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## MAIN STORY



## South Africa's IDC seeks buyers for 10% stake in Rössing Uranium

The Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa (IDC) has opened a public disposal process to sell its 10.2% equity stake in Namibia-based Rössing Uranium Limited, citing the end of its investment horizon.

The IDC, a founding shareholder that invested in the Namibian uranium mining project in the 1970s, said it is seeking buyers to take over its minority holding.

“The Industrial Development Corporation of South Africa is a 10.2% shareholder in the business. As a founding shareholder, the IDC has reached the end of its investment horizon and is looking to dispose of its equity stake,” the corporation said in a statement.

The disposal process has been opened to the public, with interested parties invited

to submit bids supported by company background information, financial capacity and a strategic rationale for the transaction. Submissions are also expected to include any relevant board or shareholder approvals and may be strengthened by details of technical expertise or empowerment initiatives.

### Crucial Dates

- **Bank of Namibia Monetary Policy announcement dates:**
  - \* 18 February 2026
  - \* 22 April 2026
  - \* 17 June 2026
  - \* 12 August 2026
  - \* 21 October 2026
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Rössing is the world’s longest-running open-pit uranium mine and one of the largest globally.

Rössing is the world’s longest-running open-pit uranium mine and one of the largest globally. The mine is located in the Namib Desert near Arandis, about 70 kilometres from Swakopmund. The uranium deposit was discovered in 1928, with mining operations commencing in 1976. The operation has an installed production capacity of approximately 4,500 tonnes of uranium oxide per year. At its peak in 2005, Rössing produced 3,711 tonnes of uranium oxide, accounting for about 8% of global output at the time.

Rössing is one of three major uranium mines operating in Namibia, alongside the Langer Heinrich Mine, operated by Paladin Energy, and the Chinese-owned Husab Mine.

The mine’s ownership structure is led by China National Uranium Corporation with a 68.6% stake, followed by the Iranian Foreign Investment Company at 15%. The IDC holds about 10%, while the Government of Namibia owns 3% but retains 51% of the voting rights. Local shareholders hold the remaining 3%.

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“Our role is not to provide certainty in uncertain markets, but confidence in structure.”

Institutional investing carries a demanding responsibility. It requires capital to be managed in a way that protects members, satisfies boards and supports a financial system built on long term trust. In many respects, 2025 brought that responsibility into sharper focus. Markets were shaped by inflation uncertainty, cautious monetary policy, geopolitical fragmentation and uneven growth.

In this environment performance alone was never an adequate measure of success. What mattered more was whether portfolios were constructed with resilience, discipline and alignment to clearly defined objectives.

Across Old Mutual Investment Group, this perspective guided decision making across both listed and unlisted investment capabilities.

In listed markets, outcomes were driven less by prediction and more by construction. Valuation discipline, diversification and balanced risk positioning proved more reliable than narrative positioning. Fixed income re-established itself as a strategic anchor, while equity performance increasingly reflected earnings quality and balance sheet strength.

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These developments matter not as statistics, but as indicators of institutional confidence.

In unlisted markets, capital allocation translated directly into national impact. We invested in two renewable energy assets: a NAD 2 billion 44MW wind facility and a 37MW solar plant originally structured as an NAD 800 million investment. Once operational, these projects will contribute approximately 11.5% of Namibia's peak electricity demand. They will strengthen energy security, reduce import dependence and generate more than 335,000 MWh of clean power annually.

Together, our listed and unlisted capabilities reflect a dual mandate. Protecting capital while enabling productive, long duration investment into Namibia's future.

Looking ahead, 2026 will not be defined by a single narrative. Growth remains moderate. Inflation normalises unevenly. Policy easing remains cautious. In this environment, portfolio construction, diversification, liquidity management and offshore exposure are not optional considerations. They are structural requirements.

Institutional success is built through partnership. Trustees, consultants and asset managers share responsibility for governance, transparency and long term outcomes.

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## NSFAF disburses N\$3.1bn to support 30,138 students in 2025

The Namibia Students' Financial Assistance Fund (NSFAF) disbursed N\$3.1 billion to support 30,138 students during the 2025 academic year, reflecting continued demand for government-backed student funding.

According to NSFAF Acting Chief Executive Officer Kennedy Kandume, the Fund received a total of 41,322 applications in 2025, highlighting the scale of financial need among students enrolled at universities, vocational institutions and training centres across the country.

The funding covered both tuition and non-tuition costs under government's expanded, needs-based student support framework.

The figures were released on Monday during the official launch of the 2026 NSFAF online application system.

"The data from the past year underscores the immense need we serve. For the 2025 academic year, NSFAF received a total of 41,322 applications. From these, we successfully awarded 30,138 deserving Namibian students with financial assistance amounting to N\$3.1 billion, covering both tuition and non-tuition fees," Kandume said.

He added that NSFAF expects a record number of applications for the 2026 academic year following the introduction of the 100% education subsidy.

Kandume said the Fund is fully prepared

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to manage the anticipated increase, noting that under the new framework NSFAF has been tasked with the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the funding model.

He said the Fund, in consultation with stakeholders, will ensure strict compliance with eligibility criteria, provide non-tuition support through means-tested loans, and maintain records to safeguard accountability and inform future policymaking.

Kandume also emphasised NSFAF's

role in developing the National List of Priority Fields of Study, ensuring that national investment aligns with Namibia's developmental goals.

"Therefore, the 2026 application system we launch today (Monday) is the vital gateway through which students will access this transformative support. It represents our commitment to efficiency, transparency and user-friendly service. We stand ready, as a Fund, to execute these duties with diligence, integrity and a deep sense of purpose," he said.



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# Emotional intelligence in the age of Artificial Intelligence (AI): Namibia's economic future

By Asteria Pirola

As artificial intelligence rapidly reshapes the global economy, Namibia faces a critical choice that will define its economic future.

While the nation must still embrace AI technology, its greatest competitive advantage may lie not in competing with machines, but in developing the distinctly human capacity for emotional intelligence.

## Understanding Emotional Intelligence

Emotional intelligence (EI) is the ability to recognize, understand, manage, and effectively respond to emotions— both our own and those of others.

Unlike IQ, which remains relatively fixed throughout life, emotional intelligence is a learnable skill that can be developed and strengthened over time.

Emotional intelligence comprises five core components. First, self-awareness—the ability to recognize and understand your own emotions, strengths, and limitations. Second, self-regulation—managing your emotions effectively and maintaining control in challenging situations.

Third, motivation—the drive to achieve goals and persist through obstacles. Fourth, empathy—the capacity to understand and share the feelings of others, recognizing their perspectives and needs.

Fifth, social skills—the ability to build relationships, communicate effectively, navigate conflicts, and influence others



**Fifth, social skills—the ability to build relationships, communicate effectively, navigate conflicts, and influence others positively.**

positively.

Research demonstrates the concrete value of these capacities. A landmark study by Talent Smart found that emotional intelligence is the strongest predictor of performance in the workplace, accounting for 58% of success across all job types. Additionally, organizations with leaders who possess strong emotional intelligence experience 17% higher productivity and 21% greater profitability compared to those without such leadership.

The economic implications are substantial. According to research from the Centre for Creative Leadership, over 75% of employees who were terminated from their jobs lost them due to a lack of emotional and social skills, not technical incompetence. This demonstrates that in real-world employment, the ability to work effectively with others often matters more than raw technical ability.

## Namibia's Economic Context and

## the AI Challenge

Namibia's economy has traditionally depended on natural resources—diamonds, uranium, and fish stocks. While AI offers productivity gains in these sectors, it also threatens job displacement. However, Namibia's greatest economic advantage lies not in competing with machines in technical domains, but in developing the uniquely human capacity for emotional intelligence.

The reality is clear: routine cognitive and manual tasks will increasingly be automated. Data entry, basic accounting,

standard manufacturing, and even some professional services face displacement regardless of which country performs them.

However, roles requiring genuine human connection and emotional understanding—healthcare, leadership, negotiation, teaching, and relationship management—remain difficult to automate and command premium economic value.

Global trends support this reality. The World Economic Forum projects that by 2025, emotional intelligence will be among the top ten most sought-after professional skills.

Meanwhile, routine cognitive jobs are disappearing at an accelerating rate. Countries that recognize this transition and invest accordingly will thrive; those that don't will struggle with technological unemployment and economic stagnation.

Strategic Opportunities for Namibia

As Namibia's emerging oil and gas sector develops, emotional intelligence becomes essential. Leaders capable of managing complex stakeholder relationships—navigating international partnerships, local communities, government agencies, and environmental advocates—will determine success.

Namibia can develop specialized training programs positioning its professionals as world-class leaders for high-stakes energy projects. This expertise becomes

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- 2. SPECIFICATION OF THE SERVICES**  
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- 3. TENDER ENQUIRY DOCUMENT**  
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 Contact: Ms Shaneen van Wyk  
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- 4. COMPULSORY PHYSICAL SITE INSPECTION**  
 A compulsory physical site inspection (as further detailed in the tender enquiry) shall be conducted on **Monday, 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2026**.  
  
**Only Tenderers that attended the compulsory physical site inspection shall be eligible to participate in the tender process.**
- 5. CLOSING DATE**  
 The closing date for the tender is **16h00 on Friday, 06<sup>th</sup> of March 2026**, and tender submissions must only be delivered as specified in the tender enquiry document.

  
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a valuable regional export as other African energy companies seek emotionally intelligent leadership.

Beyond energy, Namibia should invest in human-centered service sectors. Tourism and hospitality experiences that leverage authentic cultural connection command premium prices. Healthcare services combining medical knowledge with genuine compassion and cultural competence remain locally essential and cannot be outsourced.

Creative industries rooted in Namibian narratives create sustained value. Leadership development programs serving other African organizations navigating AI-driven transitions represent a significant market opportunity.

**A Call to Action**

The evidence is clear, and the moment is urgent. Namibia's stakeholders must act decisively:

**To the Ministry of Education Arts and Culture:** Integrate emotional intelligence training into curricula at all levels.

Develop teacher training programs that cultivate these capacities as core educational outcomes. To business leaders: Recognize that competitive advantage depends on building organizations where emotional intelligence drives innovation and authentic

stakeholder relationships. Invest in leadership development focused on these skills.

**To the Namibian Government:** Direct investment toward human-centered service sectors. Create incentives for businesses developing healthcare, tourism, and leadership services.

**To the Universities:** Establish centres of excellence in emotional intelligence and leadership research. Study how these interventions affect Namibian economic outcomes and workforce development.

**To the Civil society:** Advocate for policies supporting emotional wellbeing, authentic human connection, and skills development in underserved communities.

Namibia's economic future does not depend on winning a race to develop sophisticated AI systems. Instead, it lies in strategically investing in the uniquely human capacities that will define competitive advantage for generations.

By placing emotional intelligence at the centre of education, business development, and economic policy, Namibia can navigate the AI transition in ways that create opportunity, build authentic leadership, and establish sustainable prosperity rooted in distinctly human value creation.

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## **MICT to cut subsidies to public entities by 3% from next financial year**

**T**he Ministry of Information and Communication Technology (MICT) will reduce subsidies to public entities under its oversight by 3% in the coming financial year, with similar reductions to be applied annually over the next three years.

The phased cuts were announced by Minister Emma Theofelus, who said the move is intended to reduce reliance on government support and improve the financial sustainability of public enterprises within the ICT sector.

“For public entities that receive subsidies from the Ministry of ICT, I wish to inform

you that from the coming financial year your subsidy will be reduced by 3%. There will be a further 3% reduction in the following financial year, and another 3% reduction in the year after that,” Theofelus said.

She described the decision as a “do or die situation”, warning that public entities must begin to operate with greater financial discipline and reduce their dependence on state funding.

The minister said public enterprises are expected to improve business processes and increase their own revenue generation rather than relying primarily on government

subsidies.

“We must invest in business processes that allow our public enterprises to be less dependent on public subsidies and more focused on delivering services that generate income,” she said.

The subsidy reductions come amid growing pressure on public enterprises to improve performance and reduce the fiscal burden on the state. Theofelus said the cuts signal a shift towards tighter fiscal discipline and stronger expectations around operational efficiency within the ICT sector.

Public entities under the MICT include the Communications Regulatory Authority of Namibia (CRAN), Telecom Namibia, Powercom, the Namibian Broadcasting Corporation (NBC), the New Era Publication Corporation (NEPC), and the Namibia Press Agency (NAMPA).

These entities are either regulated by the ministry or receive operational funding through it.

Theofelus also said public enterprises must align their operations with government policy frameworks, including the Swapo Party manifesto and the priorities of the current administration.

“Our job is to implement and to ensure that the deliverables outlined in the Sixth National Development Plan are implemented in full,” she said.

On ICT regulation, the minister emphasised the need for licensees to

provide affordable and reliable services, noting that consumers pay for technology services and should receive value for money.

She added that infrastructure sharing among licensees should become standard practice to maximise investment and efficiency in the sector.

“As public enterprises, you are an extension of government. You are expected to deliver services on behalf of government and to accept the same scrutiny and criticism that government faces,” Theofelus said.



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2027-March	2500	Ohangwena	1 000 000
2027-June	4000	Kavango East	1 600 000
2027-Sept	2500	Kavango West	1 000 000
2027-Nov	2500	Kunene	1 000 000
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2028-March	2500	Ohangwena	1 100 000
2028-June	2500	Khomas	1 100 000
2028-Sept	2500	Kavango East	1 100 000
2028-Nov	2500	Hardap	1 100 000
<b>Total Budget 2028</b>	<b>10 000</b>		<b>N\$4 400 000</b>
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## Why partnerships matter in the clean energy journey

By Gift Kandukira

Each year on 26 January, the International Day of Clean Energy reminds the world that the energy transition is not optional, it is foundational to development, resilience and competitiveness.

For Namibia, energy is the backbone of household wellbeing, economic growth and industrial productivity. It also speaks directly to SDG7: universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services, a growing share of renewables, and faster energy-efficiency gains. Clean energy is not a peripheral sustainability initiative; it is an operational necessity and a national responsibility.

Yet the transition to cleaner energy is not achieved through a single project or technology. It is a system change, one that requires policy certainty, grid readiness, finance, skills, technology and public confidence to move forward together.

That is why partnerships matter, because no mine, utility, investor or ministry can assemble the whole system alone.

Public-private partnerships bring the right strengths into one delivery engine. Namibia's evolving market design, including the Modified Single Buyer (MSB) model, is part of creating clearer routes for independent power producers to participate while the system remains coordinated. Government and regulators set the rules and safeguards that protect the public interest. Utilities plan and run a stable grid, keeping the lights on while integrating new supply. Private developers and large energy users bring capital, technical capability and anchored



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demand. When these roles are aligned, clean energy moves from ambition to implementation.

Public-private collaboration brings complementary strengths into a single delivery engine, enabling clean energy ambitions to translate into real, bankable and scalable outcomes. In silos, permits, grid studies, procurement and financing queue up. When partners align early, they solve constraints together, share data sooner and standardise requirements, so delivery keeps pace with ambition.

Partnerships are also where innovation becomes practical: better forecasting, flexible demand, storage and digital controls that keep the grid stable as renewables grow. These tools mature faster when utilities, industry, innovators and regulators co-design and scale them.

A strong local example is the Namdeb-NamPower Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate on renewable electricity projects for Namdeb's operations and the national grid. Importantly, the MoU recognises the opportunity to potentially upscale the project and connect it to the NamPower grid, turning a site-based solution into a platform that

can support broader energy security and resilience, while helping Namdeb reduce the carbon intensity of its operations.

The same partnership logic applies to decarbonising transport and equipment. Electrification is not a procurement decision alone; it depends on charging infrastructure, safety standards, maintenance capability and reliable clean power. Cross-sector coordination turns such pilots into safe, repeatable operations.

International partnerships can also translate global momentum into tangible local benefits, when they are designed for capability transfer and shared value. Namibia already has projects where international finance supports grid stability and local economic activity. Beyond infrastructure, projects of this nature help build local expertise in modern power systems and create a platform for integrating more renewable generation reliably over time.

Partnerships can also fit Namibia's realities, for example, turning bush encroachment management into energy and land-restoration value chains that support jobs and healthier rangelands, think of the Otjikoto Biomass Power Station.

Partnerships only scale when trust scales. Trust is built through clear governance, transparent contracting, shared performance reporting, independent verification of key claims, and importantly, structured public

participation so that benefits are visible, risks are managed, and legitimacy is sustained beyond just launch.

A further make-or-break element is people. The clean energy economy needs technicians, artisans, engineers, data specialists and operators.

Industry, government and academia can accelerate readiness through co-designed curricula, apprenticeships, bursaries and targeted short courses linked to real project demand. The urgency of the moment calls for partnerships that move beyond pilots to delivery. That means building bankable pipelines that combine generation, storage, grid readiness and efficiency; aligning offtake to unlock financing; and embedding local skills and community value. Ultimately, partnerships should be judged by outcomes: power delivered, costs reduced, emissions avoided and benefits realised.

As we mark the International Day of Clean Energy, our path forward is defined by collaboration and delivery.

Partnerships are the accelerator, because coordinated action beats isolated intent every time. Let us remain committed to deepening practical partnerships that strengthen energy resilience, enable responsible decarbonisation, and create lasting value for the communities and regions we operate in.

***\*Gift Kandukira is Divisional Engineer at Namdeb***

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## Govt releases N\$66m to NUST in first round of subsidised education funding

The Ministry of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sport, Arts and Culture has allocated N\$66 million to the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) for the current quarter to support qualifying students under government's subsidised tertiary education framework.

The announcement was made by Minister Sanet Steenkamp during the launch of the 2026 Namibia Students' Financial Assistance Fund (NSFAF) online application system on 26 January 2026.

Steenkamp said other public and private tertiary institutions are also set to benefit, with allocations of up to N\$25 million

earmarked for eligible institutions as verification and claims processes continue.

Claims have already been submitted by several institutions, including the University of Namibia, Namcol and the Namibia Training Authority (NTA), as NSFAP processes payments across the sector.

“We have already received claims from the University of Namibia, Namcol and the NTA. NUST has received N\$66 million in its account to support students, and Namcol has already received its allocation. Other institutions will receive up to N\$25 million as the process continues,” Steenkamp said.

She said government is engaging with both public and private institutions to ensure that funding decisions are applied fairly and consistently.

Addressing stakeholders, Steenkamp said the objective of the subsidised education framework is to ensure that financial constraints do not prevent capable students from accessing tertiary education.

She said up to 134,000 Namibian students could benefit from the programme

in its first year of implementation, subject to institutions meeting minimum quality and cost standards.

The subsidy applies only to first qualifications, including undergraduate programmes from National Qualifications Framework (NQF) levels 5 to 8, such as diplomas, degrees and honours, as well as technical and vocational education and training (TVET) trades from NQF levels 1 to 6.

Government estimates are based on current enrolment figures at public and private institutions, as well as the number of students previously supported through state funding mechanisms. However, the final number of beneficiaries will depend on institutional compliance with quality and cost requirements rather than enrolment figures alone.

Steenkamp said government would adopt a phased approach to implementation to ensure financial sustainability and to avoid an oversupply of graduates in fields already experiencing labour market saturation.

Conversation with Martha Nangombe and James Chapman

# LEADING WITH PURPOSE IN A CHANGING BANKING LANDSCAPE

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# Jaecoo J5 Review: Stylish and thoughtful design

The Jaecoo J5 is a new compact SUV now available in Namibia, offering a blend of modern styling, a spacious cabin, advanced tech and strong safety features, all backed by reassuring warranty coverage.

Positioned below Jaecoo's larger J7 model, the J5 gives buyers a premium feel without a premium price tag.

## Exterior Styling: Inspired by Nature

One of the key talking points about the J5 is its design inspiration. Jaecoo's design team drew from natural landscapes, such as snow-capped mountains and flowing rivers, to create a look that blends strength with visual harmony. This "inspired by nature"

philosophy is reflected in the SUV's clean, powerful lines, muscular wheel arches, a bold "waterfall" front grille and sculpted surfaces that aim to express strength and softness in balance.

This design is both modern and purposeful. The slim LED headlights and a full-width rear light bar help the J5 stand out while still feeling at home on gravel or rural roads. A minimal yet confident exterior gives the J5 a sophisticated presence for its class.

## Interior: Comfortable, Spacious and Practical

Inside, the Jaecoo J5 makes good use of its 2,620 mm wheelbase, offering generous



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space for passengers in both the front and rear seats. Boot space starts at around 480 litres and expands to over 1,280 litres when the rear seats are folded, making it practical for daily use or longer trips.

The cabin design leans toward minimalism and functionality, with a modern focus on digital interfaces. A 13.2-inch central touchscreen handles infotainment and navigation, while a digital driver display keeps key information clean and easy to read. Wireless Apple CarPlay and Android Auto come standard and higher trims add quality touches like leather upholstery, ventilated seats and dual-zone climate control.

### **Tech & Safety: Well-Equipped for Everyday Driving**

Technology in the J5 is generous for its segment. Standard equipment includes automatic climate control, a touchscreen infotainment system and connectivity features such as phone mirroring. Higher trims add premium audio and smart navigation.

Safety is comprehensive, beginning with anti-lock brakes (ABS), electronic stability program (ESP), traction control, hill descent control and ISOFIX child-seat mounting points. Dual front airbags are standard on all models, with additional

curtain airbags included on mid and top trims, helping protect occupants in a variety of scenarios.

### **Warranty & Service: Confidence for Owners**

Jaecoo backs the J5 with a competitive after-sales support package:

- 5-year / 150 000 km warranty
- 5-year / 75 000 km service plan
- 10-year / 1 000 000 km engine warranty for the first owner

This level of coverage including roadside assistance gives buyers strong peace of mind, especially considering the novelty of Jaecoo in our market.

The J5 is positioned as a value-packed compact SUV. Recent listings show the Jaecoo J5 Core / Vortex variants starting from around N\$339 900 – N\$505 000. The Glacier and Inferno upper trims are slightly priced higher, due to the additional equipment and features.

The Jaecoo J5 brings a compelling mix of inspired design, practical space, modern tech and safety to the Namibian SUV segment. Its nature-influenced styling sets it apart from many rivals, while strong warranty and service support make it a sensible choice for those seeking a peaceful motoring experience.