months of 2024, 169 residential building plans, worth N\$402.9 million have been approved. This is 17.6% lower in number terms when compared to the same point last year, but 72.9% more in value terms," the firm noted.

In June 2024, approvals were granted for a total of 26 residential units valued at N\$51.1 million, which is nine units lesser than the previous month and represents a decrease of N\$7.52 million in total value.



"32 residential units worth N\$32.8 million were completed during the

month, slightly more than the monthly average of 24 witnessed for the year thus far," said IJG. Simonis Storm Securities said building activities in Swakopmund picked up in the second quarter of 2024, with 179 approvals valued at N\$161.5 million and 230 completed building projects valued at N\$114.4 million.


Consequently, the total number of approved plans for the first half of 2024 reached 311, up from 283 in 1H2023, while completed plans increased to 294 from 197 in 1H2023.

Simonis Storm Junior Economist Halleluya Ndimulunde said that most of the approved building plans in both Windhoek and Swakopmund predominantly focused on the residential segment of the market.


"In Windhoek, the majority of the building plans are for



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Oshakati Water Purification Plant Extension (C-NOSH116)  
Construction Contract for the Oshakati Purification Plant Extension  
Namibia  
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Open Competitive Bidding (International) (OCBI)  
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12 July 2024

1.

The Government of the Republic of Namibia has received financing from the African Development Bank hereinafter called the Bank toward the cost of the Oshakati Purification Plant Extension and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for the Construction Contract for the Oshakati Purification Plant and Associated Works. For this contract, the Borrower shall process the payments using the Direct Payment disbursement method, as defined in the Bank's Disbursement Guidelines and procedures for Investment Project Financing.

2.

The Namibia Water Corporation Limited now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the Construction of the Oshakati Water Purification Plant Extension and Associated Works.

3.

Bidding will be conducted through the Open Competitive Bidding (International), OCBI procedures as specified in the Bank's [Procurement Framework](#) dated 2015) and is open to all eligible Bidders as defined in the Procurement Framework.

4.

Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from Namibia Water Corporation, [BidsA@db.namwater.com.na](mailto:BidsA@db.namwater.com.na) and inspect the Bidding document during office hours (08h00 to 17h00) at the address given below.

5.

The Bidding document in English may be purchased by interested eligible Bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee of **NAD3,000**. The method of payment will be cash/EFT. The document will be sent by Electronic transfer or Hard Copies to be collected from NamWater as per the Bidder's preference.

6.

**Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 11h00AM on 28 August 2024 Electronic Bidding will not be permitted. Late Bids will be rejected.** Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the Bidders' designated representatives and anyone who chooses to attend at the address below on **11h15 on 28 August 2024**.

7.

All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of **NAD19 million** (Namibian Dollars Nineteen Million Only) in the form of an unconditional bank guarantee.

8.

Attention is drawn to the Procurement Framework requiring the Borrower to disclose information on the successful bidder's beneficial ownership, as part of the Contract Award Notice, using the Beneficial Ownership Disclosure Form as included in the bidding document.

9.

The address (es) referred to above is (are):

**Cient:** Namibia Water Corporation Ltd  
**Attention:** Namibia Water Corporation Ltd  
**Address:** 176 Iscor Street, Aigams Building  
**Floor/ Room number:** Ground Floor, Cash Office-Bid Box, Aigams Building  
**City:** Windhoek  
**ZIP Code:** N/A  
**Country:** Namibia  
**Telephone:** +264 (61) 712270  
**Electronic mail address:** [BidsA@db.namwater.com.na](mailto:BidsA@db.namwater.com.na)

additions (116), indicating a strong emphasis on expanding existing structures. This is followed by house construction (26), walls (14), and a smaller number of commercial projects (7) and pools (1)," she said.

Ndimulunde noted that this distribution suggests a trend towards enhancing and enlarging current properties rather

than initiating new builds.

Meanwhile, in Swakopmund, residential projects dominate the new building plans with 56 approvals, highlighting significant growth in housing.

"This is followed by commercial buildings (5) and institutions (4), with minimal activity in the industrial sector (1). This indicates that the primary focus in Swakopmund is on residential development, possibly driven by increasing demand for housing," she said.

She noted that the data indicates key insights, despite fewer new construction proposals, an increased number of approved building plans suggests a higher approval rate, possibly due to improved processes or greater developer confidence.

"Windhoek's emphasis on property expansions reflects a mature market strategy, enhancing existing structures in response to urban renewal or modern demands. In contrast, Swakopmund's focus on new residential constructions highlights a growing housing market driven by economic and population growth, addressing shortages and planning for future development," she said.



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VACANCY

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Green Hydrogen Programme The office of the Head of the Programme is overall responsible for the conception of and driving the implementation of the strategy for the Namibia Green Hydrogen Programme. It acts as a conduit between the line Ministry, the Joint Implementation Committee/Green Hydrogen Committee and staff, to inform the achievement of the Programme's priorities as well as act as a liaison between external stakeholders. This position will be in the office of the Head of the Programme, Green Hydrogen Programme and serves as the official communication and contact for the Programme with key stakeholders. The Environmental Investment Fund of Namibia (EIF) on behalf of the Namibia Green Hydrogen Programme (NGH2P) invites application from suitably qualified and experienced Namibian nationals to apply for the position of **Manager: External Affairs and Communications**

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- Implement the organization's strategic communication strategy

**Advise**

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**Internal Communication**

- Oversee the distribution of information within the organization and ensure that this information is managed effectively

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- Reporting of the Programme's activities

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- Manage the organization-wide Corporate/ Social Responsibility policies.

**Brand Management:**

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# Harmonising Oil and Gas Resources for Sustainable Development and Energy Security

### About the Topic

An energy mix approach focuses on diversifying energy sources to meet demand in a sustainable and reliable manner. This approach combines various sources such as hydrocarbons, renewables, and its use of advanced technologies. The key elements of an effective energy mix include accessibility, affordability, cost control, environmental impact, and most important, energy security. Concepts such as reliability, clean energy, and sustainable exploration are also central to discussions about the energy mix.

Namibia is in a prime position to enhance its energy security, thanks to the recent hydrocarbon discoveries and advancements in renewable energy technology. By applying an energy mix approach, guided by an effective energy policy and supporting legislation, the country can move towards energy self-reliance. This discussion emphasises how continuous innovation, integration, and policy support are crucial for advancing and implementing this multifaceted approach.

### About the Speakers



**Lydia Mutindi Jacobs**  
Chief Legal Officer, Department of Law Reform  
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Lydia Mutindi Jacobs, is a dedicated legal researcher with a passion for delving into complex legal issues and finding innovative solutions. Employed by the Directorate of Law Reform at the Ministry of Justice for 13 years, she has honed her research skills to provide comprehensive and insightful analysis on various legal matters.



**Frans Kalenga**  
Head of Sustainable Energy (Namcor)

Frans Kalenga, serves as the Technical Advisor on Green Hydrogen to the Minister of Mines and Energy. He is a thought leader and dynamic speaker in the fields of Renewable Energy, Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) related to Green Hydrogen (GH2), as well as Oil and Gas.



**Hon Tjekero Tweya**  
Member of Parliament  
Chairperson of Natural Resources Committee,  
Parliament Standing Committee on Natural Resources

In his various roles, Hon Tjekero Tweya exercises oversight functions over the following ministries: Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, Ministry of Mines and Energy, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources, and Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism.



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# Bannerman completes key infrastructure construction at Etango

**B**annerman Energy says it has completed the N\$36 million (US\$2 million) construction of an access

road and water supply pipeline for the Etango Project, ahead of schedule.

According to Bannerman's CEO, Gavin

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Chamberlain, the access road provides a dedicated route for the transportation of equipment and materials to the project site, streamlining logistics and construction activities.

The construction water supply pipeline ensures a reliable source of water for use during the construction phase.

“So we have managed to complete construction for the access road and I must say within budget and on time and we also completed the construction of the water supply pipeline also within budget and on time,” he said.

He added that for construction, the company has a dedicated pipeline separate from the main

supply. This smaller pipeline acts as a connection point to NamWater's existing infrastructure.

The company also highlighted having a signed agreement in place where it pays for the specific amount of water it uses. This, the company explained, ensures a reliable source for both its earthworks and concrete work.

While the construction water supply ensures immediate needs are met, Bannerman has emphasised a long-term solution for water security and has secured separate pipelines for permanent water supply and construction water.

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a day's worth of construction water in case of any temporary disruptions in the main supply," he said.

He further said that N\$2 billion (A\$85 million) raised by Bannerman will be used to de-risk the construction schedule, with a particular focus on bulk earthworks.

Key areas of attention include the heap leach pad and the primary crusher construction. The heap leach pad design utilises a dynamic approach with a maximum height of 5 meters, mitigating safety risks associated with larger heaps.

To ensure a stable foundation for the critical primary crusher, Bannerman has secured an expert who played a key role in a similar project, aiming to avoid potential delays.

"The funds raised will be used for various initiatives, but our primary focus is mitigating risks associated with the final construction schedule. Unlike most projects in the area, ours heavily relies on earthworks. This means the success of the bulk earthworks phase is crucial for the entire project timeline. By awarding this contract, we've taken a significant step towards achieving our ultimate goal – delivering uranium to the market by 2027," he said.

Furthermore, the mining company said a temporary power supply will be secured by August 2024 to facilitate initial construction activities.

By year-end, permanent construction power will be available to support the ongoing project needs.

"While the earthworks contract requires minimal power, we're currently seeking a temporary power solution to meet our needs until the permanent construction power infrastructure is established. We anticipate awarding the temporary power contract in August and having it operational by year-end," Chamberlain said.

He also said that Bannerman remains focused on securing Final Investment Decision by the end of 2024.

Detailed design and construction team mobilisation are ongoing to keep the project on track for its target schedule. Bannerman Energy is an Australian listed uranium development company.

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# Over 94,000 Namibians issued with identity documents

The Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, Immigration, Safety and Security, Lucia Witbooi, says 94,317 individuals have benefitted from the mass registration exercise underway as of 17 July 2024.

The services provided encompass birth registrations, issuance of birth certificate duplicates, new identity documents (ID) applications, ID duplicates, ID collection, and the registration and recording of stateless and undocumented persons.



As of July 17, 2024, only 52,896 IDs out of the 93,019 IDs printed were collected, leaving 40,123 IDs uncollected.

She said the large-scale effort aims to ensure that all individuals have access to essential identification documents, crucial for various social and economic activities.

"This year, the Ministry is conducting Mass Registration Outreaches to all 121 Constituencies, which started on the 5th of February 2024 and is scheduled to end on 31 July 2024. These outreaches are aimed at providing national documents such as birth certificates, identity documents, and duplicate documents and to receive applications for citizenship for those who meet the requirement," she said.

To boost timely birth and death registration, the Ministry entered into a collaboration agreement with the Ministry of Health and Social Services to introduce

an e-birth and e-death notification system.

"There are currently 135 health facilities connected to the e-notification system through which vital events (births and deaths) occurring in Namibia are notified electronically to ensure timely registration," said Witbooi.

She added that this innovation promotes interoperability of government systems and provides accuracy and credibility of the data captured on the National Population Registration System (NPRS).

Meanwhile, as of July 17, 2024, only 52,896 IDs out of the 93,019 IDs printed were collected, leaving 40,123 IDs uncollected.

"A table of the number of ID cards printed, collected and uncollected is available. While

the Ministry is working on more effective strategies to distribute the IDs, including using the assistance of Constituency Councillors, members of the public are urged to collect their IDs at their respective regional offices," she said.



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# WFP allocates N\$100m to support Namibia’s food security efforts

The World Food Programme (WFP) will commit over N\$100 million over the next six months to support food security initiatives in Namibia. The funding addresses a critical gap, with the WFP's net funding requirements for July to December 2024 amounting to US\$6

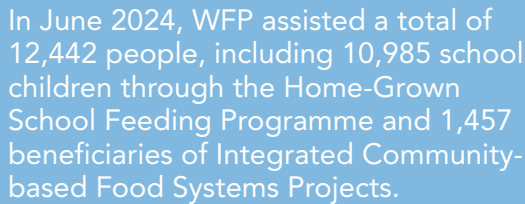
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Meanwhile, in collaboration with the USAID-initiated Farmer-to-Farmer Initiative, WFP facilitated capacity-building sessions in the Omaheke Region to foster sustainable advancements in food security as well as in the production, processing, and marketing of agricultural products.

Four US agricultural experts provided training on pest control, farm management and agricultural best practices.

"In June 2024, a team of four experts specialising in agriculture and management visited Namibia and conducted capacity building sessions at WFP and government-supported sites in the Omaheke Region, specifically at the Ben Hur Rapid Rural Transformation Project and the Epako Food Systems Project," said WFP.

Meanwhile, an independent evaluation of WFP's environmental policy highlighted its significant impact on environmental management systems and social safeguards in Namibia. "Best practices were observed in the HGSFP, food systems sites, and the supply chain strategy. The evaluation underscored the importance of integrating environmental sustainability into food security efforts," reads a country brief.

For the past month, as part of the Saving Lives and Livelihoods Project, WFP inspected medical centres in Kavango West and Oshikoto regions for new pharmaceutical refrigerated containers and backup generators.

"This initiative is essential for maintaining the cold chain for medical supplies. Recommendations included container installation and training for personnel, ensuring the readiness of these facilities. This effort is part of WFP's strategy to strengthen national supply chain networks," said WFP.

This comes as the WFP's Country Strategic Plan (2017–2024) outlines total requirements of US\$51 million, with allocated contributions at US\$23.3 million.

Through the 2017-2024 Namibia Country Strategic Plan (CSP), WFP provides food assistance to vulnerable people affected by shock, ensures adequate capacity strengthening to the Government, and facilitates effective policies and best practices.

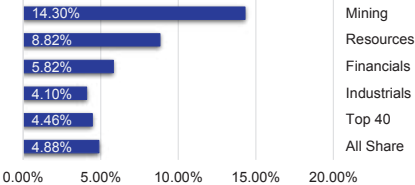
The addition of strategic outcome four to the current CSP aims to strengthen food systems and increase the production capacity of smallholder farmers.



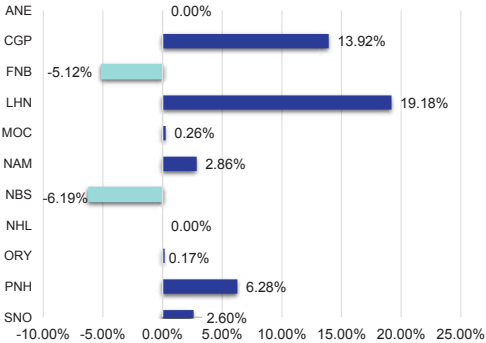
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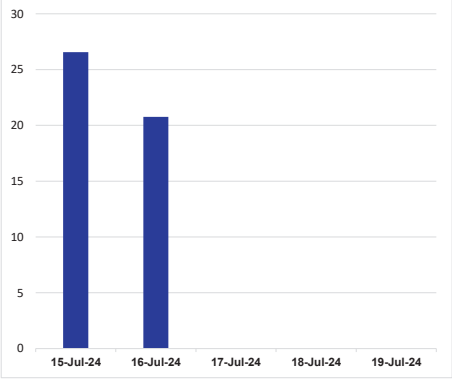
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