MARIENTAL - ‘Change’ in Namibia’s football appears to take the upper hand, or so it is implied by those in the know of the beautiful game.

Three heads are on the block vy-ing for Namibia Football Association (NFA) presidency has been announced. The election will be held in Windhoek and is due on October 2 this year.

The presidential nominees are the incumbent NFA President, John Muinjo while Ranga Haikali and Dr Korbinian ‘Viscaya’ Amutenya challenge for the position.

The latter served under Muinjo as vice president but relinquished his position as he was elected to serve in the Parliament. He was not re-elected and opted to challenge his former boss for the top NFA post.

Two prominent Namibian entrepreneurs, Ranga Haikali and John Johnson Doeseb made their presence felt as they unequivocally expressed their vision when they launched their declaration of principles on Wednesday in Windhoek.

Haikali who vies for President of NFA President, John Johnson Doeseb made their presidential manifesto.

Doeseb, on the other hand, endorsed NPL is the owner and Executive Director (ED) of the Premier League outfit, Black Africa. His is a second major football tournament in Southern Africa, which continues in a knockout format, with the top team in each pool will be determined according to the FIFA World Rankings to select the eight lowest positioned nations in the COSAFA region.

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The other candidates who contend for the vice presidency are the incumbent Cornelius Kapenda, challenged by Doeseb and France Mbidi.

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The 2010 COSAFA Senior Challenge will see the cream of Southern Africa’s football talent in Southern Africa, and look forward to welcoming the teams to Angola,” the Minister of Youth and Sports for Angola, Gonçalves Muandumba, says.

The Estádio Nacional de Luanda will be the stages for the 14-team event, one that will utilize the excellent infrastructure that was put in place for the Nations Cup.

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