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**Cleanergy Solutions Namibia will establish an ammonia jetty and storage facility at Walvis Bay before scaling up hydrogen and ammonia production for export to South Africa and the European Union (EU), an investment estimated at €3 billion (approximately N$65 billion).**

On Thursday Cleanergy opened the country's first large-scale solar-powered green hydrogen plant.

The project is a joint venture between Belgium's CMB.Tech and Namibia's Ohlthaver & List (O&L) Group.

It will begin by producing ammonia for maritime shipping and supplying a hydrogen refuelling station at Walvis Bay.

The station will serve trucks, port equipment, railway applications, and small vessels.

At the same event, German Embassy Chargé d'Affaires Florian Seitz announced an additional €2 million (approximately N$41 million) for the Walvis Bay pilot plant, on top of nearly €15 million already contributed.

"This additional funding will help to demonstrate that the hydrogen produced here can directly support industries and the transport sector, for example, by developing Namibia's first hydrogen-powered bus," Seitz said.

He highlighted that the project reflects public and private cooperation.

Seitz stressed the importance of training and research, saying Namibia needs skilled specialists to shape its green future. He also welcomed the government's continued political support, calling it vital for investors.

The project includes Namibia's first Hydrogen Academy, established on-site to transfer skills.

The academy will train engineers, technicians, and operators in partnership with local and European universities. CMB.Tech CEO

Prime minister Elijah Ngurare said the project shows how Namibia can use renewable resources for development.

"Cleanergy Solutions Namibia demonstrates how investment in green hydrogen can create jobs, build skills and empower our people while positioning Namibia as a global leader in sustainable energy," he said.

European commissioner for international partnerships Jozef Síkela called the project the beginning of Namibia's green hydrogen and ammonia production.

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He added that the project will cut carbon emissions and help Namibia pursue green industrialisation.

European Parliament development committee chair Barry Andrews said the project reflects shared goals between Namibia and the EU.

"As the vice chair of the European parliament's committee on development, it is a pleasure to inaugurate a project which forms a building block of the Namibia-EU cooperation framework and our Team Europe initiative on inclusive green growth," he said.

Andrews said the initiative focuses on jobs, skills, inclusive growth, and environmental standards. He also stressed that parliamentary oversight is crucial for accountability and transparency.

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"Namibia needs more medical doctors, and Cuba is known for producing some of the best. One of my focus areas will be ensuring that students are sent to Cuba for training, especially in areas of specialisation. We must not only have many doctors but also more specialists," he said.

Tobias added that engineering will also be high on his agenda.

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Shaanika said he will build on his predecessor's work while aligning with the sixth National Development Plan (NDP6) and the vision of the 8th administration.

"The President has emphasised the importance of exploring markets for Namibian products and connecting youth with opportunities to gain new ideas. With the advancement of technology, we must look at how Namibians can benefit from these developments," he said.

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He recalled his experience as high commissioner in Malaysia, where he met Namibian students pursuing master's degrees in Finland.

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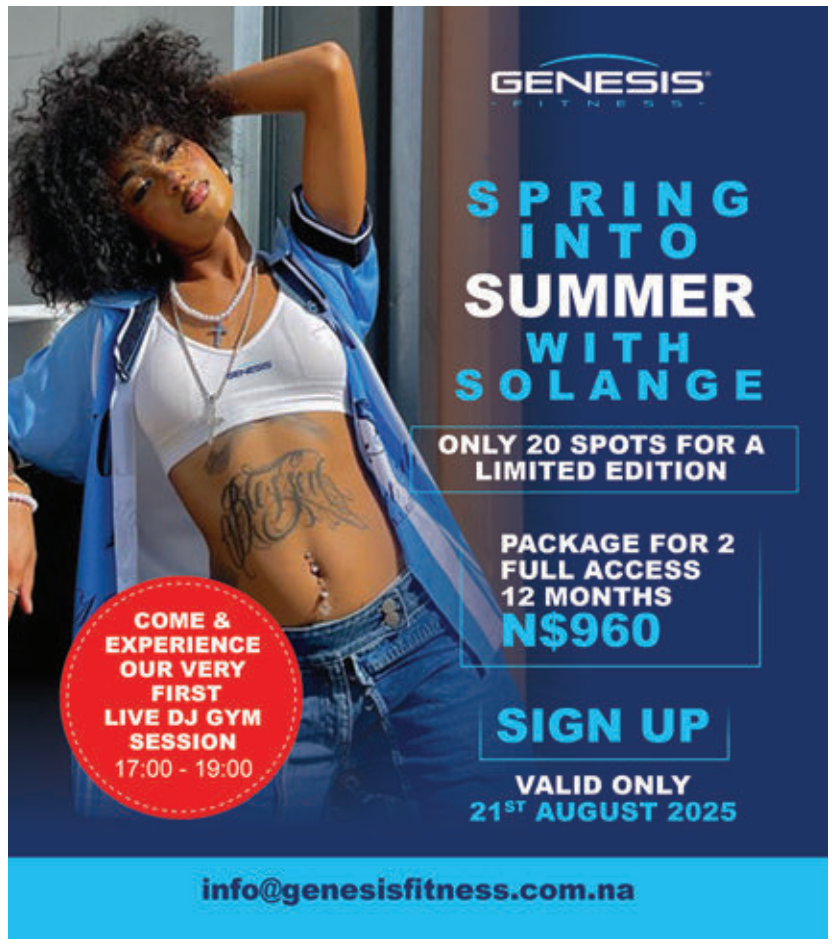


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# Okahandja-Von Bach wildfire contained

**Images from a veldfire that engulfed the Okahandja-Von Bach area on Wednesday evening and Thursday morning.** *-Photo: Contributed*

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**A veldfire threatened the Okahandja–Von Bach corridor on Wednesday night, moving down a mountain slope toward a junction that connects Okahandja and Ovitoto.**

The fire broke out around 20h00 and prompted an immediate emergency response.

Firefighting teams carried out back-burning operations along the roadside to create containment lines.

Officials from the Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT), the Namibian Defence Force (NDF), Von Bach Park staff, private landowners, and the Okahandja Municipality worked through the night to control the blaze.

By Thursday morning the fire was under control.

"By this morning (Thursday), the fire had been successfully extinguished... MEFT staff will continue to monitor the area to prevent any flare-ups and ensure the situation remains under control," said MEFT spokesperson Ndeshipanda Hamunyela.

She said the joint response showed improved coordination for the Okahandja area, which has faced challenges in managing disasters in the past. Veldfires remain a major risk during Namibia's dry seasons. Last year, villages in the Otjinene Constituency battled a fire that destroyed grazing land and vegetation, which also required intervention from the NDF.

Okahandja's growth has increased the need for stronger emergency systems. The town was originally designed for about 5 000 residents but now serves more than 45 000.

To respond to this pressure, the municipality is finishing a new fire station worth over N$7 million as part of wider development projects for the town.

# SADC workshop warns of health risks from climate shocks

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**Participants at a capacity-building workshop underway in Johannesburg have warned that worsening climate shocks are undermining healthcare systems across Southern Africa, with women, adolescents, and vulnerable groups bearing the brunt.**

The SADC Parliamentary Forum, supported by Sweden, convened the workshop that began on Monday, focusing on strengthening evidence-based policymaking in parliament by integrating the connections between climate change, health, and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).

Through interactive group discussions, delegates examined how droughts, floods, and heatwaves are disrupting SRHR service delivery and reviewed the extent to which national climate frameworks integrate health, gender, and SRHR. Their feedback revealed fragile health systems under pressure, weak policy integration, and an urgent need for parliamentary oversight. One group focusing on drought identified three major threats. First, budgets are being diverted away from SRHR to food relief, leaving communities without essential services. Second, water scarcity compromises hygiene in clinics, undermining the sterilisation of medical equipment and increasing the risk of infection. Third, extreme heat hampers patient mobility and medicine storage, limiting access and reducing the effectiveness of vaccines and drugs.

"These combined pressures not only weaken health facilities but also deepen inequalities for women and girls," one of the rapporteurs noted.

Delegates also pointed to rising social and health risks during climate-related disasters. They said women and girls fetching water face heightened exposure to gender-based violence (GBV), while displacement and loss of livelihoods are fuelling early marriages and transactional sex, leading to unintended pregnancies.

For expectant mothers, food insecurity and disrupted health services increase the likelihood of low birth weight and maternal mortality. Blackouts caused by reduced hydropower supply further endanger mothers and newborns during delivery.

The group lamented data gaps caused by shifting budgets and migration, which complicate population statistics and routine reporting.

"Without reliable data, governments cannot fully understand the scale of SRHR needs in emergencies," the rapporteur warned.

Despite the challenges, countries are finding ways to adapt. Examples included mobile clinics for displaced communities, ring-fenced funds for disaster risk reduction, solar-powered facilities, early warning systems, and public education campaigns. These innovations, participants said, are helping ensure continuity of SRHR services when disasters strike.

A second group reviewed Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs). They found that while health and gender are often mentioned, SRHR is rarely made explicit.

In Lesotho, health and gender are prioritised, but SRHR integration is weak, with no measurable indicators or clear institutional responsibilities.

In Zimbabwe, gender is acknowledged and stakeholder participation noted, but health is treated as peripheral and SRHR is absent.

In South Africa, health and gender are considered, but SRHR is barely referenced beyond links to HIV/AIDS.

In Namibia, interventions are cost and gender mainstreamed, yet SRHR remains invisible in the NDC text.

"Without clear SRHR commitments, budget lines, or coordination mechanisms, vulnerable groups will continue to fall through the cracks during climate crises," a rapporteur concluded.

Case studies from Mauritius, Mozambique, Madagascar, Malawi, and the DRC showed that cyclones and floods have destroyed clinics, displaced families, and driven girls out of school, exposing them to early marriages and GBV. In Madagascar, survival sex was reported in the aftermath of recent cyclones.

Delegates urged governments to amend climate frameworks to explicitly include SRHR, backed by measurable indicators and dedicated financing. They encouraged parliamentarians to question ministries on how climate funds are supporting SRHR-responsive services and to insist that adaptation projects include gender analysis, partnerships with SRHR organisations, and measures to address GBV.

"Parliamentarians must ensure climate finance is not just about infrastructure or agriculture but also about protecting the health, dignity, and rights of women and vulnerable communities," one participant stressed.

**Delegates are engaged in group work during a capacity-building workshop focused on strengthening evidence-based policy making in Parliament by integrating the connections between climate change, health, and sexual and reproductive health and rights (SRHR).** - *Photo: SADC PF*


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D&P ENGINEERS AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANTS

**NOTIFICATION AND CALL FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) PROCESS FOR THE PROPOED DEVELOPMENT OF FOUR (5) TELECOMMUNICATIONS TOWERS IN SELECTED SITES HARDAP, KAVANGO EAST & WEST, AND OHANGWENA REGION, NAMIBIA**

D&P Engineers and Environmental Consultants hereby gives notice to all Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) that an application will be made to the Environmental Commissioner in terms of the Environmental Management Act (No.7, 2007) and the Environmental Impact Assessment (GN 30 of 6 February 2012) for the proposed development of five (5) telecommunication towers.

PowerCom (PTY) LTD herein referred to as the proponent has identified different sites in Hardap, Kavango East & West, and Ohangwena regions that need improved network connectivity due to an increase in population and economic activities. To achieve this objective, PowerCom has been appointed by Telecom Namibia its sister company to establish telecommunication towers across the identified different locations. In this respect, PowerCom has identified sites to construct and operate five (5) telecommunication towers in Hardap, Kavango East & West, and Ohangwena regions.

PowerCom (the proponent), therefore, has appointed D&P Engineers and Environmental Consultants to conduct the ESIA process for these proposed telecommunication tower developments. The EIA is being conducted to satisfy the Namibian environmental legislative requirements. The general public as well as any Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs) are hereby invited to register their concerns and notify the consultants of any potential environmental and social impacts that may be triggered by the project.

**The proposed projects for which the Environmental Clearance Certificate will be applied for are as follows:**

**Project Tittle:** Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study for the Proposed Construction of a Telecommunication Tower at Block D (Echo Area) Rehoboth, Hardap Region.

**Location**: Block D (Echo Area) Rehoboth, Hardap Region.
**Coordinates**: 23°19'50.96"S 17°04'10.29"E

**Meeting date**: 4 October 2025 **Venue:** Onsite 10:00am

**Project Tittle:** Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study for the Proposed Construction of a Telecommunication Tower at Block E (Community Hall Yard) Rehoboth, Hardap Region.

**Location**: Block E (Community Hall Yard) Rehoboth, Hardap Region.
**Coordinates:** 23°19'40.81"S 17°05'53.38"E

**Meeting date:** 4 October 2025 **Venue:** Onsite (Community Hall Yard) 2:00pm

**Project Tittle:** Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study for the Proposed Construction of a Telecommunication Tower at Divundu, Kavango East Region.

**Location**: Divundu, Kavango East Region
**Coordinates**: 18°06'4.13"S 21°32'54.22"E

**Meeting date:** 06 October 2025 **Venue**: Onsite 10:00am

**Project Tittle:** Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study for the Proposed Construction of a Telecommunication Tower at Nkurenkuru Ext 6, Kavango West Region.

**Location**: Nkurenkuru Ext 6, Kavango West Region.
**Coordinates**: 17°38'26.25"S 18°35'57.87"E

**Meeting date:** 07 October 2025 **Venue:** Onsite 9:30am

**Project Tittle:** Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study for the Proposed Construction of a Telecommunication Tower at Onheleiwa Village, Ohangwena Region.

**Location**: Onheleiwa Village, Ohangwena Region.
**Coordinates**: 17°36'57.7"S 17°16'02.0"E

**Meeting date:** 07 October 2025 **Venue:** Onsite 2:00pm

Interested and Affected Parties (IAPs) Registration and submission of comments: To comment or receive further information on the project, please register with the consultant (contact details below) as an I&P before end of 24 October 2025. A background Information Document (BID) has been compiled for the project and is available upon request to the consultant, contact below.

All registered I&APs will be informed throughout the assessment process and will be provided with further opportunities for review and submission of comments. Comments can also be lodged via the online form given: https://shorturl.at/2CWgb

Alternatively, I&APs can attend the public consultation meeting on the dates provided. Any changes to dates and location will be communicated beforehand.

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