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on National Ideals and Values. More importantly, decentralization in Namibia is the best option available currently as it is designed to improve the capacity of Regional and Local Authority Councils to plan, implement, manage and monitor the delivery of services and goods to the constituencies, especially those situated in remote and depressed areas of the country.

The bottom line therefore is that the Government of the Republic of Namibia has adopted Decentralization as a National Policy because it wishes to bring the provision of public services closer to the local communities who are essentially the end-users. Using the phrases of delegation and devolution, Regional Councils, such as Oshana Regional Council, are expected to act for and on behalf of the Ministries concerned as well as to assume full responsibility for service delivery, planning, budgeting, accountability, and administration.

With regard to the Oshana Regional Council, the aim is to gradually take over budgetary and planning responsibilities to enhance the provision of services and goods.

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Ministry funds Kidz programme

Ministry of Mines and Energy’s PETRO Fund has shown its commitment to the NWR Enviro Kidz programme with a donation in monetary terms to the SOE’s environmental education programme which is wholly aimed at the nation’s children from previously disadvantaged backgrounds.

With Namibia continuing to be faced by a capacity shortage in the fields of science and technology, the focus has shifted to ensuring sustainability in the environmental and tourism sectors, an area on which Namibia depends immensely and also one of the essential elements to achieving Namibia’s Vision 2030.

In this age of growing concerns about the environment and for the impacts of climate change, it becomes even more important that the sector role players create and nurture a generation that is equipped to deal with the ever-increasing challenges of uncertainty and change. Namibia Wildlife Resorts’ mandate to lead environmental sustainability in Namibia National Parks is akin to such innovative efforts.

The Enviro Kidz programme launched in 2008 by Namibia Wildlife Resorts presents an opportunity for Namibia to start putting into place the necessary mechanisms to enable it to cope with the strain on its fragile but yet versatile environment. The youth of this country are central to this cause.

The overall aim of the NWR Enviro Kidz programme is to “create and nurture future generations of Namibians with a love and appreciation for their natural resources and environment, and awareness for responsible practices which will secure these assets in perpetuity”.

Involving the youth of Namibia from an early age ensures that they have an informed voice in future decisions that affect their unique living environments and ultimately their livelihoods. For generations Namibia’s natural resources have been a cornerstone of this nation and with threats to sustainability ever increasing due to human induced as well as climatic factors, a change in paradigm and thinking is needed. With the Enviro Kidz programme, Namibia Wildlife Resorts aims to bridge the generations by creating a platform where Namibian children can learn about their unique surroundings and contribute positively to the conservation and preservation of Namibia’s natural habitats.

The programme features the excursions to Namibia’s National Parks and places of interest where they will be under the mentorship of NWR’s experienced guides. Whereas the excursions will prove to be an eye-opener to many children who would otherwise have found it difficult to attain such experience, it is envisaged to help instill a code of caring for the environment in a range of imaginative ways. Species conservation, the effective use of resources, recycling and litter reduction are just a few projects children can expect to be introduced to. Namibia Wildlife Resorts intends to grow the programme into an effective outdoor and out-of-the-classroom experience which adds tremendous value to and complements Namibia’s education curriculum; thus further strengthening the capacity of the state to deal with the pressures on the environment and in so doing achieve the national developmental goals as stipulated in the National Development Plan 3 and Vision 2030.

Ministry of Youth, National Service, Sport and Culture

PUBLIC NOTICE

Official Inauguration of Twyfelfontein / Uis/aes World Heritage Site

Twyfelfontein / Uis/aes rock site has been inscribed on the World Heritage List on 28th June 2007 at the 31st session of the World Heritage Committee meeting that took place in Christchurch, New Zealand. Since then, it was decided that Namibia hosts a celebratory event at the site so that the site can be inaugurated as World Heritage Site.

It is against this background that the public is informed of the Official Inauguration of Twyfelfontein / Uis/aes as a World Heritage Site. The event will be held on site at Twyfelfontein, Khorixas Constituency, Kaone Region. It will start with a site guided tour at 08h45, 8th August 2009.

Venue: Twyfelfontein / Uis/aes World Heritage Site
Date: Saturday, August 8, 2009
Time: 10h00

Republic of Namibia