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Namibia's wheat production has plummeted by 83.72% to just 2,984 tonnes in the 2024/2025 season due to severe drought conditions, forcing the country to import 126,654 tonnes to meet 97.7% of local demand, latest data reveals.

The Agronomy Producers Association (APA) Chairperson Gerhard Engelbrecht attributed the drastic decline to the low water levels at Hardap Dam, which led to the suspension of irrigation supply, crippling wheat cultivation.

“Namibia recorded a local wheat production of about 18,328 tonnes for 2023/2024, indicating a decrease of 25.8% from the 2022/2023 period, and a further 83.72% drop in the 2024/2025 period when only 2,984 tonnes of wheat was locally produced,” Engelbrecht said.

Despite the production slump, wheat prices have risen, with farmers earning an average of N\$7,453.03 per tonne, reflecting a 6.88% increase from the previous season.

The drought has also impacted white maize production, which dropped by 51.84% in the 2024/2025 season to 32,280 tonnes. The Karst and Central regions were the hardest hit, with production falling by 52.6% and 29.9%, respectively. However, maize output in



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 - * 16 April 2025
 - * 18 June 2025
 - * 13 August 2025
 - * 15 October 2025
 - * 3 December 2025

the South increased by 20.8%.

In response to declining supplies, white maize prices surged by 28.77% to N\$7,386.06 per tonne, further straining consumers already facing rising food costs.

While wheat and maize yields suffered, the groundnut industry experienced a significant boost, with irrigated production soaring to 4,000 tonnes in the 2024/2025 season—a 233.33% increase. This shift reflects farmers’ efforts to diversify amid changing climate conditions and market demands.

“A good number of producers diversified to groundnut production, hence the estimated production increased significantly by 233.33%,” Engelbrecht noted.

Prices for groundnuts have reached N\$17,000 per tonne, making it a lucrative alternative for farmers.

To assist struggling producers, the Namibia Agronomic Board, in collaboration with the Agronomy Producers’ Association, has introduced measures to ease financial strain. These include levy negotiations, transport refunds, and improved marketing strategies.

Additionally, Engelbrecht said ongoing research and soil testing initiatives aim to enhance future crop yields, while the APA is exploring genetically modified maize as a potential long-term solution to mitigate the effects of climate change on agriculture.

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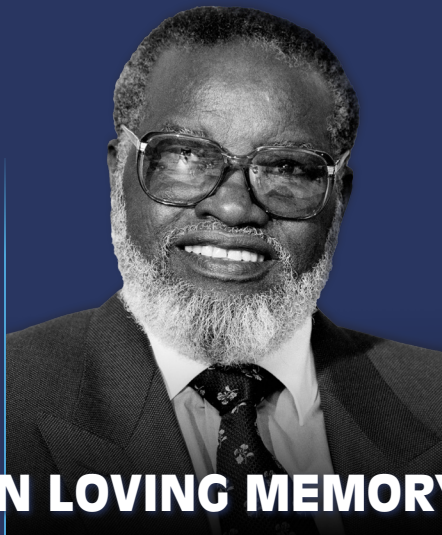
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Namibia's poultry industry production value hits N\$1.74 billion in 2024

The Namibian poultry industry production value reached N\$1.74 billion in 2024, representing a 13.47% increase from the N\$1.5 billion recorded in 2023, the Namibian Poultry Producers Association (PPA) has revealed.

The sector now stands as the second-largest contributor to Namibia's agricultural production, trailing only the cattle industry, which recorded an estimated N\$3.2 billion in 2024.

"The production value of the poultry industry was N\$1.74 billion, growing by 13.47% from the N\$1.5 billion recorded in 2023. Poultry was estimated to be the second-largest contributor to agricultural production value in 2023, following the



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cattle sector that recorded about N\$3.2 billion,” said PPA Chairperson Louise Kleynhans.

A significant milestone was reached in 2024 with the gazetting of poultry and poultry products, including eggs, under the Meat Industry Act, now referred to as the Livestock and Livestock Products Act. This legislative change mandates the Livestock and Livestock Product Board of Namibia (LLPBN) to regulate the poultry sector, ensuring sustainable growth and alignment with Namibia’s national objectives for increased production and

value addition.

“This legislative change mandates the Livestock and Livestock Product Board of Namibia to regulate the poultry sector and to ensure that the sector realizes growth, therefore contributing to Government’s national objectives of increased production and value addition,” Kleynhans said.


In an effort to strengthen local production, the Namibia Standards Institute has introduced poultry meat standards, which are expected to be gazetted in 2025.

Additionally, new players have entered the market, including Khadila Poultry in Osona, which began operations in October 2024. With an estimated production capacity of over 400 metric tonnes per month, Khadila Poultry is set to reduce Namibia’s reliance on imports. Other key industry players have also expanded their production, further contributing to the sector’s steady growth.

“Adding to improved local production, other key players have also expanded production,” Kleynhans said.

Despite these advancements, Namibia continues to import between 2,000 to 2,500 tonnes of poultry meat monthly..

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Generative AI: What board directors should know

By Chisom Obiudo

As a board director, do you find yourselves wading through hundreds of pages in board packs, struggling to identify the key insights necessary for strategic decision-making?

The growing complexity of governance and increasing regulatory demands often press directors for time, forcing reliance on dense, manually prepared information. This can lead to decision fatigue, overlooked risks, and missed opportunities.

Recent technological advancements, particularly generative AI, offer practical solutions to these challenges. Boards can now rely on tools that reduce administrative burdens, deliver concise insights, and improve their engagement with data.

While AI offers significant benefits, its integration into governance processes carries risks and requires robust oversight and a well-defined strategy.

This article outlines what generative AI is, its potential in the boardroom, and key governance considerations for its responsible use.

What Is Generative AI?

Generative AI refers to machine learning models capable of creating new content such as text, images, audio, and simulations based on patterns learned from existing data. In simple terms, AI analyses large datasets



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to identify trends, recurring themes, and relationships, enabling it to generate outputs that are relevant and tailored to specific needs.

In a corporate governance context, AI can analyse large datasets to identify patterns like common language in board reports, recurring financial trends, risk indicators, and governance themes.

This enables it to produce outputs tailored to the organisation's specific industry and governance processes, such as synthesised insights, predictive analytics, and contextual recommendations aligned with organisational priorities.

These patterns help AI summarise board materials, highlight key risks, suggest agenda items, and monitor regulatory changes. By recognising these patterns, AI reduces administrative burdens and supports directors in making more informed, data-

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driven decisions

Familiar tools such as ChatGPT, Claude, and Gemini generate written content, while DALL-E and Midjourney create images from text prompts. These technologies are no longer limited to marketing or customer engagement; they have practical applications in governance, compliance, and decision support.

Practical Applications of Generative AI in the Boardroom

Generative AI has the potential to improve board effectiveness and decision-making in several key areas:

1. Meeting Preparation and

Documentation

Agenda Creation: AI can analyse previous meeting materials and upcoming priorities to suggest customised board agendas, saving time and improving focus.

Minutes and Summaries: AI-powered tools can transcribe meetings and generate accurate summaries, allowing directors to focus on discussions rather than documentation.

Document Management: Generative AI can organise and make board materials such as charters and policies easily searchable and accessible.

2. Strategic Decision Support

Scenario Planning: AI helps directors simulate potential future outcomes and evaluate strategic options more effectively.

A recent Harvard Business Review article titled, "Use Generative AI to Improve Scenario Planning," highlighted how generative AI transformed traditional scenario planning by addressing inefficiencies. AI-enabled organisations can process vast datasets, identify trends, and generate actionable scenarios quickly and cost-effectively.

The article outlined improvements in:

Scenario Creation: Drafting plausible scenarios and filtering out irrelevant ones.

Narrative Building: Crafting relatable narratives to help stakeholders better engage with different scenarios.

Strategy Development: Proposing tailored strategies based on specific challenges.

One example highlighted a company using AI to address supply chain risks and workforce gaps. By processing complex data, the AI proposed strategies such as retraining staff and outsourcing expertise, enabling the board to explore solutions faster and in greater depth. Importantly, human judgment remained essential in refining and implementing these strategies.

Risk Identification: AI can flag emerging risks such as regulatory changes, cybersecurity



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threats, or reputational risks, providing a proactive approach to risk management.

Skills Gap Analysis: AI can assess directors’ skills and compare them to the organisation’s strategic needs, offering insights for recruitment or training.

3. Real-Time Insights and Data Analysis

Trend Analysis: AI tools can analyse industry trends and market shifts, providing timely insights for strategic planning.

Executive Summaries: AI can distil complex management reports into concise, actionable summaries, helping directors focus on the most critical information.

Compliance Monitoring: AI can track evolving regulatory requirements and flag potential non-compliance issues, reducing legal risks for the organisation.

Governance Implications and Oversight Considerations

While generative AI offers significant advantages, boards must establish strong governance frameworks to ensure responsible use. Directors should focus on three key areas.

Developing an AI Strategy

AI initiatives must align with the organisation’s overall strategy. Boards should identify areas where AI can add value, such as improving efficiency or enhancing risk management, and set clear objectives.

Building AI Literacy

AI literacy is increasingly important. While directors

do not need to become technical experts, they must understand AI’s capabilities and risks to oversee its implementation effectively. Ongoing education and recruiting technology-savvy board members can help bridge the knowledge gap.

Managing Risks Proactively

Boards should establish clear policies for AI use that address key governance priorities:

Ethical Considerations: Boards must ensure that AI systems promote fairness, accountability, and transparency. Regular audits can help detect and correct biased outcomes.

Data Privacy and Security: Compliance with applicable data protection regulations and robust cybersecurity protocols are critical.

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Regular risk assessments will help identify vulnerabilities and ensure data is handled securely.

Continuous Monitoring: AI systems should be continuously reviewed for performance and compliance.

Collaboration with internal audit teams, IT departments, and external experts can help boards maintain effective oversight.

By managing these risks proactively, boards can mitigate potential pitfalls and strengthen organisational resilience.

Generative AI is a practical tool that has the potential to transform how boards operate, offering new ways to improve efficiency, decision-making, and risk oversight.

However, integrating this technology requires thoughtful governance and a clear strategy.

Boards that adopt AI proactively will be better positioned to navigate an increasingly complex business environment and seize emerging opportunities.

Those that fail to engage risk being left behind, constrained by outdated processes and slower decision-making.

It is important to emphasise that AI is not a replacement for board expertise and strategic judgment.

Rather, it serves as a powerful tool to augment directors' decision-making capabilities, providing data-driven insights and reducing administrative burdens.

Ultimately, it enhances

governance practices while allowing directors to focus on high-level strategic oversight.

The role of the board is evolving. Generative AI is not a trend but a valuable part of the modern governance toolkit.

Now is the time for directors to familiarise themselves with AI—not as technology experts, but as strategic leaders capable of guiding their organisations into a future defined by innovation, agility, and data-driven decision-making.

In my next article, I will explore how board directors can engage directly with generative AI tools, providing sample prompts and practical insights to enhance governance practices.

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Namibia records N\$669m trade surplus in food items for December 2024

Namibia recorded a trade surplus of N\$669 million in food items for December 2024, driven primarily by fish exports, the Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA) has revealed. According to the NSA's latest trade

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bulletin, fish exports accounted for N\$979 million, with the primary markets being the Democratic Republic of Congo, Spain, and Zambia.

The report further indicates that from December 2023 to December 2024, Namibia's overall trade surplus in food items averaged N\$302 million.

However, trade deficits were recorded in September, October, and November 2024.

"September registered a deficit of N\$139 million, October N\$166 million, and November N\$258 million. The highest trade surplus over the period was recorded in December 2023 at N\$1 billion," the NSA said.

The report, also highlights the significant contribution of fruit and nut exports. These exports totaled N\$822 million in December 2024, with the Netherlands and the United Kingdom being the main destinations.

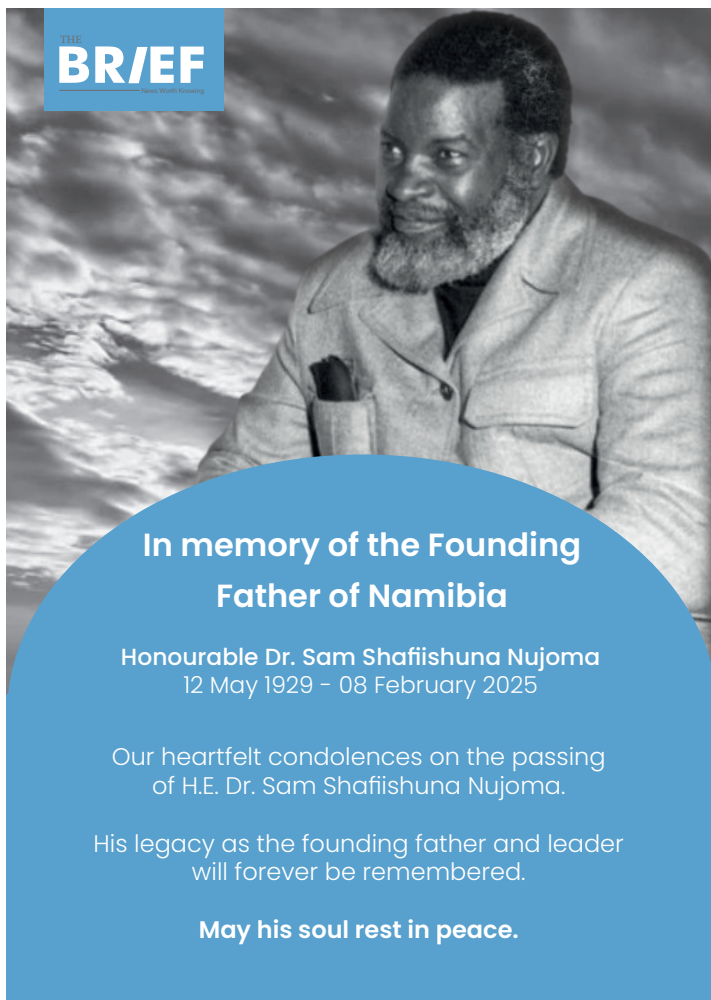
"During December 2024, fish and other aquatic products contributed the highest to the food basket with a share of 46.9%, followed by fruits and nuts at 39.4%. The top five exported food items collectively accounted for 96.6% of the total food export value," the NSA bulletin detailed.

On the import side, the top five food items, excluding live animals, made up 52.6% of total imports during December 2024. Cereals dominated the list with a 15.7% share,

followed by sugar and sugar confectionery at 11.4%, and residues and waste from food industries at 8.9%.

Additionally, the NSA report noted that from December 2023 to December 2024, Namibia's imports of beverages averaged N\$328 million, with the highest values recorded in November and December 2024.

Over the same period, beverage exports averaged N\$119 million, peaking in July 2024 at N\$190 million.





Petrofund boosts oil & gas training with 77 awarded scholarships

The Petroleum Training and Education Fund (Petrofund) has expanded its scholarship program, with 77 students currently benefiting and 38 new scholarships awarded for 2025.

Petrofund Chief Executive Officer Nillian Mulemi announced that the organization is increasing its support for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) programs, actively promoting scholarships at the Namibia Institute of Mining and Technology (NIMT) campus in Keetmanshoop.

“We are committed to growing technical expertise in the oil and gas industry,” Mulemi said. “More TVET-related scholarships will be offered in 2025 to build

local capacity.”

In addition to scholarships, Petrofund has deployed 17 Namibians to France, Malaysia, and Angola for specialized training in critical oil and gas skills.

The organization has also provided institutional support to the University of Namibia (UNAM) by equipping its Department of Geology with advanced oil and gas drilling software and infrastructure.

Meanwhile, the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) is set to introduce optional oil and gas programs in 2025.

Further enhancing training efforts, Petrofund has facilitated specialized courses for 33 government officials.

Petrofund has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SBM Offshore, a global leader in offshore energy solutions, to provide Namibians with hands-on industry experience.

These officials received oil and gas training in Windhoek and offshore survival training in Cape Town, South Africa.

They also visited onshore oil and gas drilling activities in the Kavango Basin and are awaiting offshore exposure at the earliest opportunity.

Petrofund has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SBM Offshore, a global leader in offshore energy solutions, to provide Namibians with hands-on industry experience. Through this partnership, five interns are currently participating in SBM Offshore's Floating Production Storage and Offloading (FPSO) design program in Malaysia.

"The oil and gas industry requires technical skills and competency. Through this collaboration, we aim to provide meaningful opportunities for professional development. As Namibia's petroleum sector grows, it is crucial

to develop a workforce equipped with industry-specific skills," she said.

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Khomas invests N\$25.8m in MSME development

The Khomas Regional Council has invested over N\$25.8 million in supporting more than 1,542 Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) and projects under the Income Generating Activities (IGA) Programme since its inception in the 2004/2005 financial year.

The IGA Programme, designed to provide equipment and materials to MSMEs, is aimed at fostering economic growth and job creation in both rural and urban communities.

The initiative receives an annual budget of N\$2.5 million, with N\$1 million redirected towards minor development projects in the region.

Initially launched in 2004 with a budget of N\$1 million allocated across all constituencies, the programme's funding has more than doubled over the years.

Khomas Regional Council Public Relations Officer Mekeloye Nambili highlighted that the programme prioritizes key economic sectors, including manufacturing, vocational enterprises, early childhood development,

agriculture, renewable energy, youth empowerment, recycling, ICT, healthcare, arts and crafts, hospitality, and catering.

"The programme aims to create employment opportunities and improve the living standards of people in both rural and urban areas," Nambili stated. "It also seeks to instill a business culture among community members with little to no income, aligning with the Regional Council's broader socio-economic development mandate."

She further emphasized that the initiative supports new business ventures, helps existing projects increase profitability, and promotes MSME growth to enhance job creation.

Currently, the Regional Council allocates N\$2.5 million annually across its 10 constituencies, translating to N\$250,000 per constituency. The programme is implemented through collaboration between the Regional Council, Community Development Committees (CDCs), and beneficiaries.



1.4 million Namibians benefit from government drought relief programme

The Namibian government has disclosed that 1.4 million people are currently benefiting from the

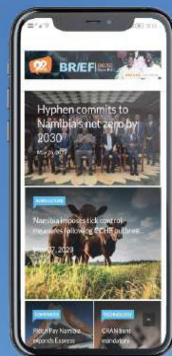
national drought relief programme, which assists over 384,935 households across all 14 regions.

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Prime Minister Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila provided the update in response to a parliamentary inquiry from Member of Parliament Josef Kauandenge, highlighting the programme's expansion to include malnourished households.

"Following the Cabinet decision to include malnourished households in the drought relief programme, a total of 1,835 households from five regions—/Kharas (744), Khomas (111), Omaheke (738), Omusati (66), and Oshana (176)—have been assisted," Kuugongelwa-Amadhila said.

In addition, the government is supporting 23 soup kitchens in the Omaheke region under the programme.

The Prime Minister also referenced a collaborative initiative launched in October 2023 in response to malnutrition-related deaths in the Omaheke region.

"In the aftermath of the unfortunate deaths in Omaheke, a collaborative initiative was launched to enhance access to quality nutrition and protection services for vulnerable populations in Omaheke, Khomas, and Kunene regions. The goal is to promote health, development, and wellness, while reducing preventable deaths and addressing inequities," she said.

The initiative has so far benefited over 9,204 pregnant and lactating mothers. To improve access to nutrition services, the government has strengthened Maternal and Child Health (MCH) days and outreach health services.

Additionally, 72 community health workers have been trained to increase nutrition awareness, backed by a Nutrition Hotline designed to address complex inquiries.

Meanwhile, the government has also expanded the Conditional Basic Income Grant (CBIG) programme. Initially implemented in 20 urban and peri-urban areas from November to December 2024, the initiative has registered an additional 15,000 households.

A total of 21,697 households are now receiving CBIG support, up from the initial 8,328 households that transitioned from the government's food bank programme.



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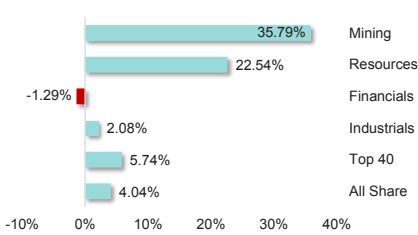
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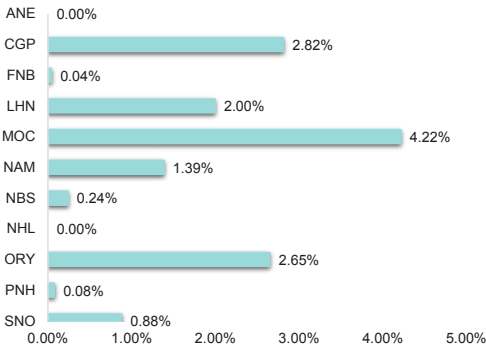
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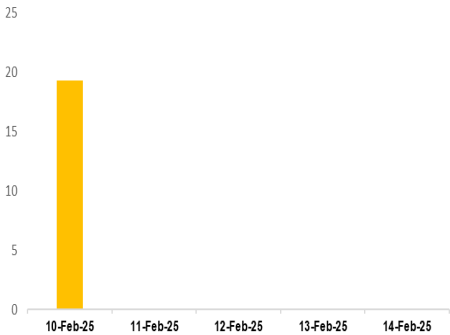
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