

Shilongo's ACC stay extended

■ Edward Mumbuu

Career spy Tylvas Shilongo's stint as the Anti-Corruption Commission's executive director got a boost this month after his contract – which lapses in August – was extended by 24 months.

He will be 62 when his current contract runs out.

This was revealed by the commission's deputy director general Erna van der Merwe on Monday.

Shilongo took over from Hannu Shipena, who was redeployed to the National Council of Higher Education.

Until August 2020, Shilongo served as senior general manager at the Namibia Central Intelligence Service (NCIS).

At the time, his deployment to the ACC was seen by opposition parties and certain quarters of society as an attempt to interfere with ongoing investigations into the Fishrot scandal.

The government has denied this theory.

New Era caught up with Shilongo on the sidelines of the commemoration of Corruption Day.

He was elated by the confidence his appointing authority – Prime Minister Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila – has in his abilities.

According to him, he had already packed his bags and was ready to go home.

"I would have wanted to go on retirement but I was requested to stay on. Maybe the appointing authority might have seen the potential in me. Maybe they might have realised that I still have to do what I should have left incomplete,"

Shilongo said.

His new contract ends in June 2024.

Key on his bucket list is to see through the implementation of the National Anti-Corruption Strategy and Action Plan for 2021 to 2025, he said.

"That is the duty that I have in terms of putting in place [I am not saying things are not in place. My predecessor did a marvellous job], but we need to continue where he left off," Shilongo noted.

The past 24 months at the helm of the country's premier anti-graft body have been more of induction, he continued.

"Now that I am given an opportunity for another two years, I think I will make sure the national strategy has delivered to the letter and make sure that all the stakeholders that are part in terms of the inclusivity, empowerment of the society and broad-based participation with the citizens are achieved so that every stakeholder contributes and is part of the fight," he explained.

He was quick to note that the role of the media in combating and preventing corruption cannot be overemphasised.

More so, as the chief administrator at the ACC, Shilongo would not go without delving into some challenges they are confronted with.

"We are challenged with resources – be it financial or human," he said.

The ACC, however, finds solace in the government's political will to fight corruption.

"You could even see how parliament is actually on our side. Our chief, where we report, the Speaker, tabled our budget in parliament, and you see that the ACC is not adequately resourced," he said.



Stay on... Tylvas Shilongo's stint as Anti-Corruption Commission's executive director was extended by 24 months.

Photo: Edward Mumbuu

For the current financial year, the ACC was allocated N\$63 million by the treasury.

Over 80% of this goes into personnel-related expenditure.

Shilongo is, however, not naïve, conceding that State coffers have dwindled dramatically in recent times.

He pointed to the perennial drought, the slow-down in the global economy and the Covid-19 pandemic as factors affecting the government's general expenditure.

"Going into the mid-year budget review, we were promised that they will look at that and we cross our fingers," he said.

Like many government entities, the ACC has also adopted a culture of doing more with limited resources.

At the same time, after 14 years of service at the anti-corruption body, Christine Liswaniso, acting head for public education and corruption prevention, will bow out by the end of July, and it was also announced.

She joined the ACC at its infancy.
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Bail appeal of alleged cop killer dismissed

■ Roland Routh

Windhoek High Court Judges Dinnah Usiku and Herman January dismissed an appeal by one of the men accused of killing Walvis Bay cop, Asser Dominicus.

Sem Matias lodged an appeal after magistrate John Sindano refused to release him on bail, pending the charges against him.

Matias and six other accused face charges of murder, robbery and attempted robbery over the killing of Dominicus (29), who died after being stabbed twice in his chest area.

It is alleged by the State that the seven men, Lucas Kambanda (20), David Samuel (25), Sem Matias (27), Naftali Junias (26), Festus Matias (24), Doctor Niilenge (17) and James Jeremia Matatu (27) attacked Dominicus while he was walking his girlfriend home around 00h30 after visiting friends in Kuisebmond on 4 June 2021.

They allegedly also robbed the victim of a Samsung cell phone.

They were all denied bail, and Matias subsequently filed a bail application in the Walvis Bay Magistrate Court, which was denied.

He then filed an appeal with the High Court, claiming the magistrate erred when he ruled he has a propensity to commit crimes of violence; a propensity to be charged on theft cases; has shown a pattern of deviant behaviour – and that if released, he may commit further offences.

The prosecutor general, represented by Ethel Ndlovu, opposed the appeal on the basis that it will not be in the interest of the administration of justice to release him on bail for the fear that is likely to abscond, and also not in the interest of society, as he is likely to re-offend if released on bail.

Judges Usiku and January concurred that the prosecution established a nexus between Matias and the crimes committed on 4 June 2021.

Although Matias claimed he left the scene in a taxi before the deceased and his companion were attacked, evidence produced placed him on the scene, the judges stated.

Matias is represented by legal aid lawyer Tanya Klazen.

'Body in freezer' accused deny guilt



Murdered... The body of a 22-year-old man was found in a refrigerator at Herero Mall. Photo: File

■ Maria Amakali

Two Windhoek residents, who were arrested in connection to the lifeless body of a 22-year-old that was discovered in freezer at Herero Mall in Katutura, have denied any wrongdoing.

Malakia Mateus (22) and Amos Israel (35) pleaded not guilty to the charges of murder and attempting to defeat or obstruct the course of justice.

The pair did not furnish any explanation when they tendered their preliminary plea before Katutura Magistrate Venatius Alweendo.

Through their lawyer Enos Mwakondange, they will leave it up to the State to prove the allegations it has levelled against them.

The court postponed the matter to 20 July for the prosecutor general to decide whether or not she will prosecute the accused and on what charges.

Mateus and Israel were arrested on 4 November 2021 following the discovery of the remains of Levi Kondjeni Mutundu Paulus in an unplugged freezer.

According to a police crime report, the victim was last seen two days before the grim discovery.

The police said Paulus, who is suspected to be an Angolan national, conducted business at Herero Mall.

He was last seen alive on 29 October 2021. His body was discovered on 31 October 2021 after a reek prompted the family to enter the bar, where they found his already decomposing body "inside a

closed refrigerator".

The police suspect Paulus was assaulted because his body was brutally bruised, and there were some signs of scuffles inside the room.

The duo is still in police custody after being denied bail, following the state's strong objection.

According to the State, the pair face serious charges; there is a fear they might abscond before they stand trial, and investigations are still ongoing.

Furthermore, it would not be in the interest of the public or administration of justice to release Mateus and his co-accused Israel on bail.

They remain incarcerated at the Otjomuise police station.
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CLOSING DATE FOR COMMENTS: 29th July 2022



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Tuma etumwalaka lyoye efupi nenge "sms" konomola ndji 99902, omanga inoo shanga etumwalaka lyoye, tameka noshitya Oshi opo ihe to landulithako "osms" yoye. Osms kehe ota yi gu NSI.



Albert Kawana

Kawana a hala oondjambi dhaapolisi dha gwedhelwa

MINISTA gwiikwameni, amatembu, egameno nepopilo lyoshigwana Albert Kawana okwa popi kutya oha ehamekwa kokukala aluhe a tala oondjambi dhaapolisi dhi li pevi noonkondo – unene tuu mboka ye na oonkatu dhopevi dhi li kofi yuinspekta wopombanda.

"Ondi wete kutya ngashingeyi otuli pethimbo lyokuyapukila mbala ngaashi tashi vulika onkalo ndjoka kaayi li nawa opo aapolisi ya longe ye li momusin-dalandu gwilonga gu li nawa," osho Kawana a popi ngaaka, mOlyomakaya.

Kawana ndhoka okwe dhi popi poshi-tuthi shoka sha tetekelewa keyonagulo nefikopo lyoondjembo 5 532 osho wo iikuti yi li po210 000 nosha ningilwa pehala lyaaakwiita lyomaidhelo gokuumba oondjembo, mOmbaye.

Momaandaha, kakukutu gwetanga lyopolisi moshilongo, Sebastian Ndeitunga, okwa yambidhidha dhaKawana nokwa popi kutya eindilothaneke lyoondjambi dhaapolisi dhi talutlwe dho dhi gwedhelwa olya gandjwa nale kepangelo nolyi li poshitafula.

Ashike nando ongaaka, epangelo pethimbo ndika olya ndjika oonyala mevi kombinga yegwedhelo lyoondjambi dhaaniilonga mepangelo, omolwoshi-maliwa shoka tashi nyangwaanyanga. "Kapu na oshimaliwa. Ando opwa li oshimaliwa ando othe shi tula miilonga. Shoka osho nee tatu pula epangelo li shi tale, dho oondjambi dhaapolisi dhi gwedhelwe monakuyiwa.

"Opu na omathaneko opo omwaka ngoka gu li pokati koondjambi moonka-tu, gu kuthwe po molwashoka omunene noonkondo. Otatu pula opo epangelo lyi shi tale uuna pwa holoka oshimaliwa," osho Ndeitunga a popi ngaaka.

Okwa popi kutya aapolisi mboka ya gumwa noonkondo oomboka haya longe mOmbaye nomOvenduka.

Okwa popi kutya oondjambi odhindji dhomuyo ohadhi hulile ashike miifuta yokuhila [momahala gokuthitha] molwashoka kamu na omahala ga gwana gomulakulwa gaapolisi.

Ndeitunga okwa gwedha po wo kutya onkalo yooondjambi dhaapolisi oyo tashi hahwameke ya kaletaya kutubingwa miilonga yiimbuluma nomuilingilingi. "... molwashoka ihaya kwata nawa nokulongitha okashona hokahaya mono. Yamwe ohaya longitha po oshimaliwa shawo miiniwa yowala, ngaashi momalovu," osho a popi ngaaka.

OMUKWEYO GWE-TUNTILLO ... Methano ndika otamu monika aagundjuka ya tegelela etuntilo lyocorona poshipangelo shepangelo shEenhana, mOmaandaha. Omaindilo gekuto metanga lyegameno otaga pula opo mboka ye na ohokwe ya kale ya tuntulwa.

Ethano: Ann Shinana



'Katu na nkene'

... aagundjuka taya tuntulwa opo ya ninge omaindilo gekuto muukwiita

OLUGODHI lwokutala ngele genongo taga fe gongombe mokutaambwa metanga lyegameno olwa tameka nale. Omolwonkalo yokwaana iilonga yi li pombanda moshilongo, oyendji mboka ye na ohokwe oya tameke okukonga iinakugwanithwa tayi pumbiwa momaindilo gekuto lyaaakwiita ye li 1 500, ndyoka lya tseyithwa koshikondo shetanga lyegameno petameko lyoshiwike shika.

Limwe lyomiipumbiwa tayi dhengele momaindilo guukwiita, okukwatela mo okakalata ketuntilo lyombuto yocorona momusholondondo gwoodokume tadhii pumbiwa momaindilo.

Pauyelele wuuministili wuundjolowe, omuti gwolohson & Johnson (J&J) ogwo aguke gu li moshilongo hagu wendwa lwoshikando shimwe okumana ko etuntilo lyocorona. Omiti dhi lwe ndhoka dhi li moshilongo ohadhi pumbwa oowenda mbali opo omuntu a mane ko etuntilo lyombuto yocorona.

Ashike uuyakadhi womulandu gwetuntilo lyomuti gwoowenda dhoapaali oomboka kutya uuna omuntu a pewa owenda yotango, opo na okupita omwaka gwomwedhi [nenge omasiku ga konda po28] opo a pewa owenda ontialy ndjoka tayi kwashilipaleke kutya okwa mana ko etuntilo lyocorona.

Omaindilo gekuto lyaaakwiita oga tameka mOmaandaha notaga hulu momasiku 29 July, naashoka tashi ulike kutya mboka ye na ehalo lyokuninga omaindilo oye na okupewa owenda yoJ&J, oshoka omiti dhetuntilo lyowenda yopaali otadhi ka ndopa okutsa kumwe nesiku lya hugunina lyomaindilo.

MuSeptemba omumvo gwa zi ko, kakukutu gwetanga lyaaakwiita moshilongo, Martin Pinehas, okwa lombwele aakwiita ayehe moshilongo ya ka tuntulwe ocorona, etokolo ndyoka lwanima lya yambidhidwa kuminista gwetanga lyegameno Frans Kapofi.

Ashike nando ongaaka, aaningi yomaindilo oyendji uunambo, oya lombwele onzonkundaneki ndjika kutya oye wete oshipumbiwa shetuntilo lyombuto yocorona kaashi li pauyuki.

"Otatu thiminika tu kale taya tuntulwa, ashike nando ongaaka otashi vulika omuntu wu kale inoo tothwa mo, oshoka aantu owala ye li 1 500 taya pumbiwa okuza moshilongo aashihe," osho Petrus Hamukwaya a popi ngaaka.

Pethimbo eli momukweyo gwombelewayakansela, pOmbili, mOmaandaha, Hamukwaya okwa popi kutya etuntilo tadhii dhengele ndyoka li na okutulwa miipumbiwa yomaindilo, otali sholpitha.

"Kashi li pauyuki opo uuministili wu tule po iipumbiwa ngambyoka, molwashoka ngele owa tala komwala, aagundjuka oyendji moshilongo kaye na iilonga, yo ishewe inaya tuntulwa, onkene otaya kala ya hakelela iilonga," osho a popi ngaaka.

Faith Simasiku (18) okwa popi tati: "Omolwashike [etuntilo] li na okukala tali dhengele? Omol-

washike itaa tu pitikwa owala okuninga omaindilo opo etuntilo li ningilwe ashike mboka taya tothwa mo? Molwashoka haaningi yomaindilo ayehe, taya ka tothwa mo."

Amon Paulus, ngoka e na omimvo 29, okwa popi kutya nonande meindolo otamu pulwa omuntu a tule mo umbangi kutya okwa wendwa, ye oku na ashike oku ninge eindilo a tale ngele genongo taga fe gongombe.

Onzonkundaneki ndika okwa li wo ya talele po oshipangelo shepangelo shEenhana, nosha li sha ngundumanenwa kaagundjuka oyendji mboka ya hala etuntilo lyocorona opo ya ganithwe po iipumbiwa.

Omupangi, ngoka a tindi edhina lye li tumbulwe, okwa lombwele oThe Namibian kutya aagundjuka oya menekele poshipangelo opo ya shilipaleke kutya oya tuntulwa kuyele.

"Sho nda thiki piilonga ongula yonena, onda adha nale oshipangelo shu udha. Ondiwete kutya ngiika oya tala omuti gwetuntilo gu pwe po omanga inaa ya tuntulwa," osho a popi ngaaka.

Paulus Shihafeleni (22) okwa popi kutya okwa zi kOndobe popepi nEenhana opo a shilipaleke kutya okwa tuntulwa ye a tale ngele ta ningi omunelago mekuto lyuukwiita.

"Ondeya ndi tuntulwe molwashoka kandi na iilonga. Kandi li nda tuntulwa molwashoka okwa li nda tala omolwomahokololo ga kala taga popilwa omuti gwetuntilo lyocorona. Ngashingeyi kandi na nkene. Onda hala iilonga," osho a popi ngaaka.

Monakuziwa onzonkundaneki ndjika oya lopota kutya Kapofi okwa li a popi tati: "Nangame mwene okwa li nda kwatwa kocorona, nondi shi kutya ohayi vulu okuninga omuntu ngiini. Nonande omu na omapooyo moshigwana, etuntilo oyo ashike oshinima shi li mondjila. Elalakano lyetu okukala omuntu kehe a tuntulwa.

Pauyelele womiyalu dhUuministili wU-undjolowele nOmayakulo gOnkalanawa, sigo oompaka aantu ye li 501 362 oya pewa owenda yawo yotango yocorona, omanga aantu 431 040 oya mana ko etuntilo lyawo.

IIPUMBIWA YILWE

Pauyelele wu li momukanda gwiiipumbiwa yaamboka taya kongwa miilonga yuukwiita, omwaka kwatwela engambeko lyoomvula pookati ko18 sigo 25, osho wo onzapo yondondo 12 niitsa ya konda po27.

Ofoloma yeindilo oyi na okugandjwa pamwe niipumbiwa ngaashi okakalata koshizemo shocorona, oookopi ngaashi yonzapo yevalo, yonzapo yondondo 12, osho wo ethano lyoshipala.

Aaningi yomaindilo yaalumentu oya tegwa ya kale ye na omuthika gu li pokati koometa 1,52 sigo 2, omanga oshiviha shawo nashi kale shi li pokati kookilohalama 55 sigo 81.

Aakiintu ye na ohokwe yokuninga aakwiita, oya tegelelwa ya ye na omuthika guule wu li pokati koometa 1,52 sigo 1,83, omanga oshiviha shawo nashi kale shi li pokati kookilohalama 55 sigo 81.

Mboka taya tothwa mo naya kale wo ya pyakudhukwa okuya komakonakono gombuto yoHIV/AIDS, naakiintu oye na wo okukonakona kutalwe ngele oye na omategelelo.

Omaindilo gaamboka ye na ohokwe noya adha iipumbiwa tayi pulwa, otaga taambwa koombelewa dhiikandjohogololo ayihe moshilongo.

Elelo lyetanga lyegameno olya gandja wo elondodho moshigwana shi kale shi li upathii kombinga yaangeleli mboka taya pula ofuto moshigwana nokufundja kutya yo aakalelipo yetanga lyegameno okukwathela mekuto lyaaakwiita.

Uuministili owa popi nokukoleka kutya ekuto ndyoka otali ningwa oshali, naayihe nayi ningwe okupitila koombelewa nenge shikwatela komilandu dhuuyeleye wetsyitho lyopambelewa ndyoka lya zi kuuministili.

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■ Pabeja Siririka

Nghipondoka: Safeguarding schools cannot be overemphasised

Education minister Anna Nghipondoka said violence in schools directly affects children who experience it and creates insecurity and fear that hinder desired educational performance thus ensuring safe schools cannot be overstressed.

Alongside executive director Sanet Steenkamp, the duo formed part of the delegation that attended the pre-summit at the UNESCO headquarters in Paris from 28 to 30 June 2022, to co-lead Thematic Action Track 1 with Italy which focuses on inclusive, equitable, healthy and safe schools.

The cultural originations state that for learners to learn, they need to be healthy and happy, while poor health and wellbeing has a detrimental effect on school attendance, learning and academic performance.

"Education transformation will only be successful when learners are part of it as active

players, ensuring safe schools where children feel safe, secured and valued, cannot be overemphasised," said Nghipondoka.

She stated that violence such as bullying and sexual abuse can have negative and lasting effects on the victim, bystander or perpetrator and an overall impact on the physical, cognitive, social and emotional development of children.

"Children who are bullied often exhibit a marked decline in school achievement and reluctance to participate in school activities and to engage socially with peers. Violent school settings have a detrimental impact on mental health and increase the risk of substance abuse and suicide," Nghipondoka said.

She added that for learners



Safeguarding learners... A Namibian delegation at the pre-summit in Paris. Photo: Contributed

to attain their educational achievements, it is essential that they fully participate in educational activities that are provided in a receptive and safe learning environment.

"Violence and abuse in schools cannot be considered separate

from the broader environment in which a school operates because it is a complex, multifaceted problem. Schools are social spaces that reflect power relationships and discriminatory practices in the wider society," she said.

Nghipondoka stated:

"Violence in educational settings often reflects violence in other settings in children's lives, such as their families and communities. Violence is further embedded in social and cultural norms around authority, hierarchy, gender discrimination and discipline. These same norms determine society's response to violence (or lack thereof)."

Identifying that education is a human right and a foundation for peace, tolerance, other human rights and sustainable development, the UN Secretary General António Guterres announced in his report to the UN General Assembly on 'Our Common Agenda' his intention to convene a Transforming Education Summit (TES) in September 2022.

The summit is aimed at mobilising action, ambition, solidarity and solutions to transform education between now, 2030 and beyond.

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Govt farm gets cash injection

... N\$2.3m pledged to boost productivity

■ Hilma Hashange

ONDERA FARM - About N\$2.3 million was pledged towards the integrated food systems project at the Ondera resettlement farm in the Guinas constituency of the Oshikoto region.

A fundraising luncheon was held at the farm on the 16th June, where various stakeholders pledged, both monetary and skills transfer, towards the establishment of the project, which will boost the productivity at the farm.

According to Oshikoto chief regional officer Christella Mwenyo, the aim of the project is to improve the livelihoods of the community members through the integrated food system.

"The project is school as well as community based and aims to supply food to the community and improve food systems," said Mwenyo, adding that the project emanated from a memorandum of understanding that was signed between the council and the World Food Programme (WFP) in 2021 to address food security in the region.

According to the country director of WFP, George Fedha, the Ondera community was chosen for the project as they showed a level of commitment to work and earn a living.

"We have a world food crisis in our hands, Namibia has historically grown its own food before, so it can be done. At Ondera, there will be a milling plant, so soon we will be baking and eating bread. It is baby steps but we will get there," he said.

The WFP has pledged a whopping N\$2 million towards the project which will be done in phases. Burmeister and Partners will be the consulting engineers for the project.

Oshikoto regional governor Penda Ya Ndakolo, who officiated the launch of the project, said



Potential... The vast land of Ondera farm.

hunger undermines growth and the country through its various national development goals such as the Harambee Prosperity plans 1 and 2. He said Namibia has always committed itself to eradicate hunger and poverty.

"Namibia has made tremendous progress towards achieving its goals such as the establishment of school feeding programmes but challenges such as climate change have affected the production of food in the country.

However, despite these challenges, Oshikoto has the potential to become the bread basket of the country and an agricultural hub. I therefore urge the Ondera community to conceptualise on the project in order to attract more investors," said Ya Ndakolo.

The governor commended the stakeholders involved in the project and issued a clarion call to potential investors to consider complementing government efforts.

Jan Haneb, an administrative officer from the Ondera farm, said that government relocated the community to Ondera after purchasing the resettlement farm.

"As the saying goes, a hungry man is an angry man. Our government did not want us to be angry so they relocated us to Ondera. In 2013, there were 263 members who were

relocated and trained on how to farm and grow their own food," Haneb said.

He added that the farm was productive up until 2016 when the electricity supply to the farm was cut off.

"The boreholes depend on electricity because if there is no

electricity, there is no water. After the electricity supply was cut off, we had planted but could not harvest. We didn't give up, we kept informing the government about our challenges and finally we got solar panels so we do not need electricity anymore," he added.

Haneb further said the community mainly depends on social grants, as many of the youth... are unemployed.

He is, however, grateful for the project as it will keep the youth occupied.

"The Oshikoto regional council has really done a great thing for our community, the day has finally arrived and we are very happy and thankful," said a delighted Haneb.

The farm currently has 445 households of the Hai //om from the San community and covers approximately 7140 hectares.

There are 10 boreholes and four solar systems at the farm which mainly grows tomatoes and maize.



In charge... The administrative officer at Ondera farm Jan Haneb. Photos: Hilma Hashange



MUNICIPALITY OF OMARURU

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The Municipality of Omaruru hereby invites prospective bidders through Open National Bidding (ONB) procedures to submit their bids for the following:

1. PROCUREMENT NO.:	CS/RP/OM-03/2022
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Levy	N\$300-00 (Non-Refundable) Note: Please resubmit your receipt if you have bought previously SC/ONB/OM-002/2021

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PUBLIC MEETING
Windhoek Meeting
 Venue: Namibia Scientific Society (110 Robert Mugabe Avenue)
 Date: 19 July 2022
 Time: 12h00

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CLOSING DATE FOR COMMENTS: 29th July 2022



More than 5 000 cases listed with labour ministry

• ARLANA SHIKONGO

MINISTER of labour, industrial relations and employment creation Utoni Nujoma says the ministry has adjudicated on more than 5 000 labour cases in the past year.

He says he is currently considering the minimum wage commission's recommendations.

Speaking to Desert Radio, Nujoma said once he has analysed the report, which was submitted by the commission in March this year, he will submit it to the Cabinet for review.

"The Cabinet will have to deliberate, and will then send it to the Ministry of Justice, after which it will go to the parliament.

"If the parliament agrees to it, it will become law," he said.

When introducing the commission in February last year, Nujoma said the constitutional goal is to achieve a minimum living wage – not a substitute for set wages through collective bargaining between trade unions and employers.

The proposed national minimum wage would apply to all employees except those who are exempted, he said. Nujoma said the Ministry of Labour, Industrial Relations and Employment Creation handled 5 520 labour cases last year, of which just over 1 600 rolled over from the previous financial year. Some N\$2,8 million was recovered from employers on behalf of complainants, he said.

The minister said unresolved complaints, which made up 27% of the total number of complaints, were referred to the office of the labour commissioner for reconciliation.

"We try to intervene to prevent reaching a stage where people cannot resolve those matters and then go to court.

"Because once it goes to court it becomes so expensive, and it is also unaffordable for our labour unions to continue to fight these well-established businesses that can afford to hire lawyers," he said.

The minister highlighted non-compliance as one of the biggest challenges the ministry is faced with, as businesses continue to be reluctant to comply with certain laws.

The ministry continues to urge employers in both the public and private sector to comply with stipulated labour laws, he said.

"When we catch an employer not complying, rationality does not apply to me. It is of critical importance to address regulations," Nujoma said.

One of the regulations many employers are not complying with is the requirement that an employer who employs 25 employees or more must report vacancies or new positions to the Employment Services Bureau of the ministry, he said.



Efraim Nekongo

• PETRUS MURONGA

SWAPO Party Youth League secretary Efraim Nekongo has welcomed the Cabinet's decision to decentralise the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service's sport and youth functions to the country's 14 regional councils.

He says this would fast-track sport activities in the regions and help eliminate bureaucracy in the ministry.

Nekongo says it would be meaningless, however, to decentralise these functions with insufficient funding.

"If that attachment is coming, we have to call for the Cabinet to consider adequately funding sport activities. And if there are modalities to be placed under the regional councils, that is a good thing, and it is something the Cabinet should be applauded for," he says.

Nekongo says youth officers employed at regional councils

are currently inactive, noting that decentralising would keep them busy.

The Swapo youth league leader urges the ministry to provide adequate funding to implement such functions.

The decentralisation directive was issued during the Cabinet's 10th decision-making meeting held last week in the capital.

It directed the Ministry of Sport, Youth and National Service and the Ministry of Urban and Rural Development to coordinate decentralisation jointly.

The functions to be decentralised are youth empowerment, youth development, sport promotion and support, and sport planning.

The decentralisation process includes financial obligations under the operational budget of the sport and youth ministry. The directive is effective from 1 July.

The sport ministry will use its current financial budget for

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operations to cover all costs and gradually see to it that the staff complement of the recently established Kavango West region's youth regional office aligns with other regional offices in the country.

Acting Popular Democratic Movement Youth League secretary Yvette Araes says the directive is a "mature decision".

"It is good that the government wants to relieve bureaucratic delays and decentralise routine functions and provide more stable plans and policymaking centres," she says.

All People Party's Youth League leader Fridrick Shitunda says the decision was a substantial move made by the Cabinet.

He says the party's youth wing last year received many

complaints from young people in different regions that sport activities are mainly concentrated in urban areas.

He says decentralisation provides the hope that there will be youth activities in rural areas.

"This directive will help motivate and inspire the youth to work on their dreams more effectively and promote the efforts and involvement of youth in sport," Shitunda says.

Minister of finance Ipumbu Shumi in February tabled the country's budget, dubbed it to be youth-centred, and as such, an allocation of N\$330 million was made to the sport ministry for the 2022/23 financial year, and N\$879 million over the medium-term expenditure framework.

Nekongo welcomes sport and youth decentralisation



HANDOVER ... Namibia Wildlife Resorts together with final-year Unam law students donated sanitary pads in the Hardap region last week Friday.

Photo: Puyepawa Nakashole

'Boys need to understand that menstruation is no laughing matter'

• PUYEPAWA NAKASHOLE and SOPHIE TENDANE

LIFE skills teacher and acting principal of Empelheim Junior Secondary School Johannes Charles, said they are educating boys to understand that menstruation is a natural bodily function.

"I used to separate girls from boys when I had to talk about menstruation. Later, I realised that boys also need to know and understand that it's not a laughing matter, it's a natural process," he said.

Charles said eventually the boys start maturing and understanding that it's a process that women have to go through every month.

"Now, when a girl starts her periods at school, they are not laughing anymore; they are now shielding her and escorting her to the nearest teacher available," he said.

Charles was speaking at a handover event last Friday, where Namibia Wildlife Resorts (NWR) and final-year law students from the University of Namibia donated sanitary pads to the Hardap community worth N\$2 000.

The initiative is aimed at keeping the girl child in school.

Diedrick Dirk Guibeb Primary School principal Anna Tenda said the pain that comes with menstruation also stops pupils from attending school.

"It's not only to provide sanitary pads but also to provide some painkillers to assist with the pain. Sometimes the pain is so bad that we even have to let them go home," she said.

Tenda said some girls can get their periods as early as nine-years-old when they are in Grade 3, and sometimes they find it difficult to ask for sanitary pads at school.

"Sometimes pupils visit their life skills teachers, or run to the principal's office. It's very uncomfortable, sometimes we let them go home," she said.

Tenda said having sanitary pads available will assist young girls, especially those from vulnerable households, who cannot afford to buy pads.

NWR spokesperson Nelson Ashipala said the initiative to disseminate sanitary pads and cosmetics was initiated by the Unam students.

"The initiative came about when NWR

was approached by Unam students who came up with the idea to help them in keeping a girl child in school," Ashipala said.

The initiative forms part of NWR's corporate social responsibility.

Ashipala emphasised the organisation's concern for the challenges the girl child faces while menstruating.

"Whenever that time or period comes through, they always struggle to have access to the necessities. This causes them to either not go to school because of being embarrassed, or it affects their academic performance," Ashipala said.

"We have identified two schools so far in the Hardap region, and together with the regional office, we will give out a few boxes to the governor's office who will help us in disseminating them to other schools."

Law student Kamary Mupupa said the aim of the community project is to help girls.

"This is not the main project, because we are planning on planting a garden for them in August, so that they can still benefit in the next few years," said Mupupa, who thanked NWR for helping them to carry out their mission successfully.

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Minutes of the Environmental Impact Assessment Public Meeting for the proposed Bulk Fuel Storage Facility at Andimba Toivo Ya Toivo Airport in Ondangwa held on 21st July 2022 At: 11h00

AGENDA

Environmental Impact Assessment Public Meeting for the proposed project:

- Establishment and Operation of a Bulk Fuel Storage at Andimba Toivo Ya Toivo Airport in Ondangwa

PRESENT

R. Nuujoma – Namibia Environmental Consultants (NEC)

Mr. Shoombe – Airport's Manager (Andimba Toivo Ya Toivo Airport - NAC)

Mr. Shikulo - Andimba Toivo Ya Toivo Airport – NAC

INTRODUCTION

Namibia Environmental Consultants (NEC) was appointed by Central Oil Namibia (Pty) Ltd to conduct an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the proposed Bulk Fuel Storage Facility.

The reason for the Environmental Impact Assessment is in line with the Environmental Management Act (No. 7 of 2007) and Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations (Government Notice No. 30 of 2012), which states that any intended activity or development which may fall under the list of activities in accordance with the Environmental Assessment Regulations may not be undertaken without an Environmental Clearance Certificate.

As part of the Environmental Regulations of the Environmental Management Act, a public participation process is required to be carried out in which a public meeting had to be conducted given the magnitude of the project. The public meeting was conducted in Ondangwa in order to give the community members, general public as well as other Interested and Affected Parties to attend to raise their comments or concerns regarding the intended project.

1. Welcome and Adoption of Agenda

Ms. Nuujoma welcomed everyone to the meeting and briefly explained the purpose of the meeting.

2. Purpose of the Public Meeting

- The purpose of the meeting was to provide information on the proposed establishment and operation of a Bulk Fuel Storage Facility at Andimba Toivo Ya Toivo Airport in Ondangwa.

- To identify potential issues and concerns from the public and other interested and affected parties (I&APs) on the possible environmental and social impacts of the intended activity.

3. Issues and Concerns raised by the Public and explanations

- The meeting was attended only by the representatives of Namibia Airports Company (NAC). The people who attended the meeting were in the project itself as well as the socio-economic impacts associated with the project. They wanted to highlight that all activities (including engineering drawings) related to the project be communicated with or to the airport's manager prior to commencement.
- Given the current proposed layout design for the Eros Airport site, will the Ondangwa site also have a canopy?

Response: By Ms. Nuujoma

We are not sure. However, we will take it up with Central Oil Namibia Pty Ltd (proponent).

- Is Central Oil Namibia going to make use of bowzers for fuel dispersion on both Airports?

Response: By Ms. Nuujoma

They intend to make use of a bowser at the Eros Airport. With regards to the operations at Andimba Toivo Ya Toivo Airport, the use of a bowser is unknown at this stage.

- Please provide specifications for the construction Central Oil Namibia intends to use so that both parties may establish safety plan – which will need to be approved by NAC. Provide all details prior all details prior to construction.
- Please provide drawings for the Ondangwa site.
- Please provide the drawings for the office structure because this will determine how much land NAC will be leasing to you and the structure also needs to be approved by NAC.

Response: By Ms. Nuujoma

Noted. We will liaise with the proponent.

PUBLIC`S COMMENTS

Presentation handouts as well as BID's were handed out at the public meeting which needed to be completed with any issues or matters regarding the environment for the proposed project that needed to be considered.

No further comments were received.

4. WAY FORWARD

- Draft Environmental Assessment Report (DEAR) for the proposed project will be made available at Ondangwa Town Council any time after the public meeting. The report may not be removed from the Town Council's premises as it's a public document and any member of the public should be able to come in and view the document at any time during the Town Council's normal working hours.
- Only registered I&APs will be notified about the availability of the DEAR.
- After Public comment date has lapsed, Namibia Environmental Consultants will then submit the Final Environment Assessment Report which will be amended with the concerns and/or comments from public to the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (Environmental Commissioner) to obtain the Environmental Clearance Certificate.

R. Nuujoma