

Neckartal Irrigation Project Phase 2

BACKGROUND INFORMATION DOCUMENT (BID)

Purpose of the BID

The primary purpose of the BID is to share important information about the Neckartal Irrigation Phase 2 Project with Interested and Affected Parties (I&APs). It aims to invite I&APs to register and take part in the project by providing feedback, voicing concerns, and offering suggestions. Additionally, it outlines how I&APs can engage in the process.

Background

The Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Water and Land Reform (MAFWLR) is developing the Neckartal Irrigation Phase 2 Project. The goal of the Neckartal Irrigation Phase 2 Project is to boost national food production, create employment and skills development, empower local farmers, stimulate regional economic growth, build climate resilience, improve national economic diversification and improve social development and community well-being. It is therefore a transformational national investment as its socio-economic importance lies not only in farming but in the entire ecosystem of industries and livelihoods it enables.

The project is located on virgin, undeveloped Government farms surrounding the Neckartal Dam in the Schlangkopf area. This project is located in the //Kharas Region, west of the B4 highway between Lüderitz and Keetmanshoop, and some 10 km east of the Rish River Canyon. The project covers approximately 19,000 ha, of which 5,000 ha have already been sampled and cleared for irrigation. The proposed area for agricultural development includes Portion 1 of Farm Tschaunap No. 75, Farm Dagbreek No. 420, the remainder of Portion 2 of Farm Schlangkopf No. 124, Portion 4 of (a Portion of Portion 1) of Farm Eppenau No. 12323 and Portion 2 and Portion 3 of Farm Schaapplaatz No. 414.

Please see the attached map showing the project's location in the //Kharas Region and the location of the above-mentioned farms.

The MAFWLR appointed DUNAMIS Consulting Engineers and Project Managers to implement the project. The Neckartal Irrigation Phase 2 Project will include the following key components:

- Feasibility study
- Engineering survey
- Preliminary and detailed design of the irrigation scheme
- Prepare contract documentation, and
- Construction and supervision

Public Participation Process

I&APs are humbly requested to actively and voluntarily participate in the Neckartal Irrigation Phase 2 Project. Public Participation meetings will be held at the beginning and when draft designs are available. In addition to the above, a local research firm, Sustainable Development Africa (SusDAf), will organise and facilitate small-group discussions with I&APs, and conduct interviews with key informants. The above is to ensure that I&APs have ample opportunity to raise issues and concerns and to make suggestions regarding the project.

How to Participate?

I&APs are requested to voluntarily participate in Public Participation Meetings at commencement, during and towards the end. The public will be invited to participate through newspaper adverts, radio announcements, posters at public places in constituencies, and flyers distributed from constituency offices.

For more information about the Neckartal Irrigation Phase 2 Project, to register as an I&AP, and provide comments, raise concerns and/or make suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact Sustainable Development Africa (SusDAf) at:

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Your participation is greatly appreciated.

The project is designed to be influenced by I&APs – a project for the people, by people.

Map 1: Map showing the project's location in the //Kharas Region and the location of the above-mentioned farms.

