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The Future of Namibia's Forests – Sustainable Forest Management as Key to Unlock its Potential

Project End Conference

DRAFT Programme

Date: Wednesday, 20 September 2023

Venue: Mercure Hotel Windhoek

Master of Ceremony: Ms Kirsty Watermeyer

Opening Session

Time

08h30 Arrival and registration

09h00 **Welcoming Remarks** by the Deputy Head of Mission, Delegation of the European Union to Namibia, Mrs Gosia Lachut

09h20 **Keynote Speech** by the Minister of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT), Hon. Pohamba Shifeta

09h40 **'Promoting Sustainable Forest Management in the Kavango-Zambezi Regions in Namibia' Project: Looking Back at Three Years of Implementation**
Dr Lara Beer, Project Manager, Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) Namibia

Session I: Introduction to Forestry in Namibia

10h00 **The Status Quo of Namibia's Forests**
Ms Albertina Fillipus, International University of Management (IUM)

10h20 **Towards Sustainable Utilisation of Forest Resources in Communal Areas in Namibia**
Ms Kamuhelo Lisao, Directorate of Forestry, Ministry of environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT)

10h40 **Q & A**



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Session II: Value Chains of Forest Products

- 11h00 ***From Forests to Education***
Mr Leroy Diocotlhe, Miombo Forestry Products
- 11h20 ***Trade Performance of the Timber Sector in the SADC: Focus on Namibia [VIRTUALLY]***
Dr Julius Chupezi Tieguhong, African Natural Resources Management and Investment Centre (ANRC), African Development Bank
- 11h40 ***Providing Locally Relevant Internationally Recognised Forest Certification for Southern Africa***
Mr Steven Germishuizen, Sustainable African Forest Assurance Scheme (SAFAS)
- 12h00 **Q & A**
- 12h20 *Lunch break*

Session III: Forest Inventory

- 13h20 ***Forest Inventory as a Forest Management Tool***
Ms Miya Kabajani, Forestry Consultant
- 13h40 ***National Forest Inventory from Government Perspective***
Dr Andreas Nicodemus, Directorate of Forestry, Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT)
- 14h00 **Q & A**

Session IV: Innovations in Forestry

- 14h20 ***The Role of Earth Observation and AI in Forest Monitoring: Way Forward for Climate Mitigation and Adaptation [VIRTUALLY]***
Dr Inge Jonckheere, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Rome
- 14h40 ***Successful or Not? Case Study of an Early-Detection-System for Forests***
Ms Sophia Trautmann, Arbeitsgemeinschaft Deutscher Waldbesitzerverbände (Working Group German Forest Owners Association)
- 15h00 **Q & A**
- 15h20 *Tea break*

Session V: Moderated Panel Discussion on ***'What is Needed to Develop an Active Forest Management in Namibia?'***

- 15h40 ***Moderated by Dr Clemens von Doderer, Resident Representative of the Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) Namibia***
- Panelists:
- (1) Directorate of Forestry, Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT) (speaker tba)
 - (2) Mr Hans-Christian Mahnke, Legal Consultant
 - (3) Dr Juliane Zeidler or Dr Pauline Lindeque, WWF (speaker tba)
 - (4) Mr Thomas Muronga, Kapinga Kamwalye Community Forest

Closing Session

- 16h50 ***Closing Remarks & Vote of Thanks*** by the Executive Director of the Desert Research Foundation of Namibia (DRFN), Dr Martin Schneider
- 17h00 End of Conference

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