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A new freight rail corridor between Walvis Bay and Karibib is expected to transport up to 25,000 tonnes of cargo per month, removing an estimated 735 trucks from Namibia's roads every month and cutting annual carbon emissions by approximately 900 tonnes of CO_2.

The corridor, launched by Kaleido Logistics and TransNamib in July 2026, is supported by a new logistics hub in Karibib designed to improve cargo consolidation and strengthen rail connectivity between the Port of Walvis

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Bay and inland markets.

Located alongside the railway line with direct access to TransNamib's network, the Karibib hub has been developed to handle cargo storage, loading, unloading and transshipment, with the aim of reducing transit times and improving supply chain efficiency.

The facility is equipped with specialised cargo-handling equipment and will consolidate marble, granite and other commodities from the Karibib region, providing exporters with an alternative to road transport.

Kaleido Logistics Chief Executive Officer Xoán Martínez said the project marks a significant expansion of the company's logistics network in southern Africa.

"The launch of this rail corridor, together with the opening of our new logistics hub in Karibib, represents a strategic step in strengthening our presence in Namibia and continuing to develop integrated logistics solutions across African transport corridors," Martínez said.

He said the company intends to build on its existing rail operations in Angola, Zimbabwe and Mozambique, describing the new corridor as a competitiveness driver for Namibia. The companies said the service is based on a cargo consolidation model designed to improve the efficiency and competitiveness of rail transport while complementing existing road freight services.

The corridor will accommodate both bulk and containerised cargo, supported by Kaleido's international ocean freight operations to provide integrated multimodal logistics solutions.

TransNamib Chief Executive Officer Desmond van Jaarsveld said the partnership supports the company's strategy of repositioning rail as the preferred mode of transporting bulk and containerised freight.

"This partnership demonstrates TransNamib's commitment to revitalising rail as the backbone of Namibia's logistics network. By working with strategic partners such as Kaleido Logistics, we are creating efficient, reliable and sustainable freight solutions that strengthen the country's position as a regional logistics hub," he said.

Van Jaarsveld said the Walvis Bay-Karibib rail corridor will improve supply chain efficiency, reduce congestion on the route and contribute to Namibia's broader economic development objectives through increased use of rail freight.

"The Walvis Bay-Karibib Rail Corridor not only enhances supply chain efficiency for our customers but also contributes to reducing road congestion on this specific route, lowering carbon emissions and supporting Namibia's broader economic growth agenda. This is another important milestone in our journey to reposition rail as the preferred mode of transport for bulk and containerised cargo," he said.

Namibia to establish National Data Centre under N$639.2m ICT budget

The Ministry of Information and Communication Technology (MICT) has identified the establishment of a National Data Centre as one of its flagship projects for the 2026/27 financial year as government accelerates efforts to modernise Namibia's digital infrastructure.

Presenting the ministry's 2025–2030 Strategic Plan, Acting Executive Director Elizabeth Amagola said the National Data Centre forms part of a broader digital transformation programme backed by a N$639.2 million budget.

The project is expected to strengthen government's digital infrastructure while supporting the secure storage, management and delivery of public digital services.

Alongside the National Data Centre, the ministry will prioritise the rollout of Common Use Radio Access Network (RAN) towers, implementation of the National Cybersecurity Strategy, and the development of the Data Protection Bill and Cybercrime Bill.

MICT is also reviewing the Universal Access and Service Policy, the Broadband Policy and amendments to the Communications Act as part of efforts to modernise Namibia's digital policy framework.

Amagola said the ministry has allocated N$625.7 million for operational expenditure and N$13.6 million for development projects during the 2026/27 financial year.

She said the ministry is implementing five capital projects under the Medium-Term Expenditure Framework, including the construction of regional ICT offices in //Kharas, Kunene, Oshana and Hardap, as well as the continued expansion of digital connectivity through new Radio Access Network sites.

Beyond infrastructure, the ministry plans to strengthen digital skills, support technology start-ups and improve digital literacy while expanding access to government information services across all 14 regions.

The investment forms part of government's broader strategy to build the digital infrastructure needed to support e-government services, improve cybersecurity and create the foundation for a more digitally connected economy.

President calls for urgent passage of workplace safety Bill to protect mine workers

President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah has called for the accelerated finalisation of Namibia's Occupational Health and Safety Bill, saying stronger workplace protections are needed to safeguard mine workers and other employees exposed to hazardous working conditions.

Speaking at the opening of the 13th Chamber of Mines Mining Expo and Conference in Windhoek on Wednesday, Nandi-Ndaitwah said occupational health and safety must remain a priority across the mining sector, including for small-scale miners.

She warned that mining operations expose workers to hazardous environments and harmful substances that can have long-term health consequences.

"The safety and wellness of employees in the mining sector, including small-scale miners, should never be compromised. Mining activities and operations, by their nature, could be dangerous and expose employees to harmful chemicals, some of which may have long-term health effects," she said.

The President urged government,

employers and other stakeholders to work together to fast-track the Occupational Health and Safety Bill while expanding access to occupational health services across the country. "Together, we must work hard to accelerate the finalisation of the Occupational Health and Safety Bill. All of us have to embrace the establishment of occupational health and safety centres across the country. This will ensure that employees, even those operating in the informal sector, have access to these services," she said.

Nandi-Ndaitwah also called on mining companies to introduce post-retirement medical schemes to support workers who develop occupational diseases or retire with injuries sustained during their careers.

"In addition, I implore stakeholders in the mining sector to put in place post-retirement medical schemes to support employees who retire with injuries and those whose illnesses may manifest themselves long after retirement," she said.

She said such measures would ensure workers continue receiving medical support after leaving employment while complementing efforts to establish a national health scheme.

"This will ensure that workers are cared for even after their retirement. We can also work together to establish a national health scheme that can take care of us throughout our lifetime," she said.

The Occupational Health and Safety Bill is intended to modernise Namibia's workplace safety legislation by strengthening employer responsibilities and expanding protections for workers.

The proposed legislation also provides for the establishment of a National Occupational Safety and Health Commission and introduces clearer provisions on workplace inspections, incident reporting and enforcement.

The draft Bill reached a key milestone in May 2025 when stakeholders validated the revised legislation following consultations in six regions and public submissions. It is expected to proceed to the Labour Advisory Council and then the Attorney General before advancing through the remaining stages of the legislative approval process.

How to stress-test a strategic plan before the board commits

A practical use of AI that strengthens the board's judgement rather than replacing it.

By Chisom Obiudo

Take the most recent strategic plan your board approved. It will be in the board pack. Now look for a second document: a written list of the assumptions on which the plan depends.

If those assumptions are absent from the strategic plan, risk analysis or minutes, the board will struggle to demonstrate that it tested them.

Discussion and testing are not the same. The difference becomes clear when an untested assump-tion fails.

Principle 4 of the King IV Code on Corporate Governance provides that the board should recognise that the organisation's purpose, risks and opportunities, strategic plan, business model, performance and sustainable development are inseparable elements of value creation.

That is why a board cannot approve a strategic plan merely because its projections appear convinc-ing.

It must test the assumptions, evidence, risks and warning signs on which the plan depends. Man-agement may prepare the draft, but the board remains responsible for appraising, approving and monitoring it.

"Questioning a proposal backed by the chief executive may strain relationships, appear obstructive, or expose a director to being proved wrong in front of colleagues.

Why directors stay silent

The board's duty to challenge the strategic plan is clear, yet individual directors may hesitate to do so.

Questioning a proposal backed by the chief executive may strain relationships, appear obstructive, or expose a director to being proved wrong in front of colleagues. The personal risk falls on one di-rector, while the benefit belongs to the whole board.

Silence should therefore not be treated as agreement. Before the meeting, assign one director to present the strongest case against the strategic plan. This makes challenge an agreed board re-sponsibility rather than a personal confrontation.

Three questions before the board

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A structured challenge begins with three questions.

What is the strategic plan based on? Consider a proposed expansion into a neighbouring market. The plan may assume that the licence will be granted within the year, that a suitable distributor is available, that the exchange rate will remain stable, and that the existing management team can oversee operations in two countries.

Once written down, each assumption can be tested. If left unstated, a failed assumption may later become the reason the strategic plan fails.

What would have to be true for the strategic plan to succeed? Turn each assumption into a con-dition the board can observe and test.

Record the supporting evidence, rate the board's confidence as high, medium or low, and identify the earliest warning sign that the condition no longer holds.

A board can monitor evidence and warning signs. It cannot monitor optimism.

What is the strongest argument against approving the strategic plan? Ask what a well-informed opponent would say about it.

This encourages the board to consider weaknesses that management may not have anticipated, rather than limiting the discussion to objections that management has al-ready prepared to answer.

Where AI helps and where it does not

AI can help the board prepare for the three questions by quickly identifying possible assumptions, risks and arguments against the strategic plan.

It is not influenced by relationships with the chief ex-ecutive or by the fear of appearing obstructive. This makes AI useful as a preparation tool, but not as an independent expert or decision-maker.

AI can only work with the information it receives. Unless relevant context is provided, it does not know the organisation's market, financial position, regulatory obligations, risk appetite or history.

It may generate objections that sound convincing but are irrelevant or incorrect. Treat its output as questions requiring evidence from management, not as proof that the strategic plan is sound or flawed. The judgement remains with the board.

Using AI to prepare the challenge

Run the exercise before the board pack is finalised so that management has time to gather the re-quired evidence. The company secretary can coordinate the exercise with the executive responsible for the strategic plan and the team responsible for risk management. Use only an AI tool that the or-ganisation has approved for this purpose.

Confidentiality comes first. If the tool is not approved for confidential information, do not upload or paste the strategic plan into it.

Remove names, financial figures, counterparties, personal infor-mation, commercial terms and other non-public information.

Describe the strategic plan only in general terms.

Before using the tool, confirm how the AI vendor stores the information entered, who can access it, how long it is retained, and whether it is used to train the provider's models.

The following prompt can then be

adapted:

Act as a constructive critic assisting our board. Here is an anonymised description of the strategic plan: [describe the strategic plan].

Based only on the information provided, identify the assumptions on which the strategic plan depends, the evidence management should provide, the earliest warning signs, how the strategic plan could fail and the strongest argument against approval. Do not invent facts, figures, market information or sources.

If important information is missing, state what additional information is required. End with no more than ten specific questions the board should answer before deciding.

After running the prompt, review each AI-generated question.

Discard questions that repeat each other, apply to any organisation, or rely on unverified facts. Keep questions that identify a specific assumption, explain why it matters, and ask management for evidence. Send the selected questions to management before the meeting so that executives can provide evidence-based answers.

The board can then approve the strategic plan, approve it subject to conditions, defer the decision, or reject the plan. Record the assumptions tested, the evidence considered, the conclusion reached, and the early warning signs to monitor. Before voting, ask: Which assumption would cause the most harm if it proved wrong, and what would provide early warning?

AI may help prepare the challenge, but the final judgement and accountability remain with the board.

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Property Hub NAMIBIA

Sakawe invests N$200m in Windhoek Waterfront as final phase set for 2027

GBCN Construction Namibia, a subsidiary of Sakawe Mining Corporation, has invested more than N$200 million in the Windhoek Waterfront development, with construction of the project's final phase scheduled to begin in March 2027.

The final phase is expected to be completed within 500 days, paving the way for the full operation of the mixed-use development.

Speaking to The Brief, Sakawe Mining Corporation Chief Executive Officer Eli Nefussy said the project is intended to ease pressure on Windhoek's central business district by creating a new commercial and residential hub.

He said the development is expected to improve logistics, stimulate trade, address housing shortages and support Namibia's industrialisation ambitions.

"This development is not just about construction; it is about creating a platform that supports logistics, trade and industrial expansion. By March 2027, we expect the Waterfront to be fully operational, serving as a hub for both domestic and international commerce," Nefussy said.

According to Nefussy, the project has

already delivered significant social and economic benefits.

He said more than 70 houses have been completed and are fully occupied, while over 1,000 families have gained access to accommodation through serviced residential plots within the development.

"The project has attracted businesses and investors, which shows the increasing commercial opportunities for local enterprises and service providers," he said.

Nefussy added that the development aligns with Namibia's broader economic growth strategy by supporting investment, industrial expansion and urban development.

He also credited government institutions, including the Namibia Investment Promotion and Development Board (NIPDB), the City of Windhoek and the Ministry of Industrialisation and Trade, for creating an enabling investment environment.

"The Waterfront contributes to Namibia's growth agenda by supporting institutions such as NIPDB, the City of Windhoek and the Ministry of Industrialisation and Trade. Strong institutions and clear regulatory frameworks are essential for projects of this scale, and we are grateful for the stewardship provided by Namibia's regulators, which gives investors the confidence to commit to long-term ventures," he said.

Govt ramps up spending to strengthen agriculture and food security

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform has earmarked N$165.2 million for agricultural development in the 2026/27 financial year, making agriculture the largest recipient of the ministry's N$352.9 million development budget as government intensifies efforts to boost food production and strengthen the sector.

Presenting the ministry's Medium-Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) to the National Council Standing Committees, Acting Executive Director Petrus-Canisius Nangolo said the increased allocation reflects government's continued focus on expanding agricultural production, supporting farmers and improving food security.

The agriculture development programme will receive N$165.2 million in 2026/27, with allocations increasing to N$260.2 million in 2027/28 and N$303.5 million in 2028/29.

Land Reform and Resettlement has been allocated N$81.3 million, while Land Administration received N$16 million and Policy Coordination and Support Services N$21.3 million for the current financial year.

The ministry's total development budget is projected at N$300.2 million in 2027/28 before increasing to N$350 million in 2028/29.

Despite the increased allocations, Nangolo said funding remains insufficient to address all the sector's priorities.

"The ministry appreciates the allocations, although funding remains insufficient to address all sector demands. For land reform and resettlement, no allocation is currently reflected for the next two financial years, while the current financial year has an allocation of approximately N$81.3 million under development funding," he said.

Alongside development spending, the ministry's operational budget will rise from N$1.47 billion in 2026/27 to N$1.52 billion by 2028/29.

Nangolo said government will prioritise accelerating public-private partnerships under the Green Scheme Programme, promoting investment in agro-processing and strengthening agricultural value chains to improve domestic food production and reduce reliance on imports.

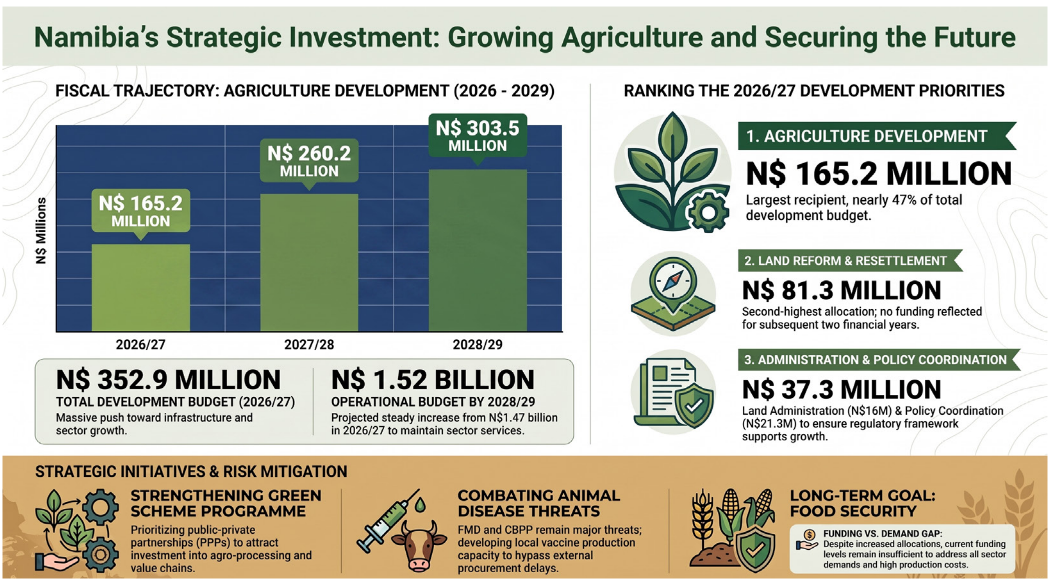
However, he warned that several challenges continue to constrain agricultural growth, including limited private sector investment, high production costs and recurring animal disease outbreaks.

He said Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD), Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia (CBPP) and other transboundary animal diseases remain major threats to livestock production and export markets.

"Animal diseases, including FMD, CBPP and other transboundary diseases, remain a concern. The ministry plans to strengthen disease surveillance and control systems and develop local vaccine production capacity to reduce delays caused by external procurement. Market access for livestock and animal products from veterinary control zones remains challenging. The ministry intends to strengthen animal disease control and explore new export markets," Nangolo said.

To improve food security and agricultural resilience, the ministry also plans to expand disease surveillance, strengthen veterinary services, attract greater private sector investment and develop new export markets for livestock and agricultural products.

Nangolo said these interventions are intended to build a more productive and competitive agricultural sector capable of supporting Namibia's long-term food security and economic growth objectives.



Maximizing the mandate of professional institutional travel into scalable impact

By Loide Nantinda

> **"True accountability doesn't begin at the registration desk, it starts before the flight is even booked.**

Every leader knows the quiet anxiety that comes with approving a major travel budget.

Sending a delegation to a high profile summit or an international conference is a significant institutional investment.

While these events undeniably come with welcomed perks, new environments, high level networking, and fresh perspectives ..they cannot be treated as passive vacations.

When done right, institutional travel is a launchpad for organizational growth. To achieve that, institutions need a supportive, professional framework that seamlessly connects preparation with performance, ensuring every trip yields a measurable return on investment.

The Pre Travel Alignment

True accountability doesn't begin at the registration desk, it starts before the flight is even booked.

Far too often, professionals arrive at a conference without a clear thesis. To prevent this, institutions should establish a collaborative pre departure process anchored by two foundational agreements.

The first is a Responsible Acknowledgment of Roles and Representation. This isn't a lecture on behavior, it is a professional alignment document that serves as a reminder that attendees are traveling as living extensions of the institution's brand and strategic vision.

It clarifies the core objectives of the trip, turning attendees from passive spectators into active ambassadors. Along with this, a standard Indemnity and Risk Agreement ensures that both the individual and the organization are legally protected and prepared for any contingencies during transit.

By formalizing these documents, the institution signals that the upcoming trip is a high value assignment, setting a professional tone well before departure.

The Feedback and Accountability Model

The real magic of an event happens in the margins, but that value can easily evaporate if it isn't captured upon return. Rather than demanding a rigid, uninspiring summary within an arbitrary deadline, institutions should implement a feedback model to be completed within a reasonable, mutually agreed upon stipulation.

A truly impactful accountability report completely bypasses generic overviews like, "the keynote was inspiring" and focuses entirely on operational utility. A friendly but effective model asks the returning delegation to distill their experience into three specific streams of intelligence:

Internal Knowledge Transfer: What specific insights or emerging trends were uncovered that the internal team needs to know?

This ensures the wealth of the conference is distributed to the rest of the colleagues, immediately scaling the impact of a single itinerary cost.

Benchmarking and Innovation: How does our institution measure up against the peers or competitors showcased at the event? This honest assessment helps identify gaps in our current strategies and highlights modern workflows we should adopt.

Relationship and Network Activation: Who was met, and what is the exact follow up strategy? Professional travel should yield a warm ledger of potential partnerships, collaborative leads, or vendor insights that can be handed off to relevant decision makers.

A report that sits in an inbox is a dead investment. The ultimate test of a trip's ROI is its conversion into a Strategic Action Plan.

The final, essential stage of the travel model requires the delegation to pitch concrete, scalable project concepts or policy refinements inspired by their journey. When future travel funding is naturally linked to how effectively past insights were integrated into the institution's broader goals, the culture shifts entirely.

Travel ceases to be a luxury perk and becomes what it was always meant to be: a vital, measurable engine for institutional progress.

Protecting your travel budget isn't about micromanaging your team's time abroad it's about honoring the value of the knowledge they bring back. By replacing rigid tracking with a thoughtful, impact driven model, institutions can celebrate the perks of professional travel while guaranteeing a massive return on investment.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Namibia seeks up to US$250m climate funding to drive green industrialisation

...seeks industry input to help shape country's green industrialisation investment strategy

Namibia has launched public consultations on its draft Sectoral Transformation Investment Plan (s-TIP) as it seeks to unlock up to US$250 million in concessional financing to accelerate green industrialisation and attract significantly larger private and development investment.

Speaking at the launch of the Climate Investment Funds (CIF) Industry Decarbonisation Programme validation workshop in Windhoek, National Planning Commission Acting Executive Director Sylvester Mbangu said the investment plan will position Namibia to seek approval from the CIF Trust Fund Committee later this year.

Mbangu said the proposed funding is intended to reduce investment risk and mobilise substantially more capital from multilateral development banks, development partners and the private sector.

"The opportunity before us is significant.

Namibia is preparing an investment plan that could position the country to access up to US$250 million in concessional CIF capital," he said.

He stressed that the draft investment plan must go beyond identifying projects and instead present a coordinated strategy for developing a competitive green industrial economy.

"The draft s-TIP must therefore be more than a catalogue of projects. It must demonstrate how a connected package of interventions can resolve shared constraints and advance an entire industrial ecosystem," Mbangu said.

According to the National Planning Commission, the draft plan is built around four strategic pillars: green industrial projects, enabling infrastructure, local enterprises and value chains, and cross-cutting technical assistance.

The framework aims to convert Namibia's renewable energy resources into bankable industrial investments while supporting infrastructure development, local supplier participation, job creation and community benefits.

The consultation process, which will run for approximately two weeks, invites input from industry, financiers, state-owned enterprises, local authorities, civil society, academia and the public to strengthen the final investment plan before it is submitted.

Mbangu said stakeholders are encouraged to provide practical recommendations on infrastructure, project bankability, local content, supplier development, skills development, employment, environmental safeguards and the mobilisation of private capital.

He noted that the investment plan aligns with Vision 2030, the Sixth National Development Plan (NDP6), Namibia's climate commitments, the National Green Hydrogen Strategy and the Green Industrialisation Blueprint.

Mbangu pointed to Brazil and Mexico as examples of countries that have already secured approval for similar investment plans backed by US$250 million each in CIF financing while leveraging billions of dollars in additional co-financing.

He said Namibia's abundant renewable energy resources, strategic Atlantic location, mineral wealth and growing international partnerships provide a strong foundation, but added that these advantages must be supported by coordinated planning, enabling infrastructure, competitive financing and effective implementation.

The National Planning Commission said the final investment plan is intended to give international financiers confidence in Namibia's green industrialisation agenda while creating a credible platform for long-term investment in low-carbon industries.

Ohangwena targets investors with new five-year economic growth plan

The Ohangwena Regional Council has launched its Regional Investment Map and Action Plan 2025–2030, outlining priority investment opportunities aimed at attracting capital, creating jobs and positioning local entrepreneurs at the centre of the region's economic growth.

Speaking at the launch in Eenhana, Governor Kadiva Hamutumwa said the framework identifies investment opportunities across agriculture and agro-processing, manufacturing, the creative economy, health, tourism and hospitality, supported by strategic investments in water, energy, logistics and housing.

She said the initiative is designed to ensure local businesses become active participants in the region's economic transformation rather than passive beneficiaries.

"The future of Ohangwena's economy depends on our collective commitment to investing in our own region. The Ohangwena Regional Investment Map and Action Plan 2025–2030 is a practical roadmap that identifies where opportunities exist and how we can harness them to build a resilient, inclusive and prosperous regional economy," Hamutumwa said.

To drive implementation, the Office of the Governor has established the Ohangwena Regional Investment Committee, bringing together government institutions, traditional authorities and private sector representatives.

The committee will oversee implementation of the strategy, monitor progress and ensure investment opportunities are developed into bankable projects capable of attracting funding.

Monasa Advisory & Associates served as

Transaction and Commercial Advisor in developing the investment framework.

Managing Director Jason Kasuto said the firm worked closely with the Office of the Governor and the Regional Investment Committee to identify, structure and package priority projects into an investment-ready pipeline.

"Working under the leadership of the Governor and in close coordination with the Ohangwena Regional Investment Committee, our role has been to provide transaction advisory, commercial and strategic investment expertise in developing the Regional Investment Map and Action Plan, and identifying, structuring and packaging priority investment opportunities into a credible and implementable regional investment framework," Kasuto said.

He said Monasa will also act as Co-Lead Arranger alongside the Development Bank of Namibia to mobilise funding from both public and private investors.

As part of the implementation process, the Office of the Governor announced that Expressions of Interest (EOIs) will be invited from 11 August to 23 September 2026, allowing entrepreneurs and investors to submit projects aligned with the identified priority sectors.

Projects demonstrating strong commercial viability and development impact will receive transaction advisory support and investment facilitation.

The investment plan is aligned with Vision 2030 and the Sixth National Development Plan (NDP6) and aims to accelerate economic diversification, industrialisation, value addition, employment creation and infrastructure development across the Ohangwena Region.

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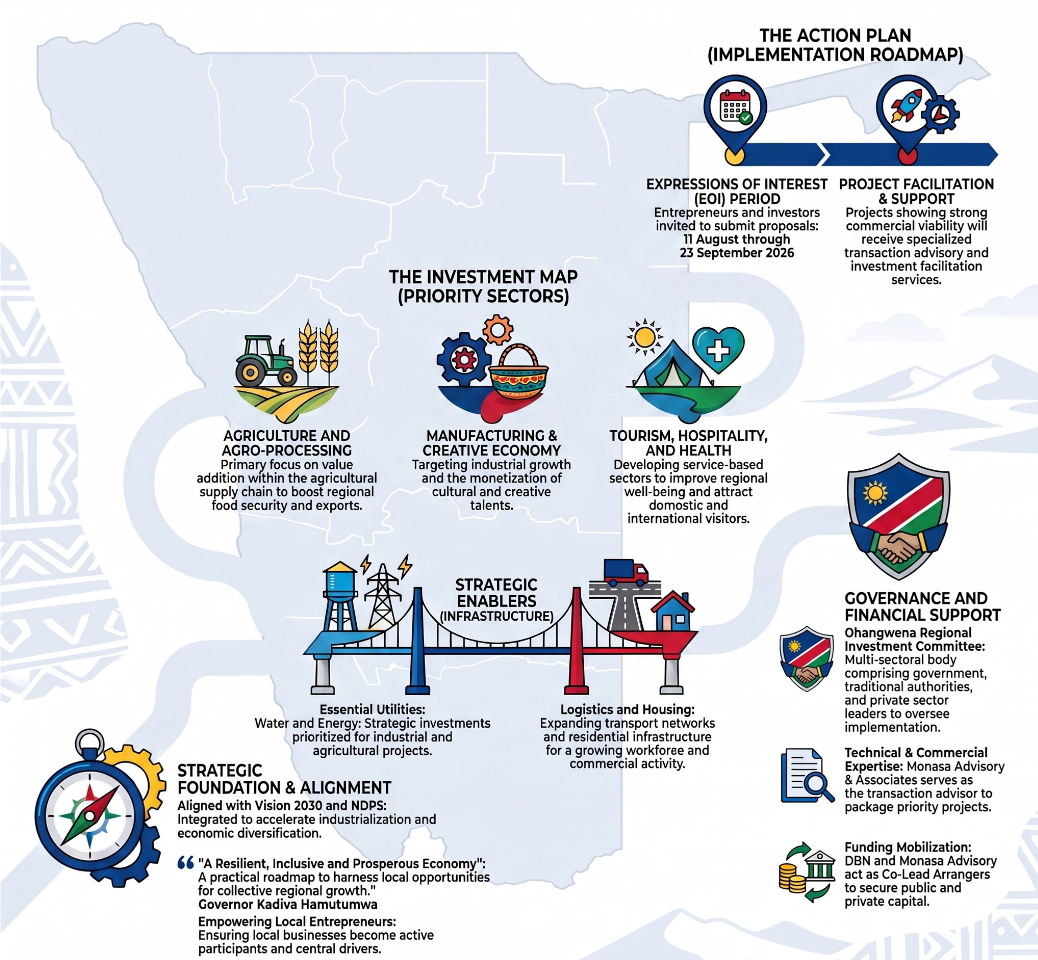

Mining Expo records highest exhibitor turnout as global interest in Namibia grows

The 13th Chamber of Mines Mining Expo and Conference has recorded its highest exhibitor participation since its inception, with 222 exhibitors taking part this year, highlighting growing regional and international interest in Namibia's mining sector.

Speaking at the official opening of the expo in Windhoek on Wednesday, President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah said exhibitor numbers had increased from 195 in 2025 to 222 in 2026.

The exhibition features 198 Namibian companies, 18 exhibitors from Southern African Development Community (SADC) member states, and six international exhibitors.

"Since its establishment in 2013, the Mining Expo and Conference has grown into Namibia's premier business and investment event, bringing together government officials, industry leaders, investors, development partners, academics, suppliers, service providers and the public to discuss the future of the mining sector in the country," Nandi-Ndaitwah said.

She said the increase in international participation reflects growing investor confidence in Namibia as a stable mining investment destination and demonstrates the sector's expanding role in supporting economic diversification and value addition.

"The continued growth of this Expo reflects the sector's values: resilience, investor confidence and diversification," she said.

Chamber of Mines President and QKR Namibia Navachab Gold Mine Managing Director George Botshiwe said every exhibition space at the Windhoek Showgrounds had been fully occupied for the first time in the event's history.

"This year, we are pleased to welcome 18 companies from the SADC region and six international exhibitors alongside 198 Namibian companies. This broad participation underscores the regional and global significance of Namibia's mining industry," Botshiwe said.

He said invitations had been extended to government institutions, diplomatic missions, educational institutions, the business community and the public, while free entry was maintained to encourage broader public engagement with the mining sector.

"We are delighted to report another record achievement this year, with every exhibition space at these showgrounds fully occupied for the first time in the event's history," he said.

Botshiwe said the expo continues to strengthen its role as a platform for investment promotion, business partnerships and public engagement, while showcasing opportunities across Namibia's mining value chain.