

Aupindi gets award



NWR MD Toby Aupindi, left, at the World Travel Awards event.

At a glittering and glamorous Gala Presentation Dinner of the Africa and Indian Ocean award ceremony of the World Travel Awards, held for the first time on the African continent at the Sandton Convention Centre, Johannesburg, on the 7th July, Dr Aupindi Tobie Aupindi, Managing Director of Namibia Wildlife Resorts, was voted Africa's Tourism Personality of the year by 183 000 travel expert and business leaders from all over the world.

The World Travel Award is the "OSCAR" of the travel industry and winning the event automati-

cally elevates one's status internationally. Motivating to the guest in Sandton the President of the World Travel Award Mr Graham Cooke said he is pleased that the international travel industry has voted for Dr Aupindi. He said this came in recognition of his achievements and business acumen over the past four years in spearheading the turnaround of the State Owned Enterprise, Namibia Wildlife Resorts. Namibia Wildlife Resorts was also voted Namibia's Leading Tourism Brand. He further said that while the NWR is not there where we want it, he acknowledges the mess

it was in and said that anyone blind to see these realities does not simply care about reality. He said that some five years ago NWR could not even make it into Europe's premier brochure, however, today he said NWR is featured prominently and the top tour operators in Europe are happy about the progress made and are indeed supporting the NWR product. He said "the Government send Tobie on a very tough mission and he has succeeded and the World Travel industry recognizes people who are at least making a hard effort to bring positive changes to the lives of many" Win-

ning these awards represent a significant acknowledgement to Dr Aupindi and to Namibia Wildlife Resorts.

Other personalities Aupindi was nominated for the Africa personality of the year award together with David Coutts-Trotter the CEO of Sun International, Ms Siza Mzimela the CEO of South African Airways, Otto Stehlik the Chairman of Protea Hotel, David Wood the MD of Southern Sun Hotels.

The World Travel Awards have been an annual event on the tourism calendar for the past 17 years, but this was the first time that it was held in Africa, to coincide with the hosting of the FIFA 2010 Soccer World Cup on African soil. The World Travel Awards aim to acknowledge, reward and celebrate excellence across all sectors of the global travel, tourism and hospitality industry, and have been touted as the "Oscars of the travel industry".

It is a celebration of those individuals and organizations that have made the greatest contribu-

tion to the global tourism and travel industry, and recognizes those brands that are driving the industry to greater heights and innovation in travel.

This year, 183000 industry professionals participated in the voting process, which is independently audited.

The Gala Dinner was attended by several hundred distinguished guests, including the tourism industry's senior professionals, major tourism leaders, and high ranking government representatives, international business leaders and people from the entertainment business.

The event also received extensive regional, national and international broadcast and print media coverage through the event partners such as World.Mobi, BBC World News, Breaking Travel News and eTurboNews.

Guests were treated to entertainment by a diversity of international and local artists, including the Soweto Marimba Youth Leagues during welcoming drinks, and by Sterling EQ, African Footprint,

Kwela Tebza, the Clinch Crew, Umoja and one of South Africa's top comedians, Trevor Noah.

Winners of awards at the Africa and Indian Ocean Gala Ceremony will compete against the best throughout the world at the World Travel Awards Grand Finale, which will take place in London (UK) in November, immediately before World Travel Market.

During the interviews with the international press, Aupindi told the press that Africans can only emancipate themselves from poverty if they try to overcome a colonial influenced present, battle against mediocrity and regain their rightful place on the global stage. He further said economic development, economic growth and empowerment of the African people is no longer negotiable.

Aupindi paid tribute to the international business personalities and travel executives from all over the world who voted for him as Africa's personality of the year. "Its touching and motivating to me that I am appreciated by people from so far away" Aupindi said.

Awala disowns Ya Nangoloh's 'family' list

By Matti Awala

I, Matti Awala, from Onesi Constituency in Omusati Region hereby would like to make it categorically clear that I was not part and parcel of Ya Nangoloh's family members who signed the petition submitted to Namibia Today and other media.

I therefore would like to request Ya Nangoloh's group to clear my name in this regard. They should come out and inform the media and public that I was not part of their discussions. Personally, I have not met Ya Nangolo up to this stage since I returned from ex-

ile. I only called him when I saw my name linked to the story which appeared in Namibia Today.

To include my name in the statement is an abuse of human rights, as far as I am

concerned. I am not aware of any death threats against Mr. Ya Nangoloh.

I believe that in Namibia there is no one who wants to kill Ya Nangoloh.

I advise Mr. Ya Nangolo to seek repentance for him to be at peace with fellow

Namibians. He should learn to love his fellow countrymen and women, even

those who he hates. Namibia is a peaceful country for all of us, including

Ya Nangoloh,

I do not want my name to be used for personal gains. Let him be assured that Namibia's laws protect everyone.

Mrs. Martha Alweendo informed me that she put my name on the list without my consent and I ask her to clear my name to the media. The apology she wrote is not clear. She therefore should do it clearer terms without any delay.

I do not want my reputation as a peace-loving Namibian to be tempered with.

Public Management and Policy Making, Which way to go?

By Ben Uugwanga

Introduction

The government of the Republic of Namibia is 20 years old. In these 20 years the government has done much in its resolve to address development, poverty alleviation and the provision of basic amenities. This task is huge and can successfully be undertaken should we prioritise resource allocation and if our plans are smart and morally sound. In light of this, there is a need to take stock on how service delivery has been implemented and the extend to which it has been successfully carried out in order to institute corrective measures where necessary. This will provide an understanding on where we are, where we want to be, how we got there and how we know that we got there.

Under the current state of affairs public management and policy making has been extremely humanistic. Perhaps this is the reason why we need a new approach. Vision 2030 envisions that Namibia should become an industrialized country by the year 2030. From a system thinking

perspective this is quite an enormous challenge considering the reliance on foreign direct investments and the bottlenecks involved in accessing certain markets, the technological skills constraints and the policy dictates of the International Political Economy. The above are factors that instill uncertainties and insecurity to Namibia in achieving prosperity at a targeted time frame.

In spite of the above it is crucial from a citizen's perspective for service delivery to be pro-poor and executed through prudence after equity, effectiveness and efficiency measures have been complied with. Being mindful of the meager resources at government's disposal, surely good planning and priority setting is needed in the implementation of programs which need to be sustained with available resources. It is also important for government to be transparent and accountable in its policy decisions by providing the rational for the choices taken. In any event choices need to be cost-effective and address the moral, economic and developmental spin-offs that they will

provide to the beneficiaries of service delivery.

The purpose of this paper is to investigate the framework for policy making and the extend on how policy analysis, priority setting, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation can be executed in order to cut on cost and ensure the effective utilization of human, material and financial resources for the purpose of attaining effective service delivery. At the same time the paper looks at leadership and management and the concept of Public Private Partnership to which a set of criteria are recommended to avoid getting into loose-win relations.

The paper opines that the secular humanistic framework for policy analysis is proving costly and ineffective to government. The author proposes a Christian-centric approach to policy making to provide alternatives to the re-vamping of the education system, holistic health provision, crime prevention and rehabilitation, family restoration, counseling and

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