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Namibia records N\$1.4 billion in fish exports in April

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... Italy, Spain and Zambia among top buyers

amibia exported fish worth N\$1.4 billion in April 2025, making it the country's third-largest export product for the month and a key driver of a N\$548 million food trade surplus, according to the Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA).

"Fish occupied the third position, accounting for 11.5% of total exports, destined mainly for the Spanish, Zambian and Italian markets," the NSA stated.

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- · Bank of Namibia Monetary Policy announcement date:
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 - * 13 August 2025
 - * 15 October 2025
 - * 3 December 2025
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The food trade surplus was primarily supported by the strong performance of fish exports, which made up 78.4% of the food export basket.

"This was followed by meat and edible meat offal, which contributed 13.6%. Overall, the top five food exports accounted for 98.1% of all food products exported during the month," the NSA said.

On the import side, food imports in April were led by cereals, which accounted for 19.5% of total food imports. 'Miscellaneous edible preparations' and 'Animal or vegetable fats and oils and their cleavage products' followed, each with a share of 8.6%.

The top five food imports collectively made up 53.1% of the total value of imported food.

"The month under review saw the country recording a trade surplus on food items to the value of N\$548 million. The surplus was mainly driven by fish exports, which stood at N\$1.4 billion," the NSA reported.

Between April 2024 and April 2025, Namibia's average monthly food trade surplus stood at N\$220 million.

"The highest monthly surplus was recorded in December 2024 at N\$669 million. Deficits in the food trade were only recorded in three months during the

period:

September, October and November 2024," the NSA added.

On the beverage side, imports averaged N\$320 million over the past year, with the highest monthly import value of N\$489 million recorded in November 2024.

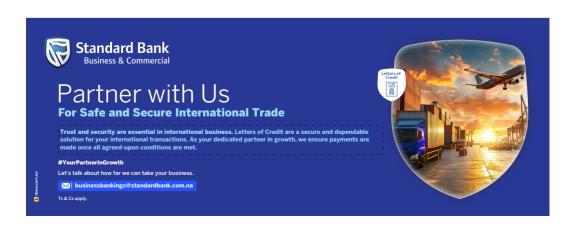
"Exports of beverages over the same period averaged N\$118 million, with the highest value of N\$189 million recorded in July 2024. The lowest export value of N\$62 million was recorded in April 2025," said the NSA.

In the broader trade context, Namibia exported goods worth N\$11.0 billion in April 2025 while importing goods valued at N\$12.9 billion, resulting in a trade deficit of N\$1.9 billion.

"During April 2025, exports increased by 9.1% compared to March 2025 and by 16.1% compared to April 2024," the NSA stated.

Imports showed a more modest rise, increasing by 1.0% from March 2025 and 2.3% compared to April 2024.

The NSA noted that uranium was Namibia's top export commodity, making up 26.0% of total exports, followed by nonmonetary gold at 15.4%. Fish, precious stones (diamonds), and base metal ores also featured among the top five exports.



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Govt allocates N\$143m to REDs for electrification programme

he Ministry of Industrialisation and Mines and Energy (MIME) has allocated N\$143 million to Namibia's Regional Electricity Distributors (REDs) under newly signed Service Level Agreements (SLAs), aimed at speeding up electricity connections across the country.

Executive Director Ben Nangombe said the City of Windhoek will receive N\$30 million to continue its household electrification programme. This follows an allocation of N\$15 million last year, which resulted in over 800 homes in peri-urban areas being connected to the grid.

CENORED has been allocated N\$36 million, of which N\$20 million is set aside for new household connections, while N\$16 million will go towards upgrading the Tsumkwe and Gam Solar Hybrid Stations.

"Erongo RED has been allocated N\$20 million, while NORED will also receive N\$30 million. Oshakati Premier Electric (OPE) has joined the SLA programme for the first time with an allocation of N\$7 million," Nangombe said.



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Erongo RED has been allocated N\$20 million, while NORED will also receive N\$30 million.

In southern Namibia, //AU-OB RED will receive N\$12 million, which will be supplemented by financial and in-kind contributions from local authorities.

In addition to these allocations, MIME has signed a separate N\$8 million agreement with the Environmental Investment Fund (EIF) for the development of a solar mini-grid at Puros Village in the Kunene Region.

"Under the leadership of our President, Her Excellency Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, the Namibian Government has set a bold and necessary target. We must increase access to electricity nationally from 59.4% to 70% by the year 2030. That means connecting more than 200,000 additional households, many of them in rural and peri-urban communities," Nangombe said.

He stressed that although the funding provided is significant, it is not sufficient to fully meet the national electrification targets. Nangombe called on all partners to contribute their own financial and technical resources to help accelerate progress.

"The figures in these agreements, while significant, are not enough. That is why we are asking each of our REDs and partners to go beyond the allocations. We have called you to bring your own resources, your own technical teams, your own donor networks, and your own procurement capacities," he said.

Nangombe also noted that not all SLA partners were present at the signing ceremony, as some are still finalising internal processes. He confirmed that the Ministry intends to conclude the remaining agreements without delay and begin implementation immediately.

"This Ministry is not here to make announcements. We are here to deliver results. An SLA is not a cheque; it is a contract. And with that contract comes accountability," he said.

Asymmetry to break the cycle of monotony in social media

By The Brand Guy

p until the advent of social media, one advert could be used repetitively. However, sameness and repetition are no longer enough to make the sale

Swiping right or scrolling is the norm now, and media is no longer a captive phenomenon.

The very architecture of social media platforms, driven by engagement-first algorithms, creates a loop where sameness is the producer's shelter and monotony becomes inevitable.

From templated videos to recycled hashtags, user feeds often reflect a narrow slice of content patterns rather than a diverse range of voices and experiences.

While uniformity increases efficiency for platforms and content creators, it has an unintended consequence: audiences lose interest.

Monotony leads to disengagement, muted interaction, and ultimately, audience attrition. In response, a fresh perspective is emerging—one that leverages asymmetry as a deliberate strategy to disrupt the status quo.

Asymmetry in social media refers to the use of intentional imbalance in exposure, audience dynamics, content flow, and platform features.

Rather than chasing virality through repetition, asymmetry introduces contrast and novelty as core design principles. It privileges difference over dominance, and rotation over repetition. 66

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phenomenon.

This approach begins with how content is surfaced and discovered. Instead of rewarding the most engaged content without variation, platforms can introduce discovery models that occasionally prioritize underrepresented creators, varied formats, or emerging topics.

Such interventions do not reject popularity but challenge the idea that popularity alone should dictate visibility.

By surfacing difference more frequently, platforms keep user feeds dynamic and engaging.

Another effective use of asymmetry lies in content pacing. Rather than allowing every creator or brand to flood timelines at will, platforms and publishers can stagger exposure.

Micro-rotation systems can control how often certain themes, styles, or formats appear in a feed. This preserves the element of surprise and reduces the risk of fatigue.

A video about a product, for example, could be followed by a human-interest story or a behind-the-scenes glimpse from a different sector.

This method is particularly valuable in



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qualifications and identification documents. Applications should clearly indicate the position being applied for and should be sent as one PDF attachment. Applications not adhering to these rules will not be considered. brand-to-consumer communications. For large enterprises engaging with informal or microenterprises, asymmetric strategies help prevent the overwhelming presence of corporate narratives.

By balancing storytelling from both large and small players, and featuring diverse geographies or market levels, campaigns gain authenticity and depth. Audiences are not just exposed to polished marketingthey encounter real-world experiences and perspectives that diversify their informational diet.

Platforms also benefit from offering content creators a range of incentives beyond mere volume or engagement. By building in asymmetric rewards for originality, tone variation, or storytelling innovation. platforms can shift the creative ecosystem toward quality over quantity. Creators are then encouraged to break patterns rather than mimic them.

Combatting social media monotony is not a call for randomness or chaos. Rather, it is an invitation to consider rhythm, diversity, and narrative balance as foundational to digital design. Asymmetry provides a toolkit to enrich the user experience, restore attention. and invite curiosity. In a time when users scroll quickly and disengage even faster. surprise has become a form of value.

When strategically applied, asymmetry does more than refresh the feed—it sustains relevance in an environment where sameness is no longer enough.

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Only one company joins Namibia's first AfCFTA consignment

nly one company has expressed interest in taking part in Namibia's first consignment under the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA).

Policy analyst from the trade ministry, Vistorina Nghifenwa, confirmed this to The Brief.

The AfCFTA was launched by the African Union (AU) to create a single market for goods and services across Africa, aimed at boosting continental entrepreneurship by eliminating tariffs on most goods and services.

"So far, only one company has expressed



interest in being part of the consignment, which is the Walvis Bay Salt Company. We have now approached the Namibia Trade Forum to generate more interest among local companies," Nghifenwa told The Brief.

This comes after the Namibia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (NCCI) in February this year urged local businesses to participate in Namibia's first consignment under the AfCFTA, which was initially planned to depart via the Walvis Bay port by road transport.

The Walvis Bay Salt Company, currently

the only local participant, is Africa's largest producer of natural solar sea salt. In May, the company inaugurated its new N\$100 million salt warehouse at the Walvis Bay port.

Nghifenwa said Namibia is targeting West Africa as the destination for its first consignment, with the aim of expanding its footprint in markets where no trade agreements are currently in place.

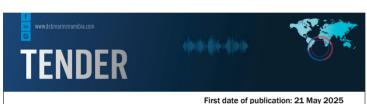
"Apart from West Africa, we are also looking at the Southern African region, particularly the SADC," she said.

She further revealed that the initial launch of the consignment into the continent, originally expected last year, was delayed due to the gazetting of the offer not being finalised.

"It was supposed to be completed on 20 December last year, but this was not achieved on time. After further consultations, we have now gazetted the offer and the consignment can depart — we just have to find a day," she said.

Former Trade and Industry Minister Lucia Iipumbu previously said that Namibia would benefit from access to a large market of over 1.3 billion people through the agreement.

The country has spent the past four years since 2021 raising awareness about the significance of participating in the AfCFTA.



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HANDBOOK

Leading with confidence as a young professional

By Ipupa Fadeyi

Stepping into leadership early in your career is both an exciting opportunity and a daunting challenge.

You bring fresh perspectives, energy and ambition, but you're also met with skepticism, high expectations and the task of leading those who may be older or more experienced.

In today's dynamic and diverse work environment, young leaders must learn to handle a complex mix of authority, relationships, self-imposed pressure and communication demands.

In this article, we explore five common challenges young professionals face as emerging leaders and offer practical strategies to overcome them.

Whether you're leading a team for the first time or stepping into a new role with greater responsibility, these insights will help you build the confidence and competence to lead effectively:

1. Establishing Authority and Credibility

One of the first hurdles young leaders face is being taken seriously, especially when managing people who are older, more experienced or were once peers. It's easy to feel intimidated or uncertain about asserting authority. This often stems from limited professional experience and the fear of not being "qualified enough" to lead.

How to overcome it: Authority doesn't

In today's dynamic and diverse work environment,

young leaders must learn to

handle a complex mix of authority, relationships, self-imposed pressure and communication demands.

come from age, it comes from how you lead. Start by demonstrating reliability and professionalism in everything you do. Show up prepared, meet your deadlines and follow through on commitments.

Let your actions speak for you. Build subject-matter expertise in your area and stay curious. People respect consistency, humility and competence. Most importantly, listen to your team, especially those with more experience. When people feel heard and valued, they are more willing to support your leadership.

2. Managing High Self-Expectations and Pressure

Many ambitious young professionals put immense pressure on themselves to succeed. You may feel like you have something to prove or that you need to achieve rapid career growth. While drive and ambition are powerful motivators, they can also lead to stress, burnout and self-doubt if not managed well

How to overcome it: Redefine what success means to you. It's not about being perfect or reaching the top quickly, it's about growing, learning and adding value.

Give vourself permission to be a work in progress. Seek mentorship and peer support, and be honest about when you're feeling overwhelmed.

Build healthy work habits by setting realistic goals, managing your time wisely and taking breaks. Emotional resilience is just as important as ambition on your leadership journey.

3. Developing Effective Communication Skills

Strong communication is at the heart of good leadership. Young professionals often struggle to clearly express their ideas. give feedback or adapt their communication style to different audiences. Some may also hesitate to speak up in meetings or may dominate conversations without realising it.

How to overcome it: Begin with self-awareness. Observe how you communicate. Do you listen actively? Do you speak with clarity and purpose? Practice speaking up in meetings with well-thought-out contributions. Ask for feedback on your communication style and look for opportunities to improve. Reading widely, attending communication workshops or joining public speaking groups like Toastmasters can also sharpen your skills. Remember, communication is as much about listening as it is about speaking.

4. Balancing Leadership Roles with Peer Relationships

Taking on a leadership role among former peers can be awkward. You may feel torn between maintaining friendships and enforcing accountability. The risk of being perceived as playing favourites or becoming too distant is high.

How to overcome it: Set clear boundaries early. Have open conversations with your peers about your new role and be transparent about your commitment to fairness and professionalism. Don't shy away from difficult conversations, but handle them respectfully and consistently. Avoid gossip and favouritism and instead, build a culture of mutual respect and teamwork. Over time, your peers will adjust to your leadership. especially if they see you acting with integrity and fairness.

5. Building Trust and Team Cohesion

Trust is the glue that holds teams together, but for young leaders, earning it can take time. Team members may be sceptical of your leadership until you prove your ability to make sound







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decisions, handle conflict and support their growth.

How to overcome it: Lead with empathy and authenticity. Take time to understand each team member's strengths, challenges and aspirations. Recognise good work, celebrate small wins and welcome team input in decision-making. Admit when you don't know something and show willingness to learn. When your team sees that you care about their well-being and success, trust will grow. Cohesion develops

from shared purpose, clear communication and consistent leadership.

Final Thoughts: Growth is a Journey

Leadership is not a destination. It's a journey of growth, influence and continuous learning. As a young professional, you don't need to have all the answers. What matters is your willingness to learn, your commitment to lead with integrity and your ability to adapt with grace.

The challenges you face today are shaping you into the leader you are becoming. Don't

shrink back because you're young. Step forward with boldness, stay teachable and always remember that people follow not because you have a title, but because you inspire trust, action and purpose.

You are the CEO of your career. Lead with intention, lead with heart and lead with courage.

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NAC targets passenger growth and new routes through AviaDev Africa

he Namibia Airports Company (NAC) is stepping up efforts to grow passenger numbers across its airports by pursuing new airline partnerships and improving air connectivity.

The company plans to use platforms such as AviaDev Africa to attract more carriers, with the aim of boosting the tourism and trade sectors.

According to NAC, the company handled 1.1 million passengers in 2023. Hosea Kutako International Airport alone has the capacity to serve up to two million passengers annually, leaving room for growth.

"Increasing traffic volumes is a priority as



we work to maximise our existing capacity, grow revenue, stimulate economic activity, and create jobs," said NAC CEO Bisey / Uirah

He said the NAC will attend the 2025 AviaDev Africa Summit to further these efforts.

"By increasing connectivity to Namibia, opening new routes, and retaining existing ones, we will be able to position Namibia as a regional aviation hub that supports both leisure and business travel and creates new employment opportunities," /Uirab said.

He added that AviaDev Africa provides a key platform to showcase Namibia's potential as a gateway to the continent.

"Our vision is to transform Namibia into a logistics and aviation hub for Southern Africa. Engaging with global stakeholders helps us strengthen existing routes, attract new airlines, and identify investment opportunities to enhance our airport infrastructure and contribute meaningfully to national economic growth."

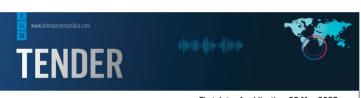
The 2025 AviaDev Africa Summit is expected to bring together over 400 senior

stakeholders from the aviation and tourism industries to explore the future of air connectivity across Africa.

The programme will include a Masterclass on air route development and a regional workshop hosted in partnership with the SADC Business Council Tourism Alliance, focusing on expanding air links across the continent.

NAC has been an active participant in the summit, having hosted the 2024 edition in Windhoek. The event drew 36 airlines, 408 delegates from 46 countries, and facilitated over 1,200 meetings.

The company said continued involvement in the summit is a key part of its strategy to increase air traffic, attract new airline partners, and support Namibia's goal of becoming a major transport hub in Southern Africa.



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Inflation slows to 3.5% in May as food and alcohol keep upward pressure

amibia's annual inflation rate stood at 3.5% in May 2025, largely driven by rising prices for food, non-alcoholic beverages, and alcohol, the Namibia Statistics Agency (NSA) said on Wednesday.

Releasing its latest Namibia Consumer Price Index (NCPI) bulletin, the NSA reported that the food and non-alcoholic beverages category was the main contributor, adding 1.2 percentage points to the annual figure.

Housing, water, electricity, gas and other fuels followed, contributing 0.9 percentage points, while alcoholic beverages and tobacco accounted for 0.8 percentage points.

The headline annual inflation rate for April 2025 stood at 3.6%, compared to

4.8% registered in April 2024.

Monthly inflation remained unchanged at 0.2% in May, the same rate recorded in April.

Food and non-alcoholic beverages, which make up 16.5% of the consumer basket, posted an annual inflation rate of 5.8% in May, up from 4.7% recorded in May last year.

"The food and non-alcoholic beverages index recorded an annual inflation rate of 5.8% in May 2025, after witnessing an inflation rate of 4.7% in May 2024," the NSA said.

The alcoholic beverages and tobacco category, which accounts for 12.6% of the basket, also recorded a 5.8% annual increase, although this was lower than the 6.6% recorded in May 2024. On a monthly



basis, inflation in this category rose by 0.9%, following a 0.5% increase in April.

Hotels, cafés and restaurants registered a 5.7% annual increase, while education costs rose by 4.3% and recreation and culture by 4.2%.

Housing and utilities, the largest component of the consumer basket at 28.4%, recorded a 3.6% annual increase, slightly lower than the 3.7% rate reported a year earlier. On a monthly basis, the category experienced a deflation of 0.4%, reversing a 0.3% increase in April.

Within the food sub-categories, several items showed notable price jumps. The NSA said oils and fats recorded an annual increase of 9.1%, driven by a sharp rise in the price of cooking oil, which surged from a 4.9% decrease in May 2024 to a 12.5% increase in May 2025. Cooking fats rose from a 3.0% drop to a 5.9% annual increase.

Meat prices increased by 8.8% over the year, with biltong rising from a 7.6% decrease to an 8.0% increase. Minced meat went from a 0.8% increase to 10.2%, while beef climbed from 3.5% to 12.6%.

Fruit prices also saw a significant rise. "The index for fruits increased by 15.5% during the period under review, compared to an increase of 12.4% recorded a year ago," the NSA noted.

Fish prices rose by 9.1% annually, compared to a 6.7% increase in May 2024. Bottled and tinned fish prices were up by 5.4%, while fresh, chilled, and frozen fish jumped by 12.0%.

Transport was one of the few categories to record a decline, falling by 1.3% over the year. This was mainly due to a drop in the cost of operating personal transport equipment, which decreased from 9.8% to -3.3%. On a monthly basis, transport prices edged up by 0.1%.

Core inflation, which excludes volatile items, stood at 4.1%, higher than the overall inflation rate.

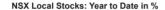
Regional inflation figures showed that Zone 3, which covers the //Kharas, Erongo, Hardap, and Omaheke regions, recorded the highest annual inflation rate at 4.0%, above the national figure. "Zone 1, covering the northern regions, recorded an annual inflation rate of 3.5% in line with the headline inflation rate, while Zone 2, which is the Khomas region, recorded a lower rate of 3.1%," the NSA said.

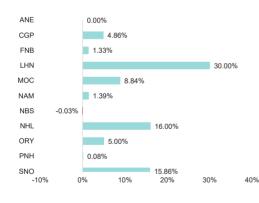


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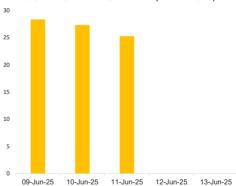








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