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MAIN STORY

Meatco targets N\$365m in Norwegian beef exports after securing additional quota

The Meat Corporation of Namibia (Meatco) expects to generate about N\$365 million in export earnings from the Norwegian market this year after securing an additional beef export quota through a government-to-government agreement between Namibia and Botswana.

The additional allocation follows Meatco's full utilisation of its initial 2026 Norwegian beef quota by the end of June, around five months earlier than last year, when the allocation was only exhausted in November.

According to Meatco, the initial quota is expected to generate about N\$265 million in export earnings. Namibia has since secured an additional 344,766 kilograms of Norwegian beef quota under the Southern African Customs Union-European Free Trade Association (SACU-EFTA) quota-sharing framework, which is projected to generate a further N\$100 million.

The combined value of Meatco's Norwegian beef exports for 2026 is therefore expected to reach approximately N\$365 million.

The company said the achievement reflects stronger commercial performance, growing international demand for premium Namibian beef and efforts to maximise returns from high-value export markets despite weaker market conditions in the European Union and South Africa.



Crucial Dates

- **Bank of Namibia Monetary Policy announcement dates:**
 - * 12 August 2026
 - * 29 October 2026
 - * 10 December 2026
- **Namibia Corporate Social Investment (CSI) Mukopano**
11 August 2026 at the Hilton Windhoek.
- **Namibia Oil and Gas Conference**
18–21 August 2026 in Windhoek

Under Namibia's Cabinet-approved quota management framework, Meatco receives 75% of the country's annual Norwegian beef quota, while Beefcor receives the remaining 25%.

Following the early exhaustion of Meatco's allocation, the governments of Namibia and Botswana reached an agreement allowing Namibia to utilise part of Botswana's unused Norwegian quota.

Botswana made 459,688 kilograms of its remaining quota available, with 344,766 kilograms allocated to Meatco in line with Namibia's quota-sharing formula.

Meatco Interim Chief Executive Officer Ambassador Albertus Aochamub said fully utilising the quota by June demonstrates the continued demand for premium Namibian beef in international markets.

"Fully utilising our Norwegian quota by June is a significant milestone for Namibia's beef industry and demonstrates the continued confidence that international customers place in premium Namibian beef. It also reflects Meatco's stronger commercial execution and our focus on maximising value from premium export markets," he said.

Aochamub welcomed the agreement between Namibia and Botswana, saying it would allow the country to derive additional value from one of its most lucrative export markets.

He said Meatco aims to fully utilise the additional allocation before 31 December 2026 and thanked the governments of Namibia and Botswana, the

Ministry of International Relations and Trade, and the Botswana Meat Commission for facilitating the arrangement.

Norway remains one of Namibia's highest-value beef export destinations, with the market recognising the country's high standards in animal health, traceability, food safety and sustainable livestock production.

Meatco said it will continue expanding access to premium international markets to improve returns for livestock producers, strengthen Namibia's export competitiveness and support economic growth.



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NamPort, NamPost and MTC top Namibia's inaugural governance rankings

NamPort, NamPost and MTC have emerged as the top-performing institutions in Namibia's inaugural corporate governance rankings, with a nationwide assessment finding strong awareness of governance principles but identifying shortcomings in transparency, succession planning and procurement.

The governance ranking report, commissioned by the Ministry of Finance's Department of Public Enterprises in partnership with the European Union and implemented with technical assistance from the Namibia Institute of Corporate Governance (NICG), assessed 51 public and private institutions against governance indicators covering board effectiveness, transparency, strategic planning, procurement and anti-corruption measures. Thirty institutions submitted

complete responses.

NamPort ranked first with a score of 86.5%, followed by NamPost on 84.8% and MTC on 84.3%.

Speaking at the launch on Tuesday, Ministry of Finance Department of Public Enterprises Deputy Director Martha Simasiku said the report provides a benchmark for measuring governance performance and strengthening accountability across Namibia's institutions.

"This is an important occasion that represents more than the release of the report. It marks our collective efforts to strengthen governance standards across Namibia's institutions and provides an opportunity to reflect on our progress, recognise areas of excellence and identify opportunities for continuous

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improvement," Simasiku said.

Lead researcher Robin Sherbourne described the study as the most comprehensive governance assessment conducted in Namibia, noting that it moved beyond reviews of publicly available information by combining detailed questionnaires with interviews and engagement with participating institutions.

He said the findings showed widespread awareness of corporate governance principles, with many organisations adopting board-approved governance frameworks and recognised governance standards.

However, the assessment also identified areas requiring improvement, including delays in publishing annual reports, weaknesses in succession planning and inefficiencies in procurement processes.

"Good corporate governance is on all participants' radar screens. Within public entities there's a spectrum of corporate governance performance, from poor to excellent. The fact that someone scores highly doesn't mean someone else has to score badly. We can all score highly," Sherbourne said.

NICG Executive Director Edla Kaumbi

said the assessment was intended to provide a practical understanding of governance practices through direct engagement with institutions rather than relying solely on publicly available information.

She said the assessment framework was based on the Public Enterprises Governance Act, the King Code and OECD governance principles, with participating organisations interviewed to validate their responses. Kaumbi said the institute intends to repeat the governance rankings annually to monitor progress and encourage continuous improvements in governance standards.

European Union Ambassador to Namibia Ana Beatriz Martins said the report should be viewed as the beginning of a broader governance improvement process rather than an end in itself.

She said stronger governance contributes to greater transparency, improved management of public resources and increased public confidence in institutions.

"The true value will be measured by what happens next. We encourage every institution to treat this report as a tool for learning, not a final score and not a final judgement," Martins said.

Understanding the true cost of cross-border payments

By Eunice Tjituka

For many Namibians, travelling abroad or paying for goods and services internationally can seem complicated.

Terms such as 'cross-border payments', 'foreign exchange (FX)' and 'international transaction fees' often sound technical, yet they reflect everyday banking moments – from paying for a flight online to swiping a card while travelling.

At Nedbank Namibia, our role is to simplify these conversations and help clients understand what really happens when money moves across borders.

In simple terms, a cross-border payment occurs when money is sent or spent in another country. This includes booking accommodation, shopping from an international website, or sending money to family. Because different countries use different currencies, these transactions involve FX – the conversion of Namibian dollars to another currency.

Behind the scenes, global payment networks such as Visa, Mastercard and SWIFT securely route these payments. While the process is seamless for clients, multiple systems and institutions are involved, which is why certain costs apply.

When you use your debit or credit card overseas, the transaction is processed in the local currency and then converted to Namibian dollars. There are typically 2 charges to be aware of:

- A currency conversion cost that is influenced by exchange rates
- A cross-border transaction fee that is



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charged by the bank

When using a debit or credit card internationally, clients should be aware that cross-border transactions may attract FX and banking-related charges. While these costs often look small on an individual transaction, they can accumulate over the course of a trip or across multiple international purchases, making awareness and planning important.

Larger international payments such as tuition fee payments, supplier settlements or import-related transactions are commonly processed through international payment networks such as SWIFT. Depending on the nature and destination of the payment, different fees and FX costs may apply. Clients are encouraged to go to their nearest Nedbank Namibia branch or speak to their relationship manager for guidance on the most suitable payment option and the fees and charges that apply.

It is important to note that receiving banks abroad may apply their own charges, which are beyond the control of the sending bank.

FX is often the largest – and most variable – cost in cross-border payments. Nedbank Namibia's competitive advantage lies in the direct integration of our payments function and our FX dealing desk. This enables real-time, market-aligned pricing and immediate execution, curtailing reliance on static or buffered pricing models.

By actively managing FX exposure through dealer-driven pricing and real-time hedging, we can offer tighter spreads, enhanced cost transparency, reduced settlement risk, and greater certainty on final transaction values. Clients regularly note that Nedbank's FX pricing is sharper and more transparent, with faster execution improving cash flow planning and overall confidence – particularly for corporates, importers and exporters.

Cost transparency remains central to our approach. A clear, structured fee framework ensures that clients fully understand their FX and cross border charges without hidden costs. This enables more informed financial decisions and a smoother international banking experience.

As part of regional regulatory enhancements within the Southern African Development Community, the Bank of Namibia has introduced additional harmonised balance-of-payments (BOP) codes, effective 30 June 2026. These codes apply to both Common Monetary Area (CMA)* and foreign currency transactions and will form part of cross-border reporting

requirements going forward. Clients are advised to review their current payment and reporting processes to ensure alignment with the updated BOP framework and avoid any delays or potential rejections in the processing of international and CMA-related payments.

As global payments continue to evolve, Nedbank Namibia remains committed to making cross border banking simpler, clearer and fairer so that our clients can move, trade and travel with confidence.

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Eunice Tjituka, Senior Manager: Global Business and Treasury Operations at Nedbank Namibia

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PAN revenue rises to N\$10.62m on higher membership contributions

The Payments Association of Namibia (PAN) increased its revenue to N\$10.62 million during the 2025 financial year, driven by higher membership contributions, while ending the year with more than N\$5.5 million in accumulated reserves despite recording a small accounting deficit.

According to PAN's 2025 Annual Report, membership contributions rose to N\$10.48 million, remaining the association's main source of income and funding governance reforms, organisational development and preparations for its expanded role under

the Payments System Management Act.

PAN Acting Chief Executive Officer Mbapeua Kauoova said the association has continued to evolve alongside Namibia's payments sector over the past 20 years while strengthening confidence in the national payment system.

"For twenty years, Payments Association of Namibia has grown alongside Namibia's payments landscape while remaining committed to one enduring principle: building trust in the national payment system. This report chronicles our journey during the 2025 financial year and reflects

on twenty years of progress while looking ahead to the next chapter of Namibia's payments evolution," Kauoova said.

The report said PAN invested in governance reforms, organisational restructuring and technical capacity during the year to prepare for a more complex and modern payments environment.

The association implemented a revised organisational structure, strengthened executive and technical capacity and advanced governance reforms required under the Payments System Management Act.

Despite posting an accounting deficit of N\$15,891, PAN ended the financial year with approximately N\$6.0 million in cash and cash equivalents and received an unmodified audit opinion.

"While these investments resulted in a modest accounting deficit of N\$15,891, the Association concluded the year with more than N\$5.5 million in accumulated reserves and approximately N\$6.0 million in cash and cash equivalents, demonstrating that institutional strengthening was

achieved without compromising financial sustainability," Kauoova said.

He said maintaining a strong financial position would enable PAN to continue supporting the implementation of the National Payment System Strategy 2026–2030 and the country's increasingly interconnected payments ecosystem.

Speaking at PAN's annual general meeting and the launch of the 2025 annual report during the association's 20th anniversary celebrations, Bank of Namibia Deputy Governor Loenie Dunn said Namibia had continued expanding its digital payments infrastructure, with the country's instant payments solution becoming operational in June 2026.

"The future of payments will not be shaped by regulation or technology alone. It will ultimately be shaped by how effectively we collectively collaborate. Payments are becoming increasingly interoperable and digital, and cooperation between regulators, payment service providers and the broader payments ecosystem will be essential," Dunn said.



Rethinking Performance Metrics in Diplomacy

By Pennina Shilongo

A few years ago, if someone had asked the average Namibian about diplomacy, most would probably have thought of ambassadors, international conferences, and world leaders shaking hands in distant capitals. But that has long changed.

Diplomacy is no longer only about managing political relationships between countries. It has evolved into a powerful tool for economic development and actively securing foreign direct investment (FDI), opening new export markets for domestic businesses, and negotiating trade agreements.

When a foreign company invests into an energy project, diplomacy is involved. When Namibia negotiates access to international markets for its products, diplomacy is involved.

When development partners provide funding for infrastructure, education, or agricultural initiatives, diplomacy is involved. Even the conversations surrounding oil discoveries off our coast are, in many ways, a reflection of diplomacy at work.

So how do we know whether our diplomacy is actually working?

As someone who has spent years of my career working in development programmes, one lesson has remained constant. What gets measured gets managed. In development work, we are constantly asked to demonstrate results.

Did a project achieve its objectives? How



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many people benefited? What changed as a result of the intervention? We develop indicators, track progress, and evaluate impact, and not because measurement is an administrative box to tick, but because it helps us understand whether our efforts are making a meaningful difference.

This same principle should apply to diplomacy. Over the past few years, our country has attracted growing international attention. Namibia has become a country of significant interest to investors, foreign governments, and development partners alike. However, attracting attention is not the same as achieving development.

Announcements of investment commitments make headlines, yes, but what happens afterwards? What is the economic value realised here? How many jobs are actually created, and what is the quality of the jobs that have been created? How much local value is added? How many Namibian businesses are competitively integrated into regional and global supply chains? What skills are transferred to local workers?

How much revenue ultimately contributes to national development

priorities? These are the questions that truly matter because the objective of investments is to generate economic and developmental outcomes that improve the lives of Namibians.

Results Based-Diplomacy

So if economic competitiveness shapes national prosperity, it makes perfect sense for economic outcomes to form a central part of how success is assessed. This is why it may be time for Namibia to fundamentally rethink how it measures the success of its diplomatic missions abroad. Imagine, for a moment, if every embassy and high commission operated with a clear, results-driven scorecard. If beyond their traditional political and consular functions, missions are actually assessed on indicators.

And more importantly, that these indicators focus not only on activity, but on tangible outcomes. For example, it is one thing to facilitate discussions with potential investors. It is another to track how many of those engagements result in investments that create jobs and stimulate local economic activity.

It is valuable to promote Namibia as an investment destination, but it is far more valuable to understand the

long-term economic impact and realise economic value from those promotional efforts.

At the heart of the political economy lies the understanding that politics and economics are joint by the hip. Decisions made in political arenas often have economic consequences, just as economic realities frequently shape political priorities.

Economic diplomacy is a natural extension of this reality. Through this lens, diplomacy and development are not separate pursuits. They are part of the same story. Hence, the need for deliberate, strategic link between diplomatic activity and development outcomes.

Diplomacy should be results based and should create economic value, in line with Namibia's national development agenda, because essentially, modern diplomacy is about aligning a country's foreign policy directly with its domestic prosperity.

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Bank Windhoek appoints Leon Koch as Executive Retail Banking

Bank Windhoek has appointed banking executive Leon Koch as its permanent Executive Officer for Retail Banking Services, effective 1 July 2026, as the lender strengthens its customer-facing operations.

Koch, who has more than 35 years of experience in the banking and insurance sectors, will oversee the bank's Retail Banking Services division, which includes all Bank Windhoek branches and agencies, as well as its Vehicle and Asset Finance and Property Finance businesses.

He joined Bank Windhoek in 2017 and has held several executive leadership positions, including Executive Officer for Capricorn Private Wealth, Commercial and Bancassurance, and most recently Executive Officer for Business Banking.

He has also served in an acting capacity as Executive Officer for Retail Banking Services and Capricorn Private Wealth.

Bank Windhoek Managing Director James Chapman said Koch's appointment reinforces the bank's focus on enhancing customer experience and relationship-led banking.

"Leon Koch brings deep market knowledge, proven executive experience and a clear understanding of what customers expect from a proudly Namibian bank. His leadership will be instrumental as we continue to enhance customer experience, grow trusted relationships and deliver solutions that support the financial aspirations of our customers," Chapman said.

Chapman said Koch's experience in personal, commercial and branch banking, combined with his understanding of the Namibian market, positions him to lead the Retail Banking Services division through its



next phase of growth.

Koch holds a Master of Science in International Banking and Finance from the University of Salford, completed through Salford Business School in Zurich. He has also completed the Senior Management Development Programme at GIBS University in Pretoria and the Management Development Programme at Stellenbosch Business School.

According to Bank Windhoek, Koch has built a career focused on driving business growth, developing high-performing teams and executing strategy across banking operations in Namibia and elsewhere in Africa.

Chapman said the appointment reflects the bank's continued commitment to strengthening customer experience and reinforcing its position as a locally focused financial institution.

More than food: Orchards as guardians of biodiversity

By: Dr Hambeleleni Nguluve-Kandume

In Namibia, where dry conditions and climate variability pose ongoing challenges, orchards serve as crucial habitats for a wide array of plant and animal species.

Each tree acts as a mini-ecosystem, offering shelter, food, and breeding grounds for birds, insects, and small mammals.

Bees, for instance, play a critical role in pollinating not just our fruit trees but also wild plants in the surrounding environment, promoting plant diversity. This, in turn, supports healthy soil and water systems, creating a sustainable cycle of life.

As an orchard leader managing over 2,000 fruit trees, I have witnessed firsthand how planting trees goes far beyond the simple act of harvesting fruits.

Our orchards are significant ecosystems that support biodiversity, sustain the environment, and contribute to the well-being of our communities.

It is time we recognize that fruit trees are not just sources of food or income, they are essential guardians of the natural balance that sustains life on Earth. Supporting orchard farmers means supporting biodiversity.

When we buy locally grown fruits, we are encouraging farmers to maintain and expand these important ecosystems. Orchards act as corridors for wildlife, especially in regions where natural



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habitats are shrinking due to human activity.

By planting and preserving fruit trees, we help protect endangered species, promote genetic diversity, and maintain ecological balance.

Moreover, fruit trees contribute to combating climate change. Their roots help prevent soil erosion, increase groundwater recharge, and absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

In a region like Ohangwena, where climate impacts are increasingly felt, orchard trees provide a natural buffer against environmental stresses.

They help create microclimates that support other plant and animal life, promoting a strong environment overall. Supporting orchard farmers also means investing in sustainable livelihoods. Many farmers in Namibia rely on fruit farming for their income, and their work directly benefits biodiversity. Healthy orchards attract a variety of species, which in turn control pests naturally, reducing the need for harmful chemicals. This harmonious

relationship between farming and nature not only ensures food security but also preserves the ecological integrity of our landscapes.

As an orchard leader, I believe our trees are more than just sources of income, they are symbols of hope and sustainability.

We have a responsibility to protect and expand these green spaces, not only for the current generation but for future Namibians. Encouraging more people to support local orchard farmers, buy fresh fruits, and plant more trees can make a significant difference.

In conclusion, planting and maintaining orchards is a powerful act of environmental stewardship.

It helps preserve biodiversity, supports climate stability, and sustains our communities. Let us all recognize that orchards are more than food, they are significant ecosystems that uphold the liveliness of our planet. Supporting our farmers and their orchards is supporting a sustainable, biodiverse future for Namibia and beyond.

*Dr. Hambeleleni Nguluve-Kandume is an orchard executive managing over 2,000 fruit trees and a dedicated advocate for sustainable biodiversity. She serves as a Board Member of the Namibian Organic

Association (NOA) and is an accomplished researcher specializing in sustainable biodiversity finance. Dr. Nguluve-Kandume has published numerous journal articles on environmental sustainability and holds a Doctorate degree focused on innovative approaches to financing biodiversity conservation. Through her work, she champions the integration of ecological preservation with community development and economic advancement.



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Standard Bank Namibia achieves 95% accessibility compliance

Standard Bank Namibia has achieved 95% compliance with the National Disability Accessibility Standards following an independent assessment of its Head Office, strengthening its commitment to diversity, equity and inclusion through a new partnership with the National Disability Council of Namibia (NDCN).

The accessibility assessment, conducted by the NDCN on 8 July 2026, found that the bank's Head Office meets most national accessibility requirements, positioning it among Namibia's leading examples of accessible infrastructure and inclusive service delivery.

The assessment evaluated parking facilities, building entrances, circulation routes, ramps, lifts, ablution facilities, customer service areas and emergency evacuation systems.

According to the report, the bank's facilities provide people with disabilities with safe, independent and dignified access to banking services, while identifying a small number of areas for further improvement.

Following the assessment, Standard Bank Namibia and the NDCN entered into a strategic partnership aimed at strengthening disability inclusion across

the bank's operations.

The partnership will focus on enhancing accessibility infrastructure, expanding disability awareness and sensitisation training for employees, improving access to assistive technologies and delivering more inclusive customer experiences across the bank's service channels.

Standard Bank Namibia Talent Acquisition Specialist Cameron Kali said the assessment marks an important milestone in the bank's broader diversity, equity and inclusion strategy.

"At Standard Bank Namibia, we believe that true progress is achieved when everyone has equal access to opportunities, services and workplaces. Our partnership with the National Disability Council of Namibia reflects our commitment to building a more inclusive future and advancing the national Diversity, Equity and Inclusion agenda for the benefit of all Namibians," Kali said.

He said achieving 95% compliance demonstrates progress but noted that the bank remains committed to continuous improvement.

"Achieving 95% compliance with the National Disability Accessibility Standards is an important milestone, but it is only part of our journey. We remain committed to continuous improvement and to creating an environment where employees, customers and stakeholders of all abilities can participate fully and

thrive," he said.

The NDCN commended Standard Bank Namibia for its proactive approach to accessibility and inclusion, describing the bank as a positive example for both the public and private sectors.

The council said it will continue working with the bank to implement the assessment's recommendations and ensure continued alignment with national accessibility standards and international best practices.

Standard Bank Namibia said accessibility forms part of its broader commitment to creating equal opportunities, promoting economic participation and embedding inclusive practices across its operations.





Govt shifts from planning to implementation of agri-food reforms

The government has moved into the implementation phase of its Strategy for the Transformation of the Agri-food Sector (STAS), establishing new coordination structures to drive reforms aimed at improving food security, creating jobs and attracting investment into Namibia's agricultural sector.

Speaking at the STAS development partners networking meeting in Windhoek, Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform Minister Inge Zaamwani said the focus has shifted from developing policy to delivering tangible results on the ground.

She called on development partners to align their financial and technical support with the strategy's priorities to help

accelerate implementation.

"I therefore call upon you, our development partners, to align your support with the priorities of the STAS and join us in mobilising investments, partnerships and technical cooperation required to turn this strategy into practical actions," Zaamwani said.

She said transforming the agri-food sector requires collaboration between government, commercial farmers, communal producers, agribusinesses, financial institutions and civil society.

Zaamwani said the strategy is intended to strengthen food security while driving economic growth through agro-processing, investment promotion, job creation and

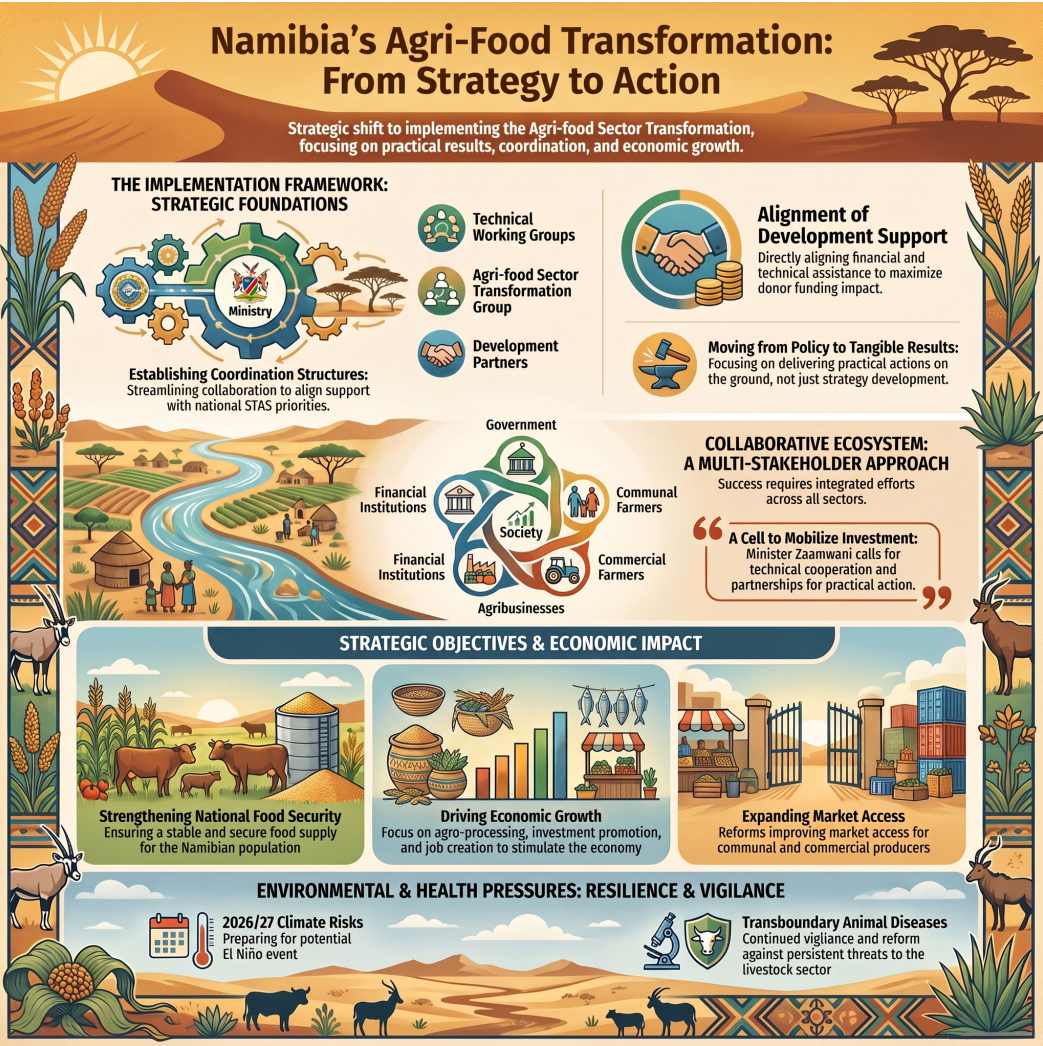
improved market access.

Acting Executive Director Petrus Canisius Nangolo said the ministry has established Technical Working Groups and an Agri-food Sector Transformation Group to coordinate implementation and improve collaboration between government and development partners.

He said the new structures are intended to ensure development assistance is aligned

with national priorities, reduce duplication of projects and maximise the impact of public and donor funding.

Namibia's implementation drive comes as the country faces increasing pressure from climate-related risks, including the possibility of another El Niño event during the 2026/27 agricultural season and the continued threat of transboundary animal diseases.





Property Hub NAMIBIA



Namibia hosts African quantity surveyors to drive construction innovation

More than 80 built environment professionals from across Africa gathered in Swakopmund last week to discuss the future of quantity surveying, with industry leaders calling for greater adoption of digital technologies, sustainable construction

practices and regional collaboration.

Hosted by the Institute of Namibian Quantity Surveyors (INQS) in partnership with the Association of African Quantity Surveyors (AAQS), the INQS & AAQS Conference 2026 brought together delegates from Kenya, Nigeria, Zambia,

Uganda, Malawi, Ghana, Botswana, Zimbabwe and South Africa under the theme, "QS Quo Vadis? Technology, Transformation and Tomorrow."

Held at the Swakopmund Hotel and Entertainment Centre on 24 July, the conference formed part of a week-long programme aimed at strengthening professional cooperation and advancing the quantity surveying profession across the continent.

Discussions focused on the impact of artificial intelligence, Building Information Modelling (BIM), digital transformation, sustainable infrastructure, construction risk management and contract administration on the future of the built environment sector. Deputy Minister of Works and Transport Hans Haikali officially opened the conference, highlighting the role of the construction and built environment sectors in supporting infrastructure development and economic growth.

Swakopmund Mayor Suama Kautondokwa also addressed delegates, underscoring the importance of collaboration between government, industry and professional bodies in developing the sector.

Institute of Namibian Quantity Surveyors President Frikkie Jordaan

said the conference demonstrated the importance of innovation and collaboration in preparing the profession for a rapidly changing construction industry.

"The INQS & AAQS Conference 2026 has demonstrated the power of partnership, innovation and leadership in shaping the future of quantity surveying in Africa. As technology continues to transform the built environment, our profession must remain agile, forward-thinking and committed to excellence," Jordaan said.

He said the conference provided a platform for professionals to exchange best practices, explore practical solutions to industry challenges and strengthen regional cooperation.

The event also included panel discussions, technical presentations and networking sessions aimed at promoting knowledge sharing and supporting the development of young quantity surveyors entering the profession.

Organisers said the conference concluded with a commitment to deepen collaboration among African quantity surveying professionals, accelerate the adoption of digital technologies and strengthen the profession's role in delivering sustainable infrastructure across the continent.

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