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Register Biometrically

Biometric identification involves fingerprint mapping, facial recognition, and retina scans which form part of biometric technology - these are just the most recognised options.

The Fund has announced that it will suspend monthly benefit payments during March 2023 to all those pensioners, spousal and children beneficiaries who have not yet enrolled on the Fund's new biometric enrolment system by 28 February 2023.

Tjiramba said the Fund decision will also affect all those members who entered retirement at the end of January 2023.

He explained that the Fund launched the new biometrics enrolment and verification system on 1 August 2022 and has since embarked on nationwide outreach.

The outreach was to raise awareness and to enroll pensioners and affected beneficiaries to secure their monthly pension benefits going forward.

"Enrolment in the biometric system is key to

ensuring that the Fund pays benefits to the rightful beneficiaries and on time," said GIPF principal officer, David Nuyoma.

As such, pensioners and beneficiaries are encouraged to go to nearby mobile teams in the regions and enroll, as well as at all GIPF regional offices countrywide without delay.

"On average, the Fund pays N\$220 million per month in pension benefits and fully understands the safety net this provides to many Namibian families," Nuyoma said.

The Eagle FM Business Desk informal assessment has found that biometric identification has a The country Mobile Telecommunication (MTC) has also launched a programme to go beyond document identification and to include biometric information.

Biometric or physical characteristics are relatively fixed and individualised — even in the case of twins.

Each person's unique biometric identity can be used to replace or at least augment password systems for computers, phones and restricted access rooms and buildings.

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NOTICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PROCESS FOR THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF A FUEL RETAIL FACILITY AND ASSOCIATED INFRASTRUCTURE AT MPUNGU, KAVANGO WEST REGION-NAMIBIA.

EnviroPlan Consulting cc hereby gives notice to all potential Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs), that an application for Environmental Clearance certificate will be made to the Environmental Commissioner in terms of the Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) as follows;

Proponent: Dapps Enterprises CC **Environmental Assessment Practitioner:** EnviroPlan Consulting cc.

Project Description and Location:

a.) Site is located at the intersection of the C45 and D3407 road in Mpungu Village

Site Coordinates:

Lat: -17.652527°, Long: 18.240668°

Public participation process: Interested and affected parties are hereby notified that a public participation meeting will be held on 04 March 2023. The venue and time will be communicated to registered Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs). **The participation and commenting period is effective until 20 March 2023.**

To register or request for documents submit your details in writing to the Environmental Consultant or alternatively fill the online form, link and contact details given; https://forms.gle/PhfCoqbnQPxu8qqi6

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Namibia, Botswana

According to him, the move can be an example to other neighbouring countries to achieve the same goal in the future for free movement of people and goods.

Opelo said the agreement demonstrates the unwavering commitment of the two governments in implementing a uniquely progressive aspect of the strategy of bilateral cooperation between the two countries.

"The agreement will thus serve to eliminate barriers to the free movement of people, goods, and services thereby strengthening trade between the two neighbouring countries," he said.

"As member states of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), this agreement between Botswana and Namibia will also contribute to the objective of the SADC treaty which calls on SADC member states to develop policies aimed at the progressive elimination of obstacles to the free movement of people, goods and services." Additionally, Opelo noted that the use of national identity cards for cross-border travel will enhance the momentum for economic and regional integration and further promote safe and orderly migration.

"This development will become even more impactful on people's lives as Mamuno/Trans-Kalahari border post attains a full-fledged status of a one-stop border post operating on a 24-hour basis currently," he added.

The MOU will further foster social cohesion among the citizen of the two nations who share profound historical, cultural and economic bonds in addition to the values of democracy, self-determination as a people, human rights, peace, rule of law and good governance, amongst others.

Namibia and Botswana's agreement forms part of the broader African Agenda 2063 which aims to remove barriers to Africans' freedom of movement, employment, and residence on their continent, which is the free mobility of Africans within it.

The initiative also aims to change Africa's laws, which remain largely restrictive on the movement of people regardless of political vows to remove borders.



a.) Farm Ukamas No. 69 in Ariamsvlei.

The proponent intends to construct and operate a fuel retail facility and truck port to service trucks and vehicles passing through to South Africa through the Ariamsvlei border, including local residents of Ariamsvlei.

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