

CHALLENGES

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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 Councilors 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 phases of delegation and devolution, Regional Councils, such as Oshana Regional Council, are expected to act for and on behalf of line Ministries concerned as well as to assume full responsibility for service delivery, planning, budgeting, accountability and administration.

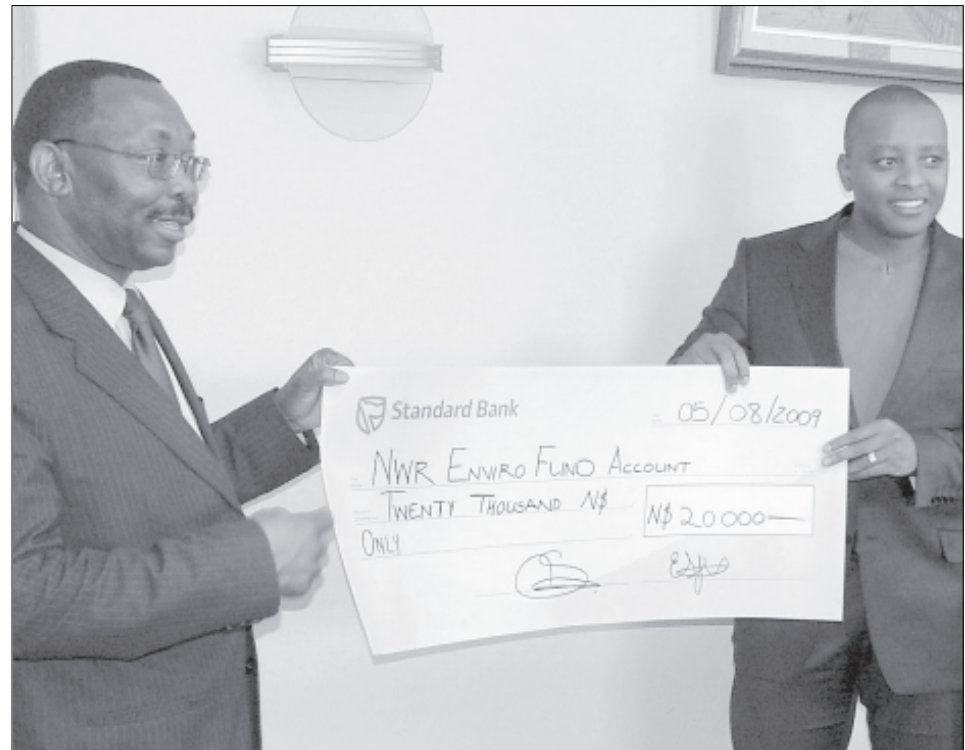
With regard to the Oshana Regional Council, the aim is to gradually take over budgetary and planning responsibilities to ameliorate the provision of services and goods.

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Ministry funds Kidz programme

The 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



Mines and Energy Permanent Secretary, Joseph Lita, handing over a cheque to NWR Chief Executive Officer, Tobie Aupindi.



Republic of Namibia

Ministry of Agriculture, Water and Forestry

Press Release

Namibia and South Africa signs a Memorandum of Understanding to cooperate in the field of Agriculture

The Government of the Republic of Namibia and the Government of the Republic of South Africa have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen and consolidate bilateral relations in the field of Agriculture. This Memorandum of Understanding was signed by the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Forestry of Republic of Namibia, Honorable John Mutorwa and the Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of the Republic of South Africa, Honorable Tina Joemat-Petersson on the 10th July 2009 in Pretoria, South Africa.

The Memorandum of Understanding covers the following areas of cooperation:

- Animal health and production;
- Plant health and production;
- Research cooperation, food safety and aspects of agricultural products, especially the nutritional aspect of indigenous food;
- Capacity building on animal and plant health;
- Bilateral trade in agricultural products;
- Food security;
- Cooperation in multilateral issues;
- Agricultural statistics;
- Production economics and farming enterprise budget;
- Coordination of production and marketing programmes;
- Protection and production of plant and animal genetic material;
- Conservation of indigenous plant and animal material;
- Control of black fly along the Orange river;
- Control of migrant pests;
- professional training;
- Promotion of agricultural investment.

The two parties also agreed to cooperate in the areas of institutional support in the form of technical assistance, laboratory support and training undertaken through the following:

- Exchange of technicians and researchers;
- Study and elaboration of projects of technical assistance;
- Exchange of scientific and technical information in the field of Agricultural research conducted in the two countries;
- Training involved in courses, seminars, study tours and other necessary professional training;
- Utilization of laboratory facilities involving the participation of public and private institutions in the areas of livestock and plant production;
- Exchange of programmes for the improvement of animal and plant production, soil fertility, storage and processing;
- Market development and promotion of international trade relations;
- Secondment of staff for in-service training on agricultural statistics, production economics and enterprise budget;
- Assist in the identification of reputable management companies of grapes and other irrigation initiatives.

This Memorandum of Understanding entered into force on 10 July 2009 and will remain in force for a period of five years whereafter it shall automatically be renewed for further periods of five years.

Mr. Andrew Ndishishi
PERMANENT SECRETARY

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 on 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 cen-

tral 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 great nation and with the 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 thematic 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 pressure on the environment and in so doing achieve the national development goals as stipulated in the National Development Plan 3 and Vision 2030.

Ministry of Youth, National Service, Sport and Culture



REPUBLIC OF NAMIBIA

PUBLIC NOTICE

Official Inauguration of Twyfelfontein / Ui//aes World Heritage Site

Twyfelfontein /Ui//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 / Ui//aes as a World Heritage Site. The event will be held on site at Twyfelfontein, Khorixas Constituency, Kunene Region. It will start with a site guided tour at **06h45, 8th August 2009.**

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