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# Govt to launch youth fund to create jobs

**F**inance Minister Ericah Shafudah says the government has committed to establishing a National Youth Development Fund aimed at creating employment for Namibian youth.

Shafudah said the Fund is a response to rising youth unemployment, which has been reported at 44.5%, according to the latest analysis, despite multiple efforts by the government to generate employment.

## Crucial Dates

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  - \* 13 August 2025
  - \* 15 October 2025
  - \* 3 December 2025

“Good news, we always learn from our mistakes. We are going to establish a National Youth Development Fund as per your recommendations through the Swapo Manifesto implementation plan,” the Finance Minister told at a recent public engagement.

While she did not specify timelines for implementation, she said the initiative is guided by the Swapo manifesto’s youth empowerment commitment’s Support to Apprenticeship Programme and National Youth Fund, which seeks to create 52,087 jobs over the next five years with a budget of N\$10 billion.

She said the government has employed various initiatives aimed at creating youth employment, but they have yielded minimal results.

These include credit schemes under the Ministry of Education, the National Youth Council, the National Youth Service, the Equipment Aid Scheme (EAS) under the Ministry of Industries, Mines and Energy, as well as credit through the Development Bank of Namibia.

“When I put all these together, it’s a lot of money, including the credit guarantee scheme arranged with the banks, guaranteed by the government, yet youth unemployment is still at 44.5%. Where did we go wrong?”

“The SME schemes that the government

has put in place earmarked for small enterprises developed, there are a lot, but you don’t see their impact. Is it the theory of it that was not correct, or what is it?”

She further revealed that discussions will be held to include youth in local procurement.

“Why can’t the youth supply medical supplies, and to education, food? The money is there. I don’t know if the money goes to one person who is not willing to employ others, but we are going to discuss it,” she said.

An average of 30% of local tenders are generally reserved for youth-owned SMEs, according to the National Planning Commission. Last year, the Central Procurement Board revealed that 86% of procurement contracts valued at N\$11.8 billion were awarded to local companies.

Meanwhile, Deputy Education Minister Dino Ballotti revealed that the government will re-establish the Namibia Annual Music Awards (NAMAs) this year, aimed at supporting the creative industries.

The NAMAs were hosted for about N\$10.2 million per year, the bulk of which was allocated by Mobile Telecommunications (MTC) Limited, however, they concluded in 2020, marking an end to the service provider’s decade-long sponsorship of the event.

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# Arysteq lists Namibia's first Actively Managed ETF on JSE

**A**rysteq has become the first Namibian-based asset manager to list an Actively Managed Exchange Traded Fund (AMETF) on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE).

The Arysteq Short-Term Income AMETF (ASIETF), approved by the Namibia Financial Institutions Supervisory Authority (NAMFISA), was officially listed on 23 April, making it the first of its kind from Namibia to debut on the JSE.

The fund, according to the asset manager, which currently manages approximately N\$5 billion in assets – targets investors seeking a low-cost, accessible alternative to traditional non-listed investment products.

“The fund invests in Namibian short-to medium-dated instruments that are considered risk-free or carry some credit risk. These include a wide range of instruments issued by banks and other institutions.”

Arysteq Managing Director Purvance Heuer said the listing reflects the company's core values and innovation.

“This launch is a true reflection of all our values in action. From our passion for delivering cutting-edge solutions to our pursuit of excellence, we're proud to bring this product to market,” he said.

The initial listing includes 100,000 participatory interests, priced at 1,000 cents (R10) per security.

Adèle Hattingh, JSE's Manager for Business Development and Exchange Traded Products, welcomed the listing.

“Today's listing reflects growing interest in AMETFs and highlights our commitment to accessible investment solutions,” she said.

The addition of Arysteq's fund brings the total number of ETFs listed on the JSE to 120, with a combined market capitalisation of over R206 billion.



## Namibia's energy future must be led by its people – President

President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah has called for Namibians to take the lead in shaping the country's energy future, emphasising the importance of local capacity building, sustainable development, and good governance.

Delivering her remarks through Prime Minister Dr Elijah Ngurare at the official opening of the 7th edition of the Namibia International Energy Conference on Wednesday, President Nandi-Ndaitwah urged greater collaboration between government, academia, and industry.

"We call on all stakeholders – investors,

operators, and service providers – to be active partners in building local capacity. Let us prioritise skills development, technology transfer, and knowledge sharing across the energy value chain. Namibia's energy future must be led by Namibians – capable, empowered, and globally competitive," she said.

This year's conference, held under the theme "Leading the Way: Becoming an Energy Hub with In-Country Value", underscores Namibia's ambition to leverage its rich natural resources, including oil, gas, and renewable energy, to stimulate economic

growth and regional leadership.

President Nandi-Ndaitwah said the country's energy agenda goes beyond resource extraction, with a focus on creating lasting value for Namibians.

"We aim to position Namibia as one of Africa's most attractive and reliable destinations for energy investment, where partnerships are built on trust, accountability, and shared long-term value. Furthermore, Namibia's energy ambitions will remain firmly aligned with our environmental values," she said.

Highlighting recent significant oil and gas discoveries in the Orange Basin, she stressed the importance of responsible and sustainable resource development, with revenues reinvested into public infrastructure and services.

She further outlined the government's focus on local content, pointing to the need for active Namibian participation at every stage of the energy value chain.

"We recognise that each stage of the energy value chain – from exploration to production – presents unique opportunities and requires tailored levels of participation. Our goal is to enable meaningful Namibian involvement by building skills, supporting local businesses, and fostering an environment where talent and enterprise can thrive," she added.

President Nandi-Ndaitwah

also underscored that strong institutions and sound governance are critical to ensuring Namibia's energy success.

"Our institutions will continue to be strengthened to ensure that Namibia's natural wealth is managed fairly, responsibly, and in the best interest of its people," she said.

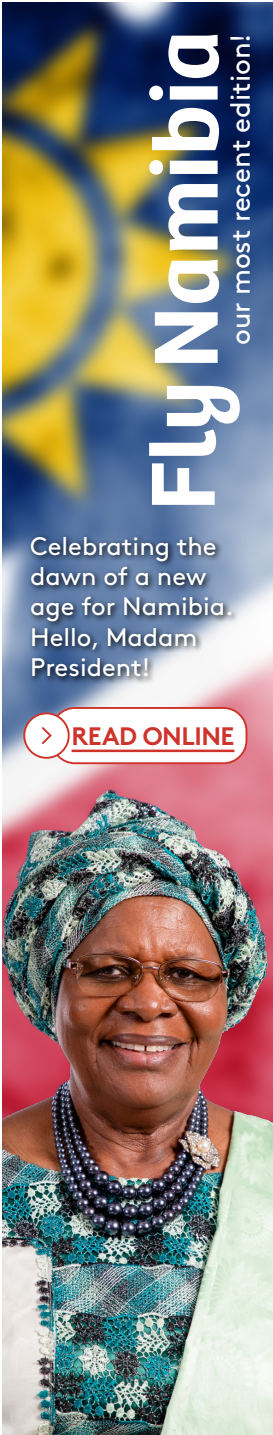
She reaffirmed government efforts to create a transparent and enabling investment environment, including the streamlining of regulatory processes and policy clarity.

"Corruption has no place in this journey, while integrity must guide all Namibians at every step. We are streamlining regulatory processes, strengthening institutional coordination, and ensuring policy clarity to support timely and transparent decisions across the energy value chain," said the President.

Namibia's energy sector is poised for significant expansion, with potential spanning oil, gas, solar, wind, hydroelectric, and nuclear energy, as well as critical minerals essential for clean energy technologies.

"Our goal is to export power, strategic energy commodities, and knowledge partnerships, while promoting regional integration and advancing Africa's collective energy security," Nandi-Ndaitwah said.

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# Sports betting and young men in Namibia: A silent catastrophe

By Fimanekeni Mbodo

In recent years, sports betting has surged in popularity across Namibia, becoming a widespread pastime among the youth. While it offers the pull of quick financial gains, this trend has raised concerns about its negative impact on young men, who are increasingly vulnerable to the dangers of gambling addiction and its broader socio-economic consequences.

Once viewed as just another form of entertainment, sports betting in Namibia has evolved into a daily habit for many young people. In a context of high youth unemployment, financial instability, and limited opportunities, betting appears, on the surface, as a shortcut to economic relief. Betting shops and mobile platforms have become widespread in towns and informal settlements, offering low barriers to entry and high hopes for overnight success.

## Pressure, Promises and Pitfalls

Young men, particularly those out of school or stuck between odd jobs, are especially susceptible. The pressure to "make it" or become financially independent can drive many toward high-risk options like betting. Culturally, there is also often greater social acceptance, or even encouragement, of risk-taking behaviour among young men, further fuelling the trend.

But the reality is sobering. Many find themselves in spirals of loss, constantly chasing past winnings or borrowing money to place the next bet. What starts as



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entertainment slowly turns into dependency, often without the individual even noticing.

The mental health toll of gambling can be significant. Depression, anxiety, shame, and isolation are common side effects. Financial losses strain family ties and friendships, and in extreme cases, can be strong incentives towards theft or other illegal activity. Namibia, like many African countries, still lacks widespread mental health services, especially those targeted at youth or gambling-related conditions, which leaves many struggling in silence.

Smartphones and mobile money have made it easier than ever to place a bet at any time, but more dangerous is the way betting companies market their services. Glossy ads show winners driving new cars or buying homes, rarely mentioning the thousands who lose. Sponsorship of local football teams



and influencers gives betting companies cultural legitimacy. This targeted marketing often preys on the dreams of young men, turning hope into a product.

Namibia's regulatory framework for betting has not kept up with the industry's rapid growth, especially online. Many betting platforms operate without effective oversight, making it difficult to enforce age restrictions, responsible gambling messaging, or tax contributions. Without proper intervention, the industry risks accelerating inequality and harming a generation's financial future.

### Fixing the Problem Before It Gets Worse

Solving this issue starts with recognising the need for stronger safeguards around sports betting, and a more thoughtful and proactive approach that protects young men while holding the industry accountable.

Education is a key starting point. Young people need to understand how betting works, why the odds are stacked against them, and how losses can quickly spiral. Without this basic awareness, many are lured in by the illusion of control and the hope of quick wins.

Support services also need to be more visible and accessible. Many young men struggling with gambling do not even realise they have a problem, and those who do often suffer in silence. Expanding counselling, helplines, and community programmes would provide a crucial safety net.

Stronger regulation is also essential. Betting companies must be required to display clear risk warnings, limit misleading advertisements, and implement strict age

controls. The government should also compel them to contribute financially to prevention and treatment efforts.

Beyond regulation, there needs to be investment in alternatives. Programmes that promote entrepreneurship, skills training, job placement, and recreational outlets can offer young people more constructive paths forward. When opportunity is lacking, gambling becomes an easy fallback.

This is not an impossible problem, but it demands urgency. If Namibia acts with intention, through education, regulation, support, and investment, it can stop the spread of gambling addiction and give young men a real chance at a prosperous future.

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## Luvindao sets sights on Namibia's first state-owned pharmaceutical plant

**H**ealth and Social Services Minister Dr Esperance Luvindao has announced plans to establish Namibia's first state-owned pharmaceutical manufacturing plant within the next five years, as part of efforts to bolster the

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"One of the key things that I want to do, while I am fully aware that we are not going to solve all the problems. When I exit in five years' time, I don't expect that I would have solved all the problems, but one of the things that is really on my heart is the establishment of Namibia's own first pharmaceutical manufacturing plant," Luvindao told at a recent public engagement.

The Minister said although the current pharmaceutical procurement system has enabled local participation, Namibia must now take the next step towards self-reliance by producing its own medication.

"When we talk about procurement and tenders, it is easy to talk about short-term solutions, but one of the most important things is that we must become self-sustainable. The next time a pandemic such as COVID-19 comes, we don't have to rely on foreign aid for vaccines and directives because we would be creating our own," she said.

Dr Luvindao also expressed concern over the failure of some suppliers to fulfil their pharmaceutical procurement contracts, warning that this undermines the Ministry's ability to deliver essential services.

"We often bad mouth the ministry and say you are not providing. But one of the biggest problems the ministry faces is that we give tenders, only for me to receive calls that there is

no medication at a certain place. When I followed up with my ED, I was informed that the person who received the procurement contract had not delivered. There are a lot of tenders that we have awarded to this date that have not been delivered," she said.

She called for greater transparency in the procurement process, including thorough vetting of companies and full disclosure of ownership.

"We must do due diligence on these companies and find out who really owns them. The procurement process must be fully transmittable from the point of expression of interest," Dr Luvindao said.



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# Why ESG reporting is key to access sustainable finance for corporate Namibia

By Rebekka Hidulika

From crippling droughts to the devastating floods currently displacing families and disrupting livelihoods across the country, the impacts of climate change are no longer distant or abstract, they are happening here and now, shaping our everyday lives. These events are powerful reminders that resilience is no longer a luxury or an afterthought; it has become a non-negotiable foundation for survival and prosperity and are directly affects livelihoods, businesses, and National stability.

For corporate Namibia, this reality demands urgent reflection: how do businesses adapt, survive, and grow in a world where environmental and social risks are intensifying? The answer lies in embracing sustainability at the core of business strategy, and one of the most powerful tools available is Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) reporting.

Sustainability reporting is not just about ticking boxes and fulfilling corporate social responsibility, it is about building resilient companies that are transparent, accountable, and better positioned to access vital financing streams such as sustainable finance and climate adaptation funding. In a future shaped by climate unpredictability, businesses that can clearly demonstrate how they manage environmental and social risks will lead the way. ESG reporting offers corporate Namibia a structured, credible



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way to respond, not just to survive, but to thrive.

So, what is ESG?

ESG which stands for Environmental, Social, and Governance represents three essential pillars used to evaluate a company's sustainability practices, ethical standards, and overall impact on the world around it. The concept of ESG first gained prominence in 2004, when the United Nations, through its "Who Cares Wins" initiative in collaboration with the Swiss government, called on the global business community to take a more deliberate, responsible approach to investment. The report states that, "The initiative is aimed to increase the industry's understanding of ESG risks and opportunities, and to improve integration of ESG into investment decision making." Since then, ESG has evolved from a forward-thinking idea into a critical framework, one that investors, regulators, and consumers now widely use to assess how responsibly and sustainably a business operates.

- The Environmental component



examines how a company affects the planet from carbon emissions to waste management and resource use.

- Social focuses on how a company treats its employees, customers, communities, and supply chains including labor practices, diversity, and human rights.
- Governance assesses how a company is led and managed, including issues like board diversity, anti-corruption policies, transparency, and accountability.

Unlike traditional Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), which is often more voluntary and philanthropy focused, ESG is data-driven, measurable, and increasingly demanded by investors, regulators, and consumers.

### Why Sustainability Reporting Is Critical for Namibia's Corporates

In today's global marketplace, sustainability reporting is a strategic imperative and, increasingly, a business license to operate. Communicating a company's Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) performance transparently signals to investors, regulators, partners, and customers that the business is resilient, future ready, and aligned with global expectations. For Namibia, where the impacts of climate change are no longer theoretical but deeply felt through recurrent droughts, floods, and shifting ecosystems, sustainability reporting carries even greater weight. It provides businesses with an opportunity to demonstrate leadership, enhance their credibility, access sustainable finance, and position themselves as critical partners in the country's adaptation and economic resilience journey.

Corporates that embrace ESG reporting early can:

- Attract sustainable finance
- Strengthen Risk Management
- Build brand trust

- Comply with emerging regulations
- Access climate adaptation resources

In simple terms: without ESG reporting, access to global funding especially those from climate funders will be severely limited.

**Understanding Double Materiality:** What is it and what is its relation to ESG reporting?

When companies embark on the journey of ESG reporting, it is essential to embrace and lead by example in promoting the principle of double materiality, which encompasses both financial materiality and impact materiality. In simple terms, double materiality challenges companies to expand their understanding of what truly matters, both for their own survival and for the well-being of the world around them.

Financial materiality focuses on how environmental and social issues could affect a company's balance sheet, whether through regulatory risks, operational disruptions, reputational damage, or shifting consumer expectations.

The question to ask is: How vulnerable is our bottom line to the changing climate, to social unrest, or to governance failures? Impact materiality demands that companies look beyond their balance sheets and consider the footprint they leave on society and the environment. It pushes leaders to ask: How are our operations, supply chains, and investments shaping the communities we operate in, the natural resources we depend on, and the broader ecosystems we influence?

Embracing double materiality is not simply a compliance exercise, it is a leadership imperative. It reflects a more evolved, courageous form of stewardship where companies are held accountable not only for the risks they face, but also for the impacts they create. Businesses that champion double materiality signal

to investors, customers, employees, and regulators that they are building organizations resilient enough to thrive in the future economy that demands transparency, responsibility, and shared value creation.

Which ESG Frameworks should Corporate Namibia use?

Choosing the right sustainability reporting framework can feel overwhelming, but it doesn't have to be. The choice depends largely on the company's size, industry, and goals. Here are the top recommendations for Namibia:

- GRI Standards (Global Reporting Initiative)
- ISSB Standards (International Sustainability Standard Board)
- TCFD (Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures)
- SASB Standards (Sustainability Accounting Standard Board)

For most Namibian corporates, starting with GRI and gradually layering in ISSB/TCFD standards for climate-specific disclosure would be a strategic approach.

How does ESG Reporting enable Sustainable finance

The sustainable finance market ranging from green bonds to climate adaptation and resilience funds is expanding at an unprecedented rate.

Global lenders, and financial institutions are becoming more discerning, seeking companies that can demonstrate a genuine commitment to sustainability. ESG reporting has become a critical enabler in this new landscape, offering:

- Transparency - Clear, honest insights into a company's sustainability practices and long-term strategies.
- Accountability - Measurable evidence that sustainability commitments are actively tracked and honored.
- Credibility - Assurance to financiers

that a company understands, manages, and mitigates its environmental and social risks; and this should be verified, and audited by third parties.

- Readiness - Demonstration that the business is resilient, future fit, and aligned with global shifts toward a low-carbon, inclusive economy.

The reality is undeniable: Corporate Namibia must step forward by embedding ESG principles deeply into their core strategies, and by committing to transparent, credible sustainability reporting. This is not merely a strategic pathway to accessing sustainable finance; it is a moral and economic imperative.

The floods and environmental challenges we are witnessing today are not isolated events; they are signals of a world undergoing profound transformation. As narrated by (Ryan Gellert, CEO of Patagonia) "The climate crisis is the most critical issue we face. Every business must ask itself: are we part of the problem, or are we part of the solution?" Therefore, the future belongs to those corporates who recognize that ESG is not an obligation to meet; it is an opportunity to seize.

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# Ithete calls for coordinated energy sector reforms

Namibia's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Industries, Mines and Energy, Natangwe Ithete, has called for coordinated reforms to address persistent challenges in the energy sector, including infrastructure gaps, limited financing, and regulatory uncertainty.

Speaking at the official opening of the 7th Namibia International Energy Conference (NIEC) in Windhoek, Ithete said the country must move beyond being a mere exporter of raw materials and instead position itself as a hub for energy processing, innovation, and

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“Challenges persist, particularly in infrastructure, financing, and regulatory certainty. Addressing these will require continued coordination and strategic investment,” said Ithete.

The Deputy Prime Minister emphasised that inclusive governance and local content policies are essential to ensure the energy sector benefits all Namibians. He noted that the government aims to strengthen legal and fiscal frameworks while unlocking

value through downstream activities.

“Our goal is very clear: to manage our resources responsibly and ensure their benefits reach all Namibians through strengthened governance, improved legal and fiscal frameworks, and prioritised value addition,” he said.

Ithete highlighted Namibia’s vast potential in both traditional and renewable energy sources. He pointed out that the country is well-positioned with offshore and onshore hydrocarbons, world-class solar and wind resources, and significant uranium reserves.

“The ongoing exploration in the Orange Basin has placed Namibia on the global energy map, while regions such as the Kavango, Walvis Bay, and Lüderitz basins continue to attract interest from international investors. Namibia must move beyond being just a resource exporter – we must become a hub for processing, innovation, and manufacturing. By prioritising local content, we ensure broad participation across the energy value chain, create jobs, and deliver lasting value for our people,” he said.

The Minister underscored that the country’s energy transition is gaining momentum, with solar projects already enhancing domestic generation capacity.


However, he stressed that for Namibia to unlock its full potential, infrastructure—from generation and transmission to logistics and storage—must be upgraded.

“Infrastructure development, from generation to transmission, logistics to storage, should drive industrialisation and regional trade towards energy security. To our investment partners: Namibia is open for business. We welcome you to form meaningful partnerships, built on transparency, stability, and mutual benefit,” he said.

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## Understanding cultivar selection in fruit production in Namibia

By Tangeni Hangula

Choosing the right fruit tree cultivar is one of the most important decisions in fruit production. A commercial fruit tree cultivar is a cloned woody plant made by joining a rootstock and a scion, usually through grafting.

Each cultivar can vary in how much fruit it produces, the quality and shelf life of the fruit, its growth needs, and how vulnerable it is to pests and diseases. Whether a tree bears fruit early, mid, or late in the season depends mostly on the cultivar. It is always best to buy planting material from trusted nurseries or seedling suppliers that follow good nursery practices. This helps avoid poor-quality or diseased plants, unknown varieties, or types not in demand.

Choosing the most suitable cultivar for a specific area is not easy. Many factors influence whether a particular cultivar – or even the fruit tree species itself – is suitable for that area. Farmers need to think about the plant's genetic traits, local climate and soil conditions, production goals, target market, and farming methods.

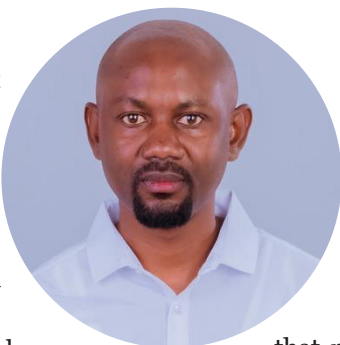
Here are key things to consider when selecting a fruit tree cultivar for commercial use:

**Market Demand:** If you plan to sell the fruit, it's important to grow cultivars that are in demand.

**Fruit Quality:** Cultivars differ in fruit size, shape, colour, sweetness, and texture. Choose types that meet your needs and what the market wants.

**Pest and Disease Resistance:** Some cultivars naturally resist common pests and diseases. These can save you time and money in the long run.

**Climate and Soil Suitability:** Not all cultivars grow well everywhere. Pick ones



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that match your local conditions to help them reach their full potential.

**Yield Potential:** Some cultivars produce more fruit than others. Consider whether you want high-volume harvests or smaller-scale production.

**Pollination Needs:** Some trees need pollen from another cultivar to bear fruit. Make sure your chosen types are compatible, and don't forget the role of pollinators like bees.

**Ripening Time:** Cultivars ripen at different times. Choosing a mix can spread out the harvest and ensure a steady supply of fruit.

**Tree Size and Growth Habits:** Some trees grow large and strong, while others stay smaller. Pick the ones that fit your land and the way you plan to manage them.

In summary, both new and experienced fruit growers are encouraged to contact local agricultural institutions, such as the Ministry of Agriculture or the Namibian Agronomic Board, to find out which commercial fruit tree cultivars are recommended. These organisations can help guide producers based on Namibia's most popular and in-demand fruits.

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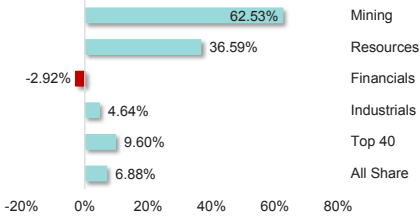
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Platinum	978.71
Palladium	946.67
Silver	30.95
Uranium	65.20
Brent Crude	66.44
Iron Ore	93.06
Copper	9386.70
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Lithium	9.65

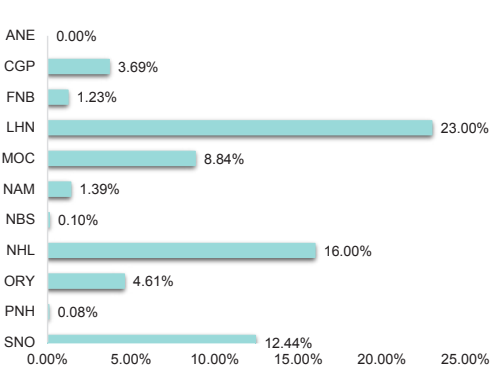
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EUR/ZAR	19.2300
GBP/ZAR	24.7613
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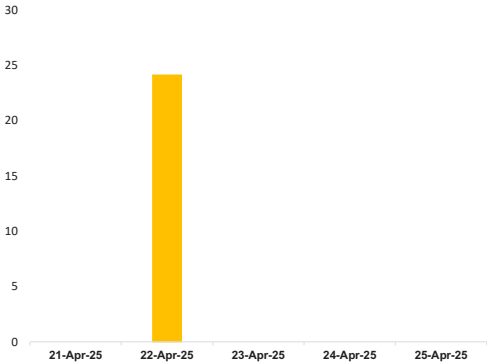
### JSE Sectors: Year to Date in %



### NSX Local Stocks: Year to Date in %



### JSE ALL SHARE VALUE TRADED (ZAR BILLIONS)



### Global Indices: Year to Date in %

