



**UNITED NATIONS
NAMIBIA**

NEWSLETTER
OCTOBER 2018
VOLUME 3, ISSUE 9

UN's anniversary celebrated with local community

24 October, Windhoek: The United Nations (UN) System in Namibia celebrated the 73rd anniversary of the UN, UN Day, with the local community at an Early Childhood Development (ECD) centre, elderly person's home, hospital, and a local university, under the theme '#UnitedwithUNNamibia'.

UN Day, commemorated annually on 24 October, marks the anniversary of the entry into force in 1945 of the UN Charter. Over the last 73 years, the United Nations has been working to protect human rights for all and ensure peace across the globe, through peacekeeping, peacebuilding, conflict prevention and humanitarian assistance. Through its specialised agencies, funds and programmes, the UN works to

achieve its goals and coordinate efforts for a safer world for future generations. Here in Namibia, the UN also has a long-standing history, having served as a trusted partner dating back to the time of the country's Independence, in its fight against poverty and along its path towards sustainable development.

Since then, Namibia has made great strides in line with national and international development agendas in ensuring that no one is left behind. However, challenges still exist. Less than a quarter of Namibian children are enrolled in an ECD programme, there are concerns about violence against, abuse and maltreatment of older persons and in particular older women in Namibia, there is an increasing burden on the health sector of non-communicable diseases and youth employment stands at close to 40%.

Reiterating the UN's support in addressing these challenges, the UN Resident Coordinator a.i. Rachel Odede said, "Our partnership framework with the Government, the United Nations Partnership Framework (UNPAF) 2019-2023, outlines our plan of action to ensure that we eradicate poverty and inequality. The Global Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are also clear, we must end poverty, protect the environment and ensure prosperity for all."

She further emphasised the importance of partnership in executing these plans of action, "To do this, we need the commitment of everyone. I encourage you to stand #UnitedwithUNNamibia, speak out against injustices you see in your community and bring about the positive change you want to see."

According to the Namibia Demographic and Health Survey of 2013, more than 50% of the population practices open defecation and nearly 1 in 4 children under-five is stunted. WHO estimates that 50% of malnutrition cases, including stunting, can be associated with repeated diarrhoea as a result of unsafe water or insufficient hygiene. For this reason, UNRC a.i. Rachel Odede demonstrated how to properly wash hands with soap as part of the UN Day celebration at the Humble Care Centre. Washing hands with water and soap prevents the spread of disease - clean hands save lives! *UN Namibia*



.@UNNamibia staff members, led by UNRC a.i. @OdedeRachel & @UNDPNamibia Rep. a.i. Izumi Morota-Alakija, and the Ministry of #Education spent the morning with children & teachers at Humble Care Centre, an Early Childhood Development (ECD) centre in Goreangab. #qualityeducation



.@UNNamibia staff members shared information with IUM's leadership and students about the #UN's work in #Namibia, and encouraged the youth to use their voices to bring about positive change to ensure that no one is left behind in #Namibia.



.@UNNamibia visited the Central Hospital's Children's Cancer Ward as part of #UNDAY! After sharing information about the UN and donating educational materials, our staff played games with the children. St. Paul's students, who volunteer weekly, also took part! #GoodHealth



We also visited the Katutura Old Age Home as part of our #UNDAY celebrations. The @UNNamibia team shared information about the UN, planted mango trees and socialised with residents & listened to their inspiring stories. #ClimateAction #LeaveNoOneBehind





Regional Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency opens in Windhoek

Hon. Tom Alweendo, the Minister of Mines and Energy, officially inaugurating the SADC Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (SACREEE). *UNIDO*

24 October, Windhoek: The Southern African Development Community (SADC) Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (SACREEE) was inaugurated in Windhoek this month, with several high-level ministers and deputy ministers responsible for energy of several SADC countries, the SADC Secretariat, the Austrian Development Agency (ADA), the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).

"We are opening up a window of opportunity for the entire SADC region," said Namibian Minister of Mines and Energy, Hon. Tom Alweendo. "Namibia is privileged to host this important centre in Windhoek and I thank all partners for their support."

On the occasion of the official launch of SACREEE, a series of events were organised in collaboration with partners. Among them, a workshop on renewable energy entrepreneurship support, on energy efficient lighting and appliances and a public dialogue on empowering the youth through clean-tech and innovation.

The Namibia-hosted SACREEE was established with the technical support of the UNIDO and with financial assistance from the ADA. "The regional sustainable energy centers are an important contribution of UNIDO to provide regions with the required technical capacities to shape international technology transfer processes in a more inclusive way," said UNIDO Managing Director, Philippe Scholtès.

services a reality by 2030," emphasized ADA Managing Director Martin Ledolter at the inauguration ceremony.

Through cross-border approaches and methodologies, SACREEE will complement and accelerate national efforts in the areas of policy and regulation, capacity development, knowledge and data management, awareness raising as well as the promotion of investment, innovation and entrepreneurship.

SACREEE is part of UNIDO's Global Network of Regional Sustainable Energy Centers. In partnership with Member States and other regional players (e.g. utility organisations, regulatory authorities, banks), the centers work towards the creation of integrated and inclusive regional markets for sustainable energy products and services. **Article via UNIDO:** <https://bit.ly/2Pfgo1p>

"The regional sustainable energy centers are an important contribution of UNIDO to provide regions with the required technical capacities to shape international technology transfer processes in a more inclusive way."

-UNIDO Managing Director, Philippe Scholtès

7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



Did you know?

Since 2017, Namibia's UN House has been using solar power.



SADC Secretariat's Director of Food, Agriculture and Natural Resources Domingos Gove, representing the SADC Executive Secretary, Dr. Stergomena Lawrence Tax, said, "SACREEE will advise SADC Member States on how to make the sustainable energy transformation feasible and viable. Access to affordable and reliable energy is a prerequisite for the industrialisation aspirations of our region. SACREEE will provide a platform for domestic and international partnerships and will serve as a hub for knowledge and technical expertise."

"The creation of new technology markets can only be successful if they are integrative, create domestic value and jobs, and share prosperity among all."

"The Austrian Development Agency is honoured to support SADC and its Member States in this important process. We are convinced that SACREEE – in partnership with the other regional centres of the Global Network of Regional Sustainable Energy Centres – will play an important role in making universal access to sustainable and affordable energy

Second Women's Leadership Series sparks conversation among UN Staff about challenges women face in the workplace

19 October, Windhoek: United Nations (UN) Namibia female staff members this month took part in the Second Women's leadership Series. In discussions led by United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Namibia Representative, Dennia Gayle and award-winning business woman, Dr. Martha Namundjebo-Tilahun, the participants gave input into issues of gender equality and women's empowerment in the the workplace.

"If you believe in yourself and put in hard work, there will be nothing out of your reach," said Namundjebo-Tilahun, who is the United Africa Group Chairperson and winner of the African Women of Excellence Award by the African Union Commission and the Diaspora African Forum. She further reminded UN Namibia staff of the importance of personal branding and building a reputation of integrity.

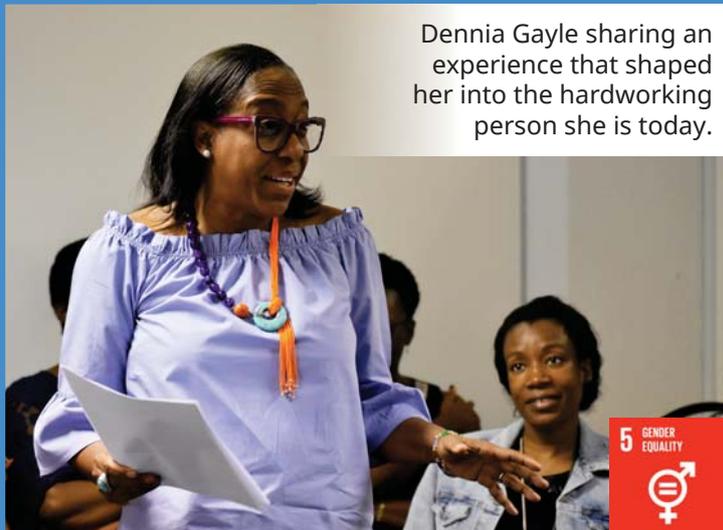
After outlining some challenges she has faced in the workplace as a woman, Gayle said, "This leadership journey is one of mountains and valleys, highs and lows. Learn from what you've done wrong and turn it into your greatest opportunity."

"Shut out the noise, hold your head high and keep moving forward," Gayle said, saying that learning how to deal with conflict is key for success.

Staff members had the opportunity to ask questions, sparking discussion on how to overcome challenges in the workplace, reach a work-life balance and empower one another.



Dr. Martha Namundjebo-Tilahun encouraging UN Staff members to go after their dreams.



Dennia Gayle sharing an experience that shaped her into the hardworking person she is today.



WLS participants discussing gender equality.



Staff members listening to the inspiring leadership stories.



Leading ladies: UNRC a.i. Rachel Odede with the WLS speakers.

UN Migration Agency supports Government in identifying ways to raise awareness of trafficking in persons (TiP)

October, Windhoek: As part of the Counter-Trafficking Project on Strengthening coordination to respond to trafficking in persons (TiP) and ensure justice and protection for all victims of trafficking (VoT) in Namibia, the UN Migration Agency (IOM) is supporting the Namibian Government in raising awareness of TiP to increase the reporting of potential TiP cases.

The purpose is to ensure the public is well informed about the phenomenon to decrease their chances of falling victim to trafficking.

IOM organised a Pre-Testing, at the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) and the Katutura Youth Centre (KYC), of two concepts for the Awareness Raising Campaign set to be launched by the end of this year, to gauge whether the campaign will be instrumental in the identification, prevention and protection of VoT.



NUST Marketing Students providing their input on the materials of the Awareness Raising Campaign.



Participants of the Pre-Test at the Katutura Youth Centre.



FAO endows trophy for Best Student in Agriculture and Natural Resources at UNAM

The FAO Namibia Representative Farayi Zimudzi, pictured with the Faculty of Agriculture and Natural Resources (FANR) at the University of Namibia (UNAM) and the Faculty's top performers. *FAO Namibia*

11 October, UNAM Neudamm Campus: The Office of the Dean: Faculty of Agriculture and Natural Resources (FANR) at the University of Namibia (UNAM), hosted an award ceremony for best performing students of the Faculty.

The purpose of the annual award ceremony, which was held at Neudamm Campus on 11 October, is to motivate students to perform their best and succeed in their studies, and following completion, contribute successfully to the development of our nation.

The Dean of the FANR, Simon Nangombe in his welcoming remarks, stated that the FANR believes that quality education plays a crucial role in building a future for students. He reiterated his Faculty's commitment to provide an atmosphere where students can learn positive values and gain knowledge every day.

"Our students have not only excelled in academics but are also very good at extra-curricular activities like sports, organising campus events and many other things. They have not only made us proud, but brought accolades to our faculty, Neudamm in particular, and

have given it a faculty-wide recognition. Students like you are responsible for the continuous growth and development of our faculty in combined efforts with the extremely proficient SRC council members as well as our lecturers," he said.

The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) supported the University by sponsoring a floating trophy for the 'Best Overall Student' in the FANR. Each year, the top performing student and their hard work will be honoured with the trophy.

The FAO Representative, Farayi Zimudzi presented the trophy during the event. "By endowing this trophy, we are signalling FAO's commitment to developing the capacities of Namibian youth to participate meaningfully in the country's development. It is my organisation's desire that the graduates of this esteemed institution of higher learning earn sustainable and profitable livelihoods in agriculture," she said.

The Pro-Vice Chancellor, Prof Frednard Gideon, also present at the event, reiterated the vision and mission of

UNAM by saying, "Our core values of Professionalism, Mutual Respect, Integrity, Transparency, Equity and Accountability are the foundation of our commitment to help you grow personally, intellectually, professionally, and culturally."

"To the top performers, I need to remind you that your life journeys as professionals have yet to begin. But with confidence, I can say that any of our students can stand up to any other student from another university and as they say, 'give them a run for their money'," he added.

4 QUALITY EDUCATION

8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

15 LIFE ON LAND



FAO hosts training on Sustainable Food Systems and Value Chains Development

22-26 October: FAO recently held a training on Sustainable Food Systems and Value Chains Development. Sustainable Food Value Chains (SFVC) development is a market-oriented and systems-based approach for measuring, analysing and improving the performance of food value chains (FVCs) in ways that help ensure their economic, social and environmental sustainability. More: <https://bit.ly/2Rw6KV5>



Stakeholders capacitated to build Namibia's disaster resilience

Stakeholders from across Namibia gained knowledge about disaster risk reduction and the importance of integrating scientific results into informed decision-making through the Country-Level Workshop. *UN Namibia*

29 Oct. - 2 Nov., Windhoek: Stakeholders, including the Government of the Republic of Namibia (GRN), gained knowledge and understanding of disaster risk reduction (DRR) and resilience-building through Namibia's DDR Country Level Workshop, held from 29 October – 2 November 2018.

Speaking at the opening of the workshop on behalf of the UN System in Namibia in the capacity of Officer-in-Charge, Denna Gayle, the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) Representative to Namibia highlighted the prominent role disaster risk reduction plays in achieving national and international development agendas.

"Let us hold ourselves accountable to improve emergency preparedness and response to ensure that no one is left behind," she said.

The workshop, which aimed at increasing risk knowledge, involvement and engagement of stakeholders, is part of the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNISDR) and the

International Centre for Environmental Monitoring - Centro Internazionale in Monitoraggio Ambientale (CIMA) Research Foundation's programme *Building Disaster Resilience to Natural Hazards in Sub-Saharan African Regions, Countries and Communities*.

"As part of this programme[...] UNISDR and CIMA Research Foundation have developed Multi-Hazard Probabilistic Risk Profiles, with special focus on floods and droughts, including considerations of climate changes projections, for 16 countries," explained Programme Analyst, Julius Kabubi on behalf of the UNISDR Regional Office for Africa.

The profiles provide a comprehensive view of hazard, risk and uncertainties for floods and droughts in a changing climate and socio-economic situation, projected over the next 50 years. Across the continent and in Namibia, droughts and floods have had devastating impacts on socio-economic sectors. This has led to poor productivity, stagnation

of economic growth, famine and social conflicts, wildfires, diseases and malnutrition, human migrations, cross border conflicts, stress and discomfort and rise in crime rates.

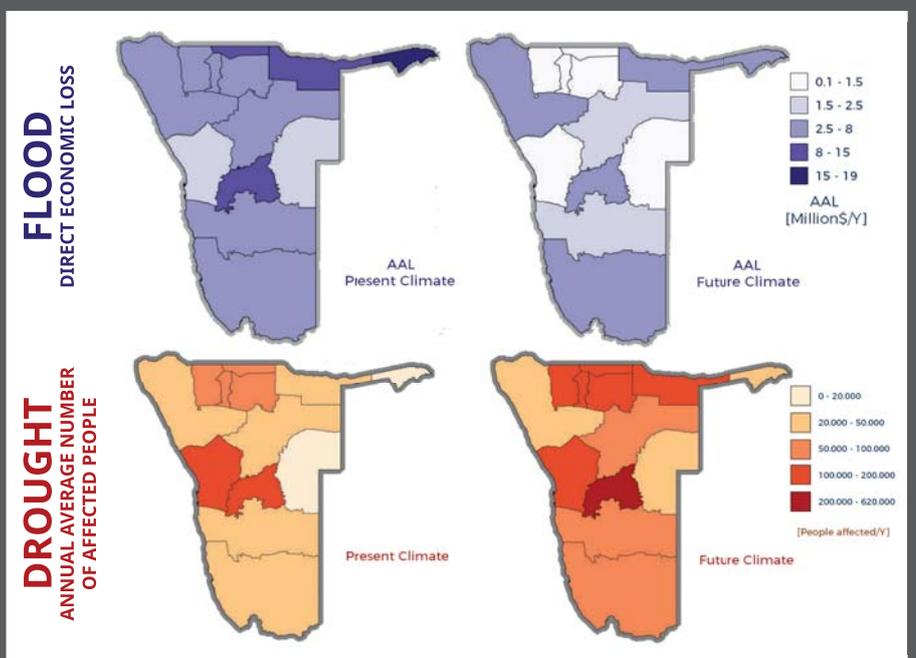
Kabubi explains the importance of Namibia's Risk Profile, which stakeholders were trained on over the course of the workshop. "Scientific products such as the risk profiles produced by the CIMA research team, are vital for generating new approaches towards disaster risk management and planning," he said.

Japhet Iitenge, the Director of Disaster Risk Reduction in Namibia's Directorate of Disaster Risk Management (DRM), speaking on behalf of the Office of the Prime Minister, said, "We value the work which UNISDR is doing for us, because we, as a country, already assigned our self the task of creating a national profile for Namibia."

UNISDR and CIMA Research Foundation are organising trainings across Africa about the Country Risk Profiles. Combined with the local knowledge, the profiles and workshops aim not only at providing a more complete picture of the likelihood and the impacts of floods and droughts, but also at improving the understanding of risks and at supporting the integration of scientific results into informed decision-making process. Furthermore, they contribute to translating scientific evidence into improved flood and droughts risk management towards a substantial reduction of disaster impacts.

They are also in line with national, and international development agendas, including the [Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030](#), the [Paris Agreement](#), and the [Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#), which aim at reducing existing risks, preventing new risks and strengthening resilience.

Artwork from Namibia's Disaster Risk Profile.
Full Profile: <https://bit.ly/2CMMW6FS>



Social Media of the Month:

- Suicide Prevention Lecture
- GTB: Planting Trees
- International Day for the Eradication of Poverty
- UN Reform Town Hall
- World Food Day Celebration

UNDP Namibia
October 17 at 12:02 PM · 🌐

Today marks the 25th anniversary of the declaration by the General Assembly, in its resolution 47/196 of 22 December 1992, of 17 October as the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty.

The theme for this year is "Coming together with those furthest behind to build an inclusive world of universal respect for human rights and dignity". The theme reminds us of the importance of the values of dignity, solidarity and voice underscored in the Call to Action to fight to end poverty everywhere. These values are also evident in the United Nations' Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development which sets poverty eradication as the overarching objective and obligated all countries to end poverty in all forms, through strategies that guarantee the fulfillment of all human rights and ensure no one is left behind.

Namibia has made great strides in eradicating poverty and has managed to decrease poverty over the last decade (2008-2018) from 28% to 17.4%.

This can be attributed to key policies and strategies adopted in Namibia. Such policies include the adoption of the Blue Print on Wealth Redistribution and Poverty Eradication. Grants from the Namibian Government such as the Social Grant, Pension Grant, Disability Grant, Veterans Grant, and Orphans & Vulnerable Children Grant have been made available to the disadvantaged people.

In addition, the creation of the Ministry of Poverty Eradication and Social Welfare has contributed immensely to the decrease of the poverty rates.

#EndPoverty
#SDG1



United Nations Namibia
October 23 at 3:14 PM · 🌐

UN Namibia staff members came together today for a town hall to talk about the UN Reform.

The ambitious #2030Agenda (<https://bit.ly/1Epf648>) requires equally bold changes across the UN. The UN is in the process of renewing itself, at all levels, to better serve the world.



WHO Namibia
@WHO/NAMIBIA

WHO is hosting a public lecture on Suicide Prevention: Progress and Challenges by Prof Ella Arensman, Professor and Chief Scientist from the School of Public Health, College of Medicine and Health and National Suicide Research Foundation, University College Cork in Ireland.



3:42 PM · 25 Oct 2018

WHO Namibia
@WHO/NAMIBIA

Consistent evidence that restricting access to lethal means is associated with a decrease in suicide. This is a major strategy to be integrated in national suicide prevention plans. Prof Arensman at the WHO Public Lecture on Suicide Prevention.



3:46 PM · 25 Oct 2018

WHO Namibia
@WHO/NAMIBIA

The Ministry of Health and Social Services is launching a study on the Prevalence of and Intervention in Relation to Suicide in Namibia.



4:06 PM · 25 Oct 2018

UNDP Namibia
@UNDP/Namibia

The @UNDPNamibia staff members today planted five mango #trees at the UN House. This is in line with the @UNGtB initiative which is in line with @UNDP values of respect for and conservation of the environment. #SDG15



FAO Namibia
@FAoNamibia

World Food Day is happening today in Namibia



8:05 AM · 30 Oct 2018

FAO Namibia
@FAoNamibia

The Food Mountain, symbolic of producing more food to feed the world, has been built during the commemoration of #WFD2018



10:25 AM · 31 Oct 2018

FAO Namibia
@FAoNamibia

During the commemoration of #WFD, FAOR @FarayiZimudzi delivered the @FAO DG statement "The eradication of hunger & all forms of malnutrition was defined by world leaders as a cardinal objective of the Agenda, a sine qua non condition for a safer, fairer & more peaceful world."



11:56 AM · 1 Nov 2018

FAO Namibia
@FAoNamibia

#ZeroHunger world by 2030 is possible. The Minister for Agriculture Water and Forestry, Mr. Alpheus !Naruseb cutting the ribbon for Food Mountain that has been built for #WFD2018



12:03 PM · 1 Nov 2018

FAO Namibia
@FAoNamibia

The @WFP is a key participant in the World Food Day celebration. Mr. Bai Mankay Sankoh, World Food Programme Representative in Namibia planting a fruit tree during celebration of #WFD2018



2:38 PM · 1 Nov 2018



UNESCO integrates ICTs in teaching and learning

UNESCO leading hands-on learning activities as part of the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Integration training. *UNESCO*

1-4 October, Windhoek: The University of Namibia (UNAM) and the Ministry of Education, Arts and Culture (MoEAC) in collaboration with United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) Windhoek Office organised a four-day training on Information and Communication technology (ICT) Integration in Windhoek from 1 - 4 October 2018.

As part of the Chinese-Funds-In-Trust (CFIT) Project Phase II to strengthen teachers' capacity in integrating ICTs in teaching and learning, the workshop focused on bringing together previous beneficiaries and new schools to enhance their collaboration and introduce them to pedagogy-led ICT integration practices. The workshop was preceded by a facilitators' planning session on 1 October 2018.

Past ICT integration training initiatives focused mainly on helping teachers utilise ICTs to deliver instruction, create learning resources and design assessment activities, as well as introducing them to online collaboration platforms. This workshop sought to enhance collaboration amongst teachers on ICT integration by providing them with approaches, platforms and resources for collaborating and sharing.

Workshop participants were teachers

from all school phases, namely junior primary (lower primary), senior primary, junior and senior secondary, from all 14 regions in Namibia. The group consisted of participants in previous CFIT sponsored workshops as well as new participants. The fact that teachers were organised according to disciplinary areas and school phases made the introduction of the collaboration framework simpler. The disciplinary areas selected are also the most critical and strategic in the country where learning outcomes need improvement and interventions are most needed.

During the workshop, participants were expected to; reflect on current ICT integration practices and chart opportunities offered by ICTs to enhance collaboration; develop a basic understanding of the Technological Pedagogical Content Knowledge (TPACK) framework to guide ICT integration; understand the concept of and locate Open Educational Resources (OERs); share expertise and experiences (champion and novice schools/ teachers) on ICT integration innovations and orientate themselves with Kopano as a platform for enhancing community of practice and cross-pollination of ideas.

Challenges that teachers shared during reflective sessions included lack of skills to make use of available ICTs, limited

knowledge about where and how to locate open teaching resources online, limitations in the availability of ICT equipment and access to the Internet. Challenges of collaboration were attributed to lack of time and platforms.

Future interventions should equip teachers with skills to repurpose open educational resources; enhance teachers' understanding of the benefits of empowering all teachers beyond the self; practice the use of Kopano for resource and idea sharing; incorporate action research in their practices to document impact of ICT integration; and foster school leaders' understanding of the value of sharing ICT knowledge.

This initiative falls within the Education and Skills Pillar of the United Nations Partnership Framework (UNPAF). Outcome 5 of the UNPAF aims that by 2018, Namibia is implementing policies and programmes that improve learning outcomes at all levels. Building capacity initiatives such as this ensure that the integration of ICTs in teaching and learning can be possible and feed into this UNPAF outcome.

4 QUALITY EDUCATION



Namibia commemorates Global Handwashing Day in Swakopmund

15 October, Swakopmund: Namibia commemorated Global Hand Washing Day on 15 October under the theme: Clean hands a recipe for health! The Ministry of Health and Social Services (MoHSS) together with Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry (MAWF) hosted the event at the Mondesa Multipurpose Centre, Swakopmund, Erongo Region.

#GlobalHandwashingDay is a day for all of us to increase awareness and understanding of the importance of handwashing in keeping food safe, preventing diseases and helping children grow and thrive, said Frauke de Kort, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) Chief of Child Protection and Social Protection on behalf of UNICEF Representative, Rachel Odede

Adelheid Kanjala, special advisor to the Governor of Erongo, delivered the keynote on behalf of Hon. Juliet Kavetuna, Deputy Minister of Health and Social Services and remarked that in Namibia, 17% of children under five suffer from diarrhoea every year though handwashing with soap and water is one of the simplest, effective and inexpensive ways of keeping children healthy. As part of the event, learners performed cultural dances and pledged to spread the word not the germs!



City of Windhoek (CoW) Health and Hygiene Promotion Month kicks off

18 October, Windhoek: The official commemoration of the City of Windhoek (CoW) Health and Hygiene Promotion Month kicked off on 18 October at Green Spot Sports Soccer Field under the same theme as Global Handwashing Day, "Clean hands a recipe for health!" CoW with the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF) and other stakeholders use the month of October to intensify awareness on how to maintain good health and hygiene.

Diseases, like Hepatitis E and Cholera, are a result of inadequate sanitation and are most prevalent in densely populated and under-resourced settlements where toilets are limited. Handwashing with soap continues to be a challenge and open-air food vending promotes the transmission of disease.

Judy Matjila, UNICEF Chief of Communication, delivered remarks on behalf of Rachel Odede, UNICEF Representative. Hon. Cllr. Loide Kaiyamo, Deputy Chairperson of CoW Healthy Cities Steering Committee, delivered the keynote. UNICEF and CoW also demonstrated proper handwashing.

Stay updated with
UN Namibia!

Website:
un.org.na

Social Media:
@UNNamibia

Hashtag:
#UnitedwithUNNamibia

Visit us:
38-44 Stein Street
Klein Windhoek,
Windhoek, Namibia

Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 9 'Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure' is the SDG of the Month!

A functioning and resilient infrastructure is the foundation of every successful community. To meet future challenges, our industries and infrastructure must be upgraded. For this, we need to promote innovative sustainable technologies and ensure equal and universal access to information and financial markets. This will bring prosperity, create jobs and make sure that we build stable and prosperous societies across the globe.

To achieve Goal 9, we all have to take action. Get inspired here:
<https://bit.ly/2zxH97r>

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE

