Tobias to meet Don King in Florida

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WINDHOEK – In an attempt to turn over a new page, Nestor Tobias is always planning while others are sleeping, and snoring in the comfort zones of their bedrooms.

Tobias, a world recognized boxing promoter-cum-manager and trainer has landed in the United States of America to talk about the actual date and venue for the second title defence of Paulus “Hitman” Moses, the current WBA lightweight champion for Namibia on the African continent and subsequently on the global stage.

Angula opines that boxing promoters, managers and trainers in Namibia have done a marvelous job over the years to produce world class boxers, adding that Telecom Namibia will continue to put its money and give their unflinching support on the development of boxing for both amateur and professional levels.

According to Angula, Telecom Namibia is “currently busy reviewing its modus operandi in sponsoring boxing, with a view of improving its effectiveness, comprehensiveness and inclusiveness while maintaining its status as a staunch supporter of boxing on amateur and professional levels.” This is indeed a flourishing commitment by Telecom Namibia. Hopefully other business corporate will follow suit.

Tobias has touched down the tarmac in Miami, Florida yesterday. It will be a marathon negotiation that has started yesterday till Saturday, Tobias told Namibia Today Sport from his hotel upon request.

The son of the soil will be back at Hosea Kutako International Airport in Windhoek on Monday afternoon. He has promised to call a media briefing on Wednesday, God’s willing.

His detractors who love to hate him are always left in bewilderment as they do not understand his modus operandi, thus accusing him of being ‘manipulative’ with regard to funding of his boxing and fitness academy.

Before Tobias’ departure to the US, he attended the triple WBO Africa titles defence and endorsement handover media conference held at Telecom Namibia boardroom on Wednesday morning.

Tobias thanked Telecom Namibia for demonstrating its commitment to the development of Namibia, boxing in particular and singled out the corporate’s managing director Frans Ndomora for his visionary leadership.

“We humbly call upon other corporate citizens to invest in sport and education as the two goes hand in glove”, says Tobias.

Tobias described the vision of his boxing academy that is to develop, give hope to unemployed and previously disadvantaged youth to realize their potentials and dreams of becoming world champions like Paulus “Hitman” Moses, Frank Fredericks and others.

He however cautioned that it is only through dedication and achievement in sport that those who excel eventually become champions and are able to generate income to enable them to support their families and communities where they live.

Tobias called upon all boxing fans and the public in general to come in their big numbers to support the boxers. The tickets will be available at the Boxing Control Board and the Windhoek Country Club Resorts and casino at the cost of N$100 per head.

“We have always said that it is important that we make this World Cup more accessible to the people and with over the counter sales, we believe this measure is consistent with the needs of the fans.”

Ticket prices are also well above normal for top-level football in South Africa.

A special category for local residents sells at 145 rand (£13) but costs escalate drastically in higher categories for better seats and after the first-round group phase with prices for premier seats at the final coming in at 6982 rand (£611).

Demand in South Africa had initially been sluggish but the most recent phase saw 85% of the 240,000 tickets sold between February and the beginning of April go to locals.

Fifa has since revealed that 2.2m tickets have been sold for the tournament, which kicks off on 11 June.