A successful conference was held this week at the hotel of Walvis Bay, where the Minister of Education Dr Abraham Iyambo met with business and industry leaders at the town to see how businesses can assist Government in improving the state of Education in the Erongo Region.

The meeting hosted by the Walvis Bay Chamber of Commerce and Industry, hoped that the meeting come fort with ideas on how to tackle challenges facing the region.

Key agendas that form part of the discussion were the promotion of literacy, tertiary and secondary education, technical institutes, trade institutes, involving the youth in economic development, opportunity for further studies, skills training and building professional competence as well as land allocation for educational institutions.

Minister Iyambo applauded the NCCI Walvis Bay office for organizing the gathering emphasizing that for education to succeed it needs partners that are willing to dig deep into their pockets and uplift the standard of their education set up.

“We need partnership to take our education set up to greater heights” said Iyambo who added that Government address the construction of roads.

“Specific attention must be paid to the construction of feeder roads to serve rural communities and improve access for these communities to facilities such as schools, hospitals and health centers as well as to markets,” said President Pohamba.

“The implementation of these projects should also be managed so as to create maximum numbers of employment opportunities for our people. Thus, it is important to ensure that, when road construction projects are implemented in rural areas, the labour-based method of construction must also be used.”

“Today we are facing different enemies. Our enemies are poverty, hunger, disease, ignorance, underdevelopment, racism, tribalism, regionalism, ethnicity and corruption. Let us all become foot soldiers to confront and defeat these enemies under the banner of the SWAPO Party government.”

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Nujoma and President Pohamba to the airport early in the morning the day before and were ordered “not to leave” the airport until the plane had taken off.

Swanepoel said that they were given some food and coffee. This account tallies with what Cde Nujoma had written in his autobiography. He said he did not eat the food because he did not trust the Boers.

While Swanepoel accounts tally with what Cde Nujoma had written and a “few police officers.” He pointed out that Swanepoel's book may put to test his claim in his book.

Swanepoel said that Cde Nujoma landed, there was a “reception committee” consisting of himself, Brigadier Croes and a few police officers. He also claimed that it was only after an “evaluation of emergency targets” was completed that it was considered that “Nujoma would be more valuable to us while with his own forces, than if he were to join our hands.”

Swanepoel’s book dismisses Malan’s account, saying that Cde Nujoma and Pohamba were deported the very next day.

“Now that Malan’s book has been disected by one of his own,” said one SWAPO Party Youth League leader, “will Malan apologize to our Founding President?”

Swanepoel joined the South African Police Special Branch in the 1950s, and saw it growing through many formations and names until it was eventually renamed BOSS. He came to Namibia first in 1961.