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## MAIN STORY



## NamWater turns to solar power to cut soaring electricity costs

National water utility, NamWater, is transitioning to power parts of its operations using solar energy in a bid to reduce mounting electricity costs, which currently account for as much as 40% of its annual operational expenses.

In documents seen by The Brief, NamWater said it had launched a procurement process inviting Independent Power Producers (IPPs) to prequalify for the construction and operation of solar photovoltaic (PV) plants on NamWater-owned land and dams.

The procurement includes a specific project to power the Von Bach–Windhoek water supply scheme.

“NamWater is now faced with the situation where the cost of electricity remains a major concern. If alternatives to address high electricity costs could be identified, the

situation could at least be managed more competently and efficiently,” the utility stated.

According to NamWater, energy costs for water treatment and pumping totalled more than N\$363 million in 2021. During that year, the average specific energy cost was N\$2.22 per kilowatt-hour (kWh), with average consumption recorded at 2.67 kWh per cubic metre of water.

### Crucial Dates

- **Bank of Namibia Monetary Policy announcement date:**
  - \* 13 August 2025
  - \* 15 October 2025
  - \* 3 December 2025

The utility noted that between 2016 and 2021, payments to NamPower alone rose from N\$136.9 million to more than N\$171 million, while distributors such as ErongoRED and CenoRED also saw annual charges steadily increase.

NamWater said its current electricity demand stands at 18 megawatts (MW) per hour and is expected to double due to upcoming infrastructure projects, including the Coastal Desalination Plant and upgrades to the Rundu and Oshakati water treatment plants.

To manage future demand and cost pressures, the utility said its renewable energy strategy, developed under its Strategic Plan 2022–2034, aims to integrate solar PV technology across selected water schemes.

“The target of the goal is for solar PV power plants to supply 30%–70% of the required energy for targeted water supply schemes,” NamWater noted.

As part of this plan, NamWater issued a separate Expression of Interest for a solar PV project on Farm Aqua Clara 329, near the Von Bach treatment facility. The project is expected to meet the 5.748 MWh daily energy requirement of the Von Bach–Windhoek water supply scheme.

The utility cited a 2023 feasibility study led by the Namibia University of Science and Technology, which identified four schemes—Von Bach, Oshakati, Calueque, and Kuiseb—as having strong technical and economic potential for solar PV deployment. The study found that achieving 70% renewable energy penetration at Von Bach would result in the lowest levelised cost of energy (LCOE) and the highest net present value (NPV).

“For the RE penetration levels considered (30%, 50%, and 70%), the higher the %RE, the lower the LCOE, lower operating costs, and a higher NPV,” the report concluded.

NamWater said it is authorised to generate and procure renewable energy under the Modified Single Buyer Model and the National Renewable Energy Policy of 2017. These regulatory frameworks allow the utility to enter into direct power purchase agreements with IPPs and feed surplus electricity into the national grid.

According to NamWater, the primary aim of the initiative is “to promote renewable energy generation, reduce carbon emissions, and contribute to Namibia’s energy security and sustainability goals.”



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**CLOSING DATE:** 8 August 2025

# NamRA extends tax return deadline

The Namibia Revenue Agency (NamRA) has extended the deadline for the submission of income tax returns to 31 October 2025 for taxpayers affected by the implementation of Section 21 of the Income Tax Act, 1981 (Act No. 24 of 1981).

NamRA's Chief of Strategic Communications and Support Engagements, Yarukeekuro Ndorokaze, said the extension applies to returns that were originally due on 31 July, 31 August, and 30 September 2025.

Ndorokaze explained that the extension was prompted by "system readiness challenges" as NamRA prepares to implement amendments to Section 21.

"The Namibia Revenue Agency (NamRA) hereby informs all taxpayers affected by the implementation of Section 21 of the Income Tax Act, 1981 (Act No. 24 of 1981), that the submission of returns has been extended to 31 October 2025," he said.

The amended section introduces limits on the setting-off of assessed losses carried forward from previous years of assessment.

NamRA has encouraged all affected taxpayers to use the extended period to familiarise themselves with the changes and ensure compliance.

This comes as NamRA collected N\$19.9 billion in net revenue during the first quarter



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of the 2025/26 financial year, representing 22.4% of its annual revenue target of N\$88.999 billion.

According to the revenue agency, gross revenue as at 30 June 2025 stood at N\$22.5 billion. After issuing tax refunds amounting to N\$2.6 billion, the net figure came to N\$19.9 billion.

NamRA stated that international taxes were the largest contributor to the total,

accounting for N\$5.7 billion or 28.6% of net revenue. This was followed by Value Added Tax (N\$5 billion), Pay-As-You-Earn (N\$4.2 billion), and Corporate Income Tax (N\$3.7 billion). Other tax categories contributed a further N\$1.3 billion.

In addition, NamRA said domestic taxes generated N\$13.6 billion, while customs and excise duties brought in N\$6.3 billion during the period under review.

## Mining for Namibia's Future: Job Creation, Local Empowerment, and Economic Transformation.

06 August 2025 08H00 - 17H20 Conference Tent

07H00 - 08H00 Conference Delegate Registration

### Conference Programme



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<b>George Botshwe</b> President, Chamber of Mines Managing Director, Q&M Namibia, Namdeb Gold Mine Award of Honour for Leadership to Mine, Dr. Inge Janssens <b>Chairperson of Session 1</b> <b>Panel Discussion:</b> Driving Local Empowerment through Procurement and Economic Inclusion 09H00-09H20 <b>Welcoming Remarks</b>	<b>Bonemela Tseuwa</b> Chairperson, Health & Safety Committee, Director Sustainability and Business Transformation, Sibanye Smelter <b>Chairperson of Mines Safety Awards</b> 09H00-09H20 <b>Safety Moment</b>	<b>Melina Ross</b> Lead Consultant, M&C Consultants CC <b>Moderator:</b> Driving Local Empowerment through Procurement and Economic Inclusion 09H20-09H30 <b>Moderator:</b> Mining for Generations - 25 Years of Community Impact 09H30-09H45 <b>Session 1 - Moderator</b>	<b>John Ross</b> 1st Vice President, Chamber of Mines, Director and Country Manager, B2Gold Namibia <b>Panel Discussion:</b> Driving Local Empowerment through Procurement and Economic Inclusion 09H00-09H20 <b>Session 1 - Panelist</b>	<b>Irvine Simatwa</b> 2nd Vice President, Chamber of Mines, Executive Vice President, Swakop Uranium <b>Panel Discussion:</b> Driving Local Empowerment through Procurement and Economic Inclusion 09H00-09H20 <b>Session 1 - Panelist</b>
<b>Dr. Gobi Schneider</b> Director, Namibia Uranium Association <b>Panel Discussion:</b> Mining for Generations - 25 Years of Community Impact 09H00-09H45 <b>Session 1 - Panelist</b>	<b>Dr. Chris Brown</b> CEO, Namdeb Chamber of Environment <b>Panel Discussion:</b> Mining for Generations - 25 Years of Community Impact 09H00-09H45 <b>Session 1 - Panelist</b>	<b>Steve Galloway</b> Independent Consultant, Chairperson - Independent Non-Executive Director, Raising Uranium <b>Panel Discussion:</b> Mining for Generations - 25 Years of Community Impact 09H00-09H45 <b>Session 1 - Panelist</b>	<b>Angelique Peake</b> Sector Head for Mining, Energy and Transition Fuels, B2G Namibia <b>Presenting the Future:</b> How Mining Can Deliver Net-zero Development Promise 09H00-09H20 <b>Session 1 - Speaker</b>	<b>John Ross</b> 1st Vice President, Chamber of Mines, Director and Country Manager, B2Gold Namibia <b>Chairperson of Session 2</b> 09H45-10H00 <b>Session 2 - Chair</b>
<b>Willy Mertens</b> Chief Executive Officer, DeBeers Namibia <b>Namibia's Diamond Future:</b> Optimising Namibia's managing the mine to life cycle through the diamond cycle 10H00-10H30 <b>Session 2 - Speaker</b>	<b>John Ross</b> Director and Country Manager, B2Gold Namibia <b>Ojibwa Gold Mine:</b> A Pioneer in Namibia's Mining Revolution 10H00-10H30 <b>Session 2 - Speaker</b>	<b>George Botshwe</b> Managing Director, Q&M Namibia, Namdeb Gold Mine <b>Namdeb Gold Mine Expansion:</b> Unlocking Jobs, Innovation, and Economic Transformation 10H00-10H30 <b>Session 2 - Speaker</b>	<b>Veston Molango</b> CEO, Chamber of Mines <b>Chairperson of Session 3</b> 10H30-10H45 <b>Session 3 - Chair</b>	<b>Irvine Simatwa</b> Executive Vice President, Swakop Uranium <b>Husab Mine:</b> Building a world class, transition, uranium community 10H30-10H45 <b>Session 3 - Speaker</b>
<b>Mike Woodhouse</b> COO, Namibia Marine Phosphate <b>Building Namibia's Integrated Marine Phosphate Industry to Fuel Economic Diversification and Value Creation</b> 10H45-11H00 <b>Session 3 - Speaker</b>	<b>Chris Jordison</b> CEO, Mosaic Mining <b>Building Namibia's Integrated Marine Phosphate Industry to Fuel Economic Diversification and Value Creation</b> 10H45-11H00 <b>Session 3 - Speaker</b>	<b>John Borchelt</b> CEO, Deep Yellow Limited <b>The Transformative Impact of the Tlokweng Uranium Project</b> 10H45-11H00 <b>Session 3 - Speaker</b>	<b>Warner Enslin</b> Managing Director, Bannerman Mining Resources Namibia <b>Strong's Contribution to Local Economic Growth</b> 10H45-11H00 <b>Session 3 - Speaker</b>	<b>Irvine Simatwa</b> 2nd Vice President, Chamber of Mines, Executive Vice President, Swakop Uranium <b>Closing Remarks</b> 11H00-11H30 <b>Closing Remarks</b>



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# Fuel prices to remain unchanged for August 2025

The Ministry of Industries, Mines and Energy (MIME) has announced that fuel prices will remain unchanged for the month of August 2025.

According to the Ministry, Unleaded Petrol 95 will continue to retail at N\$20.37 per litre, Diesel 50ppm at N\$19.92 per litre, and Diesel 10ppm at N\$20.02 per litre.



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MIME said the decision followed a monthly fuel price review which showed mixed movements in international oil markets.

“The international market recorded a 2.27% decline in the average price of petrol, from US\$83.92 to US\$82.03 per barrel. Conversely, diesel prices increased by 5.03%, from US\$88.82 to US\$93.31 per barrel, due to tight global supply and steady industrial demand,” the Ministry stated.

MIME noted that the slight strengthening of the Namibia Dollar against the US Dollar helped to cushion the impact of the rising diesel prices.

Executive Director in the Ministry, Moses Pakote, said that despite under-recoveries on diesel, the Ministry had decided to keep prices steady.

“To that end, the Ministry is pleased to announce that the prices of ULP 95 and both diesel grades will remain unchanged for the duration of August 2025. Petrol will be maintained at N\$20.37 per litre, Diesel 50ppm at N\$19.92 per litre, and Diesel 10ppm at N\$20.02 per litre, consistent with the previous period,” he said.

Pakote further explained that an over-recovery of 0.46 cents per litre was recorded for petrol, while under-recoveries of 90.62 cents and 83.86 cents

per litre were noted for Diesel 50ppm and Diesel 10ppm respectively.

“To protect consumers from price increases, the National Energy Fund will absorb the estimated N\$24.7 million in under-recoveries,” he added.

Pakote said the Ministry would continue to monitor both international and local market developments and adjust prices when necessary “to promote a sustainable and reliable fuel supply for Namibia”.



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## Standard Bank powers Namibia's renewable revolution with InnoSun partnership

As Namibia steps boldly into a greener future, Standard Bank is at the forefront of financing innovation, sustainability, and energy independence. Through its latest role as mandated lead arranger, sole lender, account bank, and facility agent, Standard Bank has played a pivotal part in refinancing and unlocking equity for three of Namibia's landmark renewable energy projects, the 5MW Osona Solar Power Plant, the 4.5MW Omburu Solar Power Plant, and the 6MW Ombepo Wind Plant.

These projects, developed by InnoSun Energy Holdings, a Namibian-based subsidiary of the French renewable energy group InnoVent, mark a significant stride in the nation's commitment to energy diversification, job creation, and environmental stewardship.

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These projects represent more than infrastructure, they are powerful proof that well-structured financing, visionary partnerships, and technical expertise can unlock long-term value for Namibia. Standard Bank's involvement across roles, including as facility and security agent, demonstrates its capacity to deliver solutions that meet both commercial objectives and national development goals.

By championing projects that balance environmental responsibility with economic progress, Standard Bank reaffirms its role as a trusted partner in growth, one renewable revolution at a time.

Standard Bank's bespoke financial solution provided both new capital and equity release, empowering InnoSun to optimise existing assets while laying the groundwork for future expansion of these and other assets. This reflects the Bank's commitment to driving sustainable development through strategic partnerships and sector expertise.

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Beginning with the arrival of wind turbines in early 2017, the Ombepo Wind Plant near Lüderitz was completed within months. Built across rugged granite hills, this 6MW wind farm includes three 80-metre-high towers with 43-metre-long blades and delivers clean power under a 25-year power purchasing agreement with NamPower through the Electricity Control Board's ReFIT programme. The plant, capable of powering over 10,000 Namibian households, stands as a beacon of energy independence and climate-conscious development.

Complementing its wind portfolio, InnoSun also commissioned the pioneering 4.5MW Omburu Solar Farm in 2015, a first for Namibia, and then subsequently the Osona 5MW Solar Plant west of Oshanaunda in 2015. These projects exemplify how clean technology can be seamlessly integrated into the national grid, reducing dependency on imported energy and fostering homegrown capacity. Standard Bank's financial support enables the continued operation and scalability of these assets, further catalysing Namibia's solar energy ambitions.

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# Be a motivator, not an intimidator

By Junias Erasmus

In every organisation, classroom, boardroom, or community, leadership makes the difference between thriving potential and suppressed talent.

The choice between motivating and intimidating is a defining line, one that separates transformational leaders from those who merely manage through fear.

At the heart of meaningful leadership lies a deep understanding of human nature: people respond better to encouragement than they do to threats. They perform at their best when they feel safe, seen, and supported, not when they are constantly watching their backs.

To be a motivator means to lead with vision, to uplift others through belief, and to empower teams and individuals to realise their capabilities. It is not about forcing compliance but about cultivating commitment.

Motivators are leaders who understand the power of presence, not as a tool of dominance, but as a source of inspiration. Their words do not echo fear, but rather confidence and courage.

Their actions don't push people down, they lift people up. When people are motivated, they don't just meet expectations, they exceed them, because they believe in the vision they are part of.

Intimidation, by contrast, may create short-term obedience, but it poisons the work environment in the long run. People perform to avoid punishment, not to pursue excellence. Creativity is stifled, voices go silent, and morale diminishes.



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**Motivators are leaders who understand the power of presence, not as a tool of dominance, but as a source of inspiration.**

Fear-based leadership turns teams into spectators instead of collaborators. The presence of such a leader may demand attention, but it does not inspire admiration.

It creates a culture of control, not commitment, one where trust is absent, and growth is accidental, not intentional.

Inspiring with your presence starts with emotional intelligence. It means being approachable, empathetic, and genuinely interested in the success of others.

It means setting high standards while also being a source of encouragement when things go wrong. People want to follow those who understand their struggles and recognise their efforts.

They want leaders who celebrate wins, no matter how small, and who provide guidance instead of guilt when progress slows.

Whether you're a manager, teacher, coach, or parent, your ability to influence others rests not in your title, but in your attitude.

Be the leader who builds people. Be the person whose presence brings calm, confidence, and clarity.

Let your legacy be one of growth and empowerment, not silence and stress. In

Fear-based leadership turns teams into spectators instead of collaborators.

the end, people will not remember how loud you were or how strict you appeared, they will remember how you made them feel and how you helped them believe in themselves. Choose to motivate. Choose to inspire. Choose to lead with presence, not fear.

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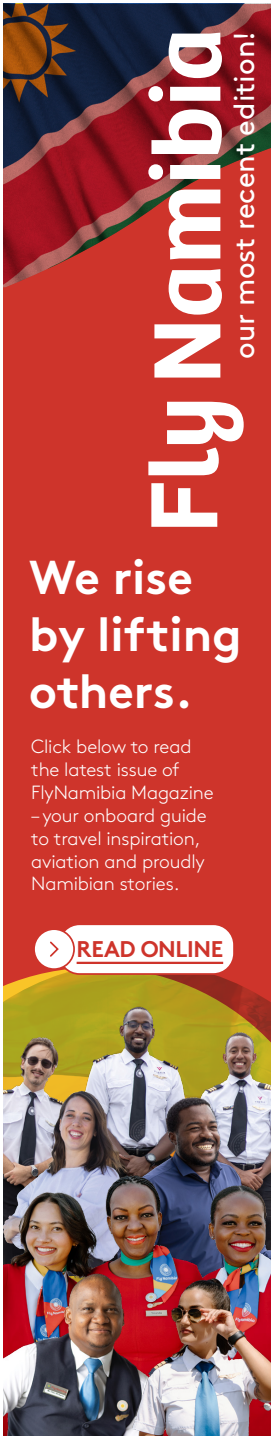
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## Eos Capital appoints Elzine Mushambi as Co-Managing Director

**E**os Capital has announced the appointment of Elzine Mushambi as its new Co-Managing Director, effective 1 August 2025. She will lead the Namibian private equity firm alongside current Co-Managing Director, Immanuel Kadhila.

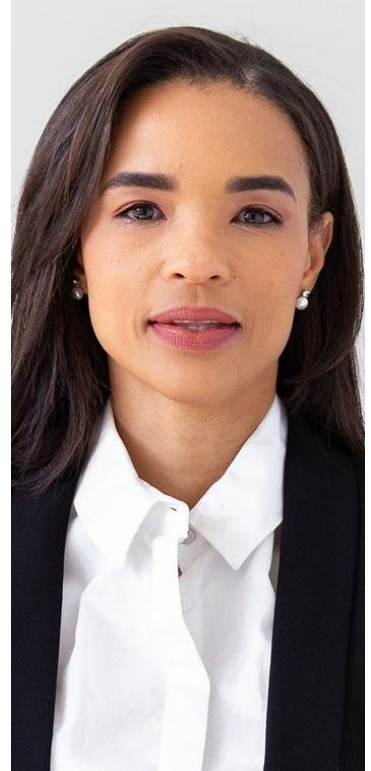
The move comes as Eos Capital marks ten years since its founding in 2015.

“As we enter our second decade, we are stepping into a time of renewal and reimagination. Eos Capital has become a cornerstone of Namibian private equity, capital is our tool, but transformation is our mission. We measure success not just in IRR, but in industries built, jobs created, and communities empowered,” said Mushambi.

“I am excited to lead the firm into its next horizon, scaling cross-border investments and expanding our dynamic portfolio.”

Kadhila said her appointment comes at a key moment for the firm.

“Elzine’s leadership comes at an exciting time for Eos Capital as we launch our fourth fund and enter into a new decade of investment excellence. Elzine is an accomplished finance and investment leader, and brings a deep understanding



of African markets, strategic foresight, and a passion for building inclusive ecosystems. Her appointment reinforces Eos Capital’s evolution into a regional force with global standards,” he said.

The firm has so far raised and deployed capital through three funds—Allegrow, Euphrates, and NIDF 1—supporting local businesses and contributing to economic growth. It manages over N\$1 billion in assets and has built a portfolio of 14 companies.



# City rejects calls for pensioner debt write-off, citing financial risk

The City of Windhoek has rejected calls for the unconditional cancellation of debts owed by pensioners, warning that such a move would undermine the municipality’s financial health and its ability to deliver essential services.

This follows a formal petition submitted by the Khomas Ratepayers and Residents Association, which raised concerns over various aspects of urban governance.

“Doing so would compromise the Council’s financial sustainability and its ability to

maintain essential services to all residents,” the City said.

In its response, the municipality noted that many pensioners fall back into arrears even after receiving targeted relief, describing this trend as unsustainable.

“The unfortunate reality is that many pensioners fall back into arrears even after targeted relief, and this cycle is simply unsustainable,” the City said.

The municipality stressed the importance of meeting bulk payment obligations to NamPower and NamWater in order to avoid broader service

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disruptions. Pensioners are instead being encouraged to switch to prepaid utility systems to better manage consumption and reduce future debt risk.

Alongside the debt issue, the City addressed long-standing challenges related to communal housing under the Built Together Program and informal savings-led housing models. These models, the City said, although useful in facilitating

land access, create legal and administrative hurdles.

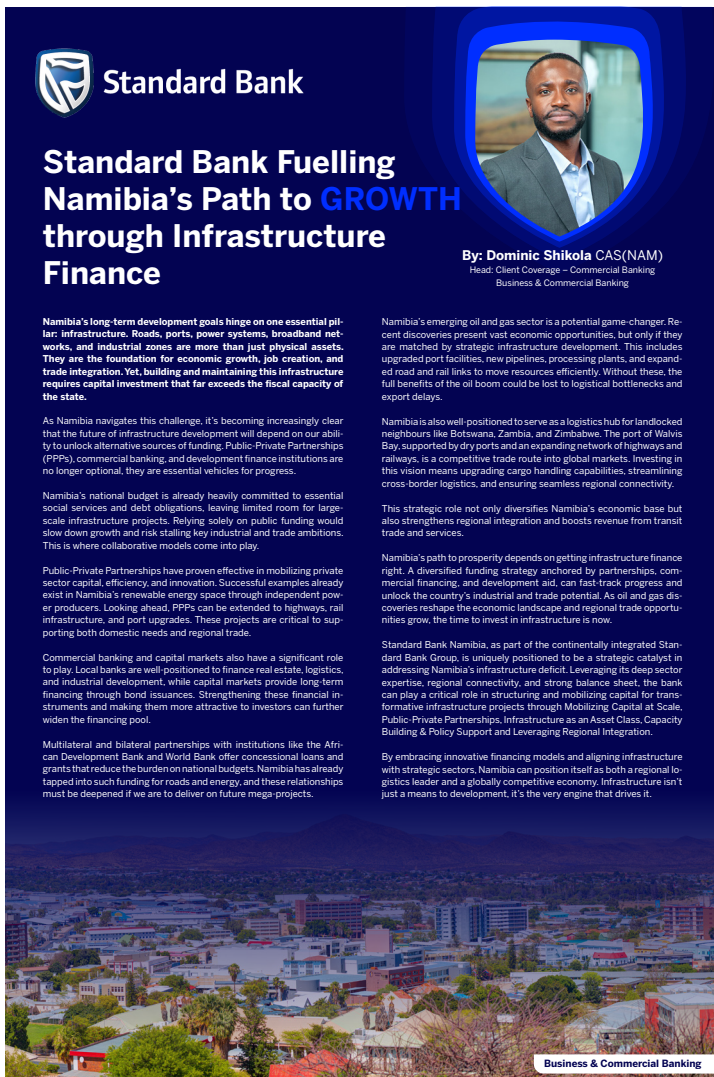
“These Savings Groups have typically acquired land in bulk and informally subdivided it among members,” the City explained.

Land transfers through former Built Together Groups will only take place once all debts are settled and the groups are formally dissolved. “Only once these

conditions are fulfilled can land be transferred from the City to the group, and from the group to individual members,” the statement read.

Residents involved in such arrangements are being encouraged to apply for formal ownership through the Flexible Land Tenure System or request exemptions from the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development. “Groups are encouraged to visit our Human Settlement Office in Katutura for step-by-step guidance,” the City advised.

The City also clarified that the Built Together Program has been discontinued and replaced with the Informal Settlement Upgrading Program, which focuses on secure tenure and affordable housing. “Financial support for servicing land or house construction is no longer provided through the Built



**Standard Bank**

## Standard Bank Fuelling Namibia's Path to **GROWTH** through Infrastructure Finance

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Business & Commercial Banking

Namibia's long-term development goals hinge on one essential pillar: infrastructure. Roads, ports, power systems, broadband networks, and industrial zones are more than just physical assets. They are the foundation for economic growth, job creation, and trade integration. Yet, building and maintaining this infrastructure requires capital investment that far exceeds the fiscal capacity of the state.

As Namibia navigates this challenge, it's becoming increasingly clear that the future of infrastructure development will depend on our ability to unlock alternative sources of funding. Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs), commercial banking, and development finance institutions are no longer optional, they are essential vehicles for progress.

Namibia's national budget is already heavily committed to essential social services and debt obligations, leaving limited room for large-scale infrastructure projects. Relying solely on public funding would slow down growth and risk stalling key industrial and trade ambitions. This is where collaborative models come into play.

Public-Private Partnerships have proven effective in mobilizing private sector capital, efficiency, and innovation. Successful examples already exist in Namibia's renewable energy space through independent power producers. Looking ahead, PPPs can be extended to highways, rail infrastructure, and port upgrades. These projects are critical to supporting both domestic needs and regional trade.

Commercial banking and capital markets also have a significant role to play. Local banks are well-positioned to finance real estate, logistics, and industrial development, while capital markets provide long-term financing through bond issuances. Strengthening these financial instruments and making them more attractive to investors can further widen the financing pool.

Multilateral and bilateral partnerships with institutions like the African Development Bank and World Bank offer concessional loans and grants that reduce the burden on national budgets. Namibia has already tapped into such funding for roads and energy, and these relationships must be deepened if we are to deliver on future mega-projects.

Namibia's emerging oil and gas sector is a potential game-changer. Recent discoveries present vast economic opportunities, but only if they are matched by strategic infrastructure development. This includes upgraded port facilities, new pipelines, processing plants, and expanded road and rail links to move resources efficiently. Without these, the full benefits of the oil boom could be lost to logistical bottlenecks and export delays.

Namibia is also well-positioned to serve as a logistics hub for landlocked neighbours like Botswana, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. The port of Walvis Bay, supported by dry ports and an expanding network of highways and railways, is a competitive trade route into global markets. Investing in this vision means upgrading cargo handling capabilities, streamlining cross-border logistics, and ensuring seamless regional connectivity.

This strategic role not only diversifies Namibia's economic base but also strengthens regional integration and boosts revenue from transit trade and services.

Namibia's path to prosperity depends on getting infrastructure finance right. A diversified funding strategy anchored by partnerships, commercial financing, and development aid, can fast-track progress and unlock the country's industrial and trade potential. As oil and gas discoveries reshape the economic landscape and regional trade opportunities grow, the time to invest in infrastructure is now.

Standard Bank Namibia, as part of the continentally integrated Standard Bank Group, is uniquely positioned to be a strategic catalyst in addressing Namibia's infrastructure deficit. Leveraging its deep sector expertise, regional connectivity, and strong balance sheet, the bank can play a critical role in structuring and mobilizing capital for transformative infrastructure projects through Mobilizing Capital at Scale, Public-Private Partnerships, Infrastructure as an Asset Class, Capacity Building & Policy Support and Leveraging Regional Integration.

By embracing innovative financing models and aligning infrastructure with strategic sectors, Namibia can position itself as both a regional logistics leader and a globally competitive economy. Infrastructure isn't just a means to development, it's the very engine that drives it.

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The City also clarified that the Built Together Program has been discontinued and replaced with the Informal Settlement Upgrading Program, which focuses on secure tenure and affordable housing.

Together Program,” it noted.

In response to a call for better coordination between electricity and debt management departments, the City confirmed that internal discussions are under way. However, it warned residents that tampering with meters or illegal connections will not be tolerated. “Illegal connections and meter tampering are criminal offenses and will be prosecuted,” the City said.

On the matter of residents relocated to Farm 508 following recent flooding, the municipality reported that more than 300 households have been accommodated.

Essential services, including water, sanitation, road access and lighting, are being rolled out in phases.

“Electrification and lighting are planned under the Council’s Electricity Universal Access Program, subject to funding availability,” the City stated.

The City confirmed that land has been earmarked for a police station, health centre, and school, but emphasised that these fall under national jurisdiction. “Residents and community leaders are encouraged to engage with these ministries to advocate for the timely delivery of these critical services,” it said.



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## NNFU calls for urgent rollout of NCA Equalisation Fund

**T**he Namibian National Farmers Union (NNFU) has called on the Ministry of Agriculture to fast-track the implementation of the long-awaited Northern Communal Areas (NCA) Equalisation Fund, warning that delays are holding back the development of communal farming.

Speaking at the groundbreaking ceremony

of a new EU-funded feedlot facility in Etunda, NNFU representative Sylvanus Naunyango said that while infrastructure investments are welcome, they must be accompanied by financial mechanisms that allow farmers to participate meaningfully in the livestock value chain.

“We would like to use this opportunity to remind the Ministry of Agriculture to



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speed up the NCA Equalisation Fund. NCA equalisation is the conduit and enabler for these good works the ministry is doing. Let this be the beginning of many more such inclusive developments that truly unlock the potential of Namibia’s communal farming sector,” he said.

Naunyango described the feedlot as a long-overdue milestone for farmers in the Northern Communal Areas.

He said the biggest barriers for communal farmers had not been livestock numbers, but limited access to markets, poor animal quality, and a lack of consistent supply to abattoirs.

He noted that the NCAs are home to more than half of Namibia’s estimated 1.7 million cattle, yet the offtake rate remains below 5%, compared to around 25% in the commercial farming sector. While acknowledging some progress—such as Meatco NCA slaughtering approximately 9,000 cattle in the last financial year—Naunyango said efforts by farmers were still hampered by poor infrastructure and a weak enabling environment.

“We therefore appeal to all implementing ministries and contractors to expedite the construction process and ensure this facility becomes operational as soon as possible,” he said.

The NCA Equalisation Fund, approved by Cabinet on 9 July

2024, is a government initiative aimed at compensating cattle farmers north of the Veterinary Cordon Fence for the price disparities they face compared to their counterparts in the south.

Since cattle of equal quality and weight often fetch lower prices north of the red line despite similar production costs, the Fund is designed to cover the difference and ensure farmers receive fair market value.

Supported by the NNFU, the Fund aims to level the playing field and offer relief to farmers in disadvantaged regions.



Namibian Ports Authority (Namport) hereby invites bids through Open National Bidding (ONB) procedures for the Provision of Security Services for Namport at the Ports of Walvis Bay and Lüderitz For a Period of Three (3) Years.

Bid Reference Number	Brief Description	Pre-bid Conference	Last Day for Clarification Requests	Closing Date
NCS/ONB/NAMPOR-3672/2025	The Provision of Security Services for Namport at the Ports of Walvis Bay and Lüderitz For a Period of Three (3) Years	Non-Compulsory Pre-bid/Site Visit meeting on 01/08/2025 @ 10h00 AM	15/08/2025	05/09/2025 @ 12h00 PM  (Virtual Bid Opening Link available on website)

- Bids are invited through the Open National Bidding (ONB) procedure and the invitation is open to all eligible bidders. All Bidders must comply with the requirements outlined in the bidding document.
- Interested eligible bidders are requested to visit the Namport website at <https://www.namport.com.na/procurement> for details of the bidding requirements. Bidders must register as suppliers, express interest in a specific bid, make a payment of the (non-refundable) bid levy of **NS300.00** and submit the proof of payment in order to be granted access to the bidding documents. The Namport Banking Details are available on the link: <https://www.namport.com.na/procurement/banking-details/558/>
- A Non-compulsory **Pre-Bid/Site Visit meeting** is scheduled for **01 August 2025 at 10H00 AM**. The meeting will be held at **Executive Boardroom, Namport Head Office, Walvis Bay**. Bidders should take note that the virtual meeting link is also available on the website for bidders that would like to join the meeting virtually.
- Bids must be delivered to: **The Tender Box, Namibian Ports Authority (Namport) Reception, No. 17 Rikumbi Kandanga Road, Walvis Bay**

ALL enquiries related to these bids must be directed in writing by email to the following contact details:

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## Cabinet approves drafting of Space Science and Technology Bill

Cabinet has approved the drafting of a Space Science and Technology Bill, which will provide a legal and institutional framework to guide Namibia's space-related activities.

The decision was announced by the Minister of Information and Communication Technology, Emma Theofelus, following the 15th Cabinet meeting of 2025.

"The Space Science and Technology Bill aims to ensure effective coordination of space science and technology activities that contribute to socio-economic growth and development in the country," Theofelus said.

The Bill will be developed by the Ministry of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sports, Arts and Culture, before being submitted to Cabinet for formal endorsement.

The move builds on earlier steps taken by government to revive the national space science agenda. In March 2024, the second National Space Science Council was appointed to serve as a technical and

advisory body to the National Commission on Research, Science and Technology.

The council is made up of experts in astronomy, information and communication technology, law, electronics engineering and geographic information systems. It will serve until March 2027.

The proposed legislation is underpinned by Namibia's Space Science and Technology Policy (2021–2030), which aims to transition the country from being a passive user of space-based services to an active participant in the global space industry. The policy calls for the integration of space technologies into national development planning, improved public awareness, institutional capacity-building, and expanded access to commercial space applications.

The Ministry of Education leads the implementation of the policy, with the National Commission on Research, Science and Technology acting as the coordinating body.

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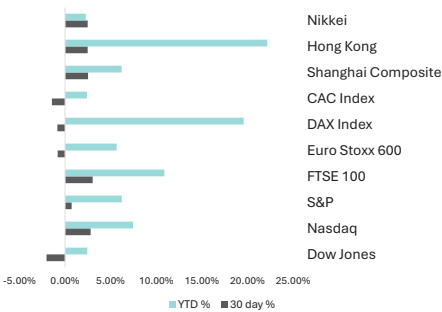
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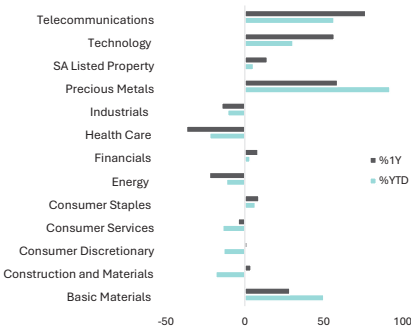
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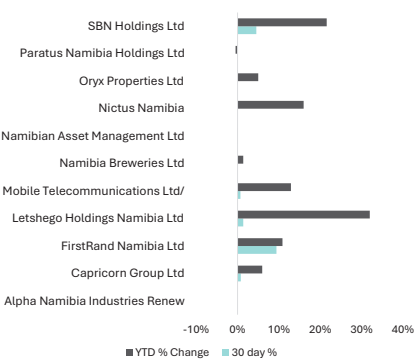
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