Eggs in one basket does not work

Pohamba calls for economic diversification

By Staff Reporter

Namibia’s largely dependency on the export of its primary commodities for its growth and foreign income earnings has made the country risky and highly vulnerable to external economic shocks, hence the need for a drastic shift from that dependency.

This sharp warning came from President Hifikepunye Pohamba when he opened the Agricultural Investment Conference in Windhoek on Wednesday. The conference brought together local and foreign agricultural experts to map out the way forward for Namibia’s future in the agricultural sector, which is one of the key contributors to the country’s Gross Domestic Product, GDP.

Capping his call for a drastic shift, the President said that the Government would continue supporting efforts aimed at the promotion of value addition to the country’s primary products as a strategy for employment creations and skills development and the expansion of the manufacturing base of the country’s economy.

"Our broader strategy is to promote all sectors of our economy," Pohamba said.

Africa calls on US to end embargo against Cuba

By Staff Reporter

Africa has called on US President Barack Obama to end all hostile acts against the government and the people of Cuba and to unconditionally release five Cubans now languishing in US jails.

This was one of the resolutions passed by the Third African Meeting of Solidarity with Cuba, which took place in Luanda, Angola over the weekend. The meeting also called on the US to return the Guantanamo base to its rightful owner – Cuba.

The meeting called on all people in the world and all Peace Nobel Laureates to join forces with Africans in the large solidarity movement with the people of Cuba.

Cuba has been under economic embargo since the 1950s, imposed by the US government in order to stifle Cuba’s socialist principles which it had implemented since independence.