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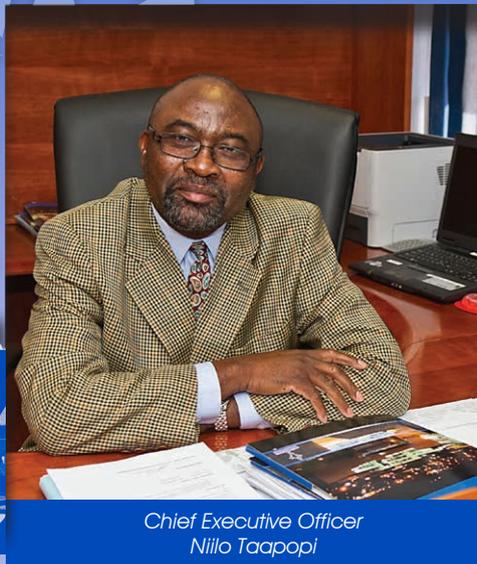
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## RESIDENTS URGED TO REFRAIN FROM ILLEGAL ELECTRICITY CONNECTION

The City has once again noted with a great concern, a continuous practice of illegal selling of electricity by some of our clients to those who have no access to electricity; especially the ones bordering the informal settlements.

This usually results in customer's complaints as the power tends to go off in the whole area especially during winter time, as a result of overloading the electrical networks. Our concerns are that those types of connections are done unprofessionally, and many a time the supply cables used are not of the right standards.

Those who are doing this might think that this is another way of making extra income, but illegal electricity connection is very dangerous and can cause serious damage to both human and properties. Lives have already been lost through electrocutions.

Last year there was a deplorable accident

that led to the death of a child that was electrocuted by touching the corrugated iron that was inadvertently electrically charged due to illegal connections supplied from the main house to an illegal dwelling built from corrugated iron roofing sheets on the same erf.

This can happen anywhere especially in the informal settlements where illegal supply cables run between and among dwelling units built from corrugated iron sheets.

The City therefore strongly condemns this illegal practise and has an approved fine which is part of the Electricity Supply Regulations whereby offenders of this practice termed as "Illegal Wiring or Supply of Electricity" are fined N\$2,000.00 plus a call out fee.

Further their electricity supply will be disconnected and can only be reconnected after payment of this fine. We are also considering tightening up

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# Editor's Desk



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Let me welcome you our esteemed readers on the May edition of the Aloe. On a sad note, at the City we lost one of our colleagues, the late Justine Joseph: Strategic Executives of Human Resources, who passed on the 18 April 2013. Her departure will be remembered forever, and we trust that her soul is resting in eternal peace.

On a different note, the residents of Windhoek are once again reminded and urged to use water sparingly in order to save enough water to get us to the next rainy season. Of essence here is the fact that Namibia is the most arid country in Southern Africa, with Windhoek, the capital City of Namibia, having an average annual rainfall of around 370mm.

Windhoek has, as of lately, been experiencing a very high rate of population growth, a fact that requires that all decisions taken, shall take cognizance of the resource base on which the City will rely for water supply. To stress that this observation comes a long way, it is no secret that the first borehole for the town of Windhoek that was built around the hot springs of Klein Windhoek towards the end of 1840, was acquired on 1 September 1911.

To date, the City of Windhoek boasts with more than 60 productive boreholes, with their water mostly used as a back-up system during droughts. Under current considerations is the introduction of the Windhoek Artificial Recharge Strategy, a National project of strategic importance. Groundwater thus remained the sole source of water for Windhoek until 1933 when the Avis Dam was constructed, followed by the construction of the Goreangab Dam in 1959 with a conventional treatment plant constructed to treat the surface water from

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these measures with a hope that offenders will stop the practice.

Our Electricity Department, upon discovering illegal connections, organises a team that is involved in an operation to remove these illegal cables and fine offenders. The team is always accompanied by the City Police and Namibian Police to provide protection for the staffs involved in removing these illegal cables, as some community members involved in this practise become so aggressive towards our staff members.

This operation is usually dangerous and complicated as the offenders come up

this reservoir to potable standards. In 1970 and in 1977, the Von Bach Dam and the Swakoppoort Dam respectively, were added to the water supply system to Windhoek, while the Omatako Dam was completed in 1982 to that effect. On top of the above are some other long-term solutions under considerations to finally secure the water supply for Central Namibia.

These include: Linking Central Namibia to the Eastern National Water Carrier (to the Okavango River) this would be a costly exercise, considering the distance to be covered, in relation to our City's geographic position. But, considering the fact that the Okavango is a perennial River, and water supply could be better secured, the benefits would outshine the costs.

Bringing desalinated seawater to Windhoek This possibility is often put forward as another option, but would equally prove to be too costly, as Windhoek lies at an elevation of 1 670 meters above sea level and 360 km away from the sea,

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with new ways to ensure that the illegal cables are not discovered by our team by digging them deep underground. As a City we understand the need of services to our residents, and we are working hard in addressing these needs. However we should not opt for criminal and illegal activities that can put our lives and those of our fellow residents in danger.

Members of the public are also welcome to report these illegal activities to the City because if they keep silent on the matter and not bring it to our attention the situation will escalate and continue contributing to revenue losses, unplanned electricity outages and the possible loss of lives due to risky electric connections.

necessitating 360 km of pipelines to be lain. The main advantage here would be this that the source will be limitless.

Recently we issued a message informing the residents about the water interruption due to the upgrade of the water supply infrastructure by NamWater, which took place on the weekend of the 17 - 19 May 2013. This was the first one, and the rest will follow on 14 - 16 June 2013, 19 - 21 July and 16 - 18 August 2013 respectively.

During that time all activities that use water extensively such as watering of gardens, washing of cars and hosing of paved areas will be banned, in order to allow the reservoirs to fill up during the upgrade. We appreciated the residents support in this initiative. We should therefore continue to work together in saving water and uphold the spirit of shared responsibilities.

Until we meet again next month, enjoy reading!

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**Departed children will not be forgotten** L-R: Cllr. Joseph Shikongo, Cllr. John Moonde, Alderman Boas Ekanjjo, Cllr. Brunhilde Cornelius, Cllr. Tartistus Gaeseb, Deputy Mayor Cllr. Muesee Kazapua, Her Worship the Mayor Cllr. Agnes Kafula with Mrs Isabella Du Toit and General Maritz Du Toit during the official inauguration of the Children's memorial at Gammams Cemetery.

## THE CHILDREN'S MEMORIAL UNVEILED AND HANDED OVER TO THE CITY OF WINDHOEK

On the 17th April 2013, the City of Windhoek, Mayor Cllr. Agnes Kafula unveiled the first children memorial that was donated by Mr. General Maritz Du Toit and Mrs. Isabella Du Toit in the memory of their late son who passed away on the 08th March 2010 at the age of 17 years in the motor vehicle accident.

The Council of the City of Windhoek in June 2012 authorized the Du Toit family to construct a children memorial site at the Gammams Cemetery, within the Garden of Remembrance as per the family's request.

The memorial was built in remembrance of both their late son, and all children who have died, at any age and from any cause, and who might die in future.

It will create an environment where parents and families can come to terms with their losses, create an environment where they can interact with their departed children, pay respects to children that have departed untimely, be a symbol of remembrance, give assurance that their beloved children will not be forgotten and honour the memory of departed children.

Officiating at the occasion, Her Worship the Mayor of the City of Windhoek, Cllr. Agnes Kafula applauded the Du Toit family for the memorable initiative, and for their contribution to general social welfare of the society.

**"This Memorial will serve as a special place for families who have lost children to grieve, reflect, and honour their late children. Moreover the children's memorial will be a tribute to the lives of**

**these children, not to their deaths, but for the creation of a positive place of emotional healing for all members of our community",** said the Mayor.

The Mayor further added that the City will ensure that the memorial will be available for all children, regardless of place, or circumstances surrounding their death, upon approval from the child's parent or legal guardian.

The City is also planning to have a new plate with names unveiled annually to ensure the active utilisation of the memorial and to bring tribute to as many children as possible.

The event took place at the chapel which was fully packed with the invited guest to witness the unveiling and handover of the children's memorial.





## COUNCIL APPROVED RIVERWALK INITIATIVE

The Riverwalk initiative was established in 2011 as a community based group comprising of architects, engineers, planners, other professionals and community members. The initiative's objective is to revive existing rivers and adjacent green areas in Windhoek which are inaccessible to the public.

The group approached the City to establish a partnership in order to add value to the rivers and adjust public open space perceptions.

Council as per its resolution 38/02/2013 approved the initiative that will ensure that the project, which is to be community based and sponsored by donors, would revitalise the Klein Windhoek River basin. It will be a labour intensive project and will be sustainable over a long term with employment opportunities available to those in need during implementation and thereafter as maintenance.

The City of Windhoek is endowed with a wealth of open spaces, green and natural areas that compliment the green impression of the City. The majority of open spaces in Windhoek are part of the natural riverine system.

The possibility of using these open spaces for sport and recreational activities are wide-ranging, however they are not utilised as they are insecure and people feel unsafe in them.

These open spaces can form future pedestrian and cycling routes, or be used as walking paths for parents and children, joggers, dog walkers as well as tourists.

**The City of Windhoek's Policy for the Distribution and Future Usage of Public Open Spaces was approved by Council in 2001 and the objectives included the following:**

- Ensure that there is a balanced distribution of conservation and recreational open spaces;
- Raise awareness of special interest groups and the public of opportunities inherent in the City's open spaces for improvement of their environment and individual life styles; and
- Raise awareness of opportunities for City-private sector partnerships involving open spaces as elements in promoting social upliftment, recreational development and conservation.

The City of Windhoek Structure Plan guides spatial development and has earmarked Open Space areas; predominantly for recreational use, sports clubs, game farms, lodges and tourist centres. Such land is protected and kept free of structures until a suitable open space recreational opportunity is presented.

The City is of the opinion that the Riverwalk initiative will ensure that the public realise that open spaces can render a service to

society and that an economic value can be assigned to it. This Riverwalk initiative would enliven and revitalize the Klein Windhoek River basin.

The aim of the initiative is to develop the Klein Windhoek River basin into an outdoor area that attracts visitors and residents; to promote a healthier, outdoor lifestyle where residents can appreciate the beauty of the City's open spaces and mingle with neighbours and visitors.

The development is planned to uplift the entire river valley from the Eros Shopping centre all the way to the Avis Dam and would include provision of pedestrian and cycle pathways, benches, information signage, shade shelters, litter bins and other outdoor amenities.

Similar projects will be explored to enhance community recreational activities in other open space river flood lines e.g. Katutura, Khomasdal etc.

The Riverwalk initiative will benefit the City immensely, as it will encourage an "eye on the river" culture by getting the public to walk in the rivers freely and thus crime is expected to be reduced.

The final product is guaranteed to transform the existing rivers and adjacent green areas of the City of Windhoek into an accessible outdoor environment for residents to enjoy.





*Kornelia Hangula receiving an over-lock machine (one of the donated items) from Her Worship the Mayor of the City of Windhoek, Cllr. Agnes Kafula*

## CITY OF WINDHOEK HANDOVER DONATIONS TO 2012 WORLD AIDS DAY BENEFICIARIES

The City of Windhoek Mayor, Her Worship, Cllr. Agnes Kafula handed over items of the total value of N\$30 000 - 00 to the four beneficiaries of the 2012 World AIDS Day on the 07th May 2013 at the event that recently took place at Ombili Community Centre.

In fulfilment of our responsibility of the implementation of HIV/AIDS prevention activities contribution to the care and support of Orphans and Vulnerable People in Windhoek, the City of Windhoek initiated the fund for the support of orphans and Vulnerable Children in Windhoek.

This forms part of the City's contribution towards the National goal of reducing

morbidity and mortality associated with the HIV/AIDS epidemic, with subsequent mitigated social and economic impacts on infected and affected individuals, families and the community.

Resources for the fund were mobilized through voluntary donations collected from Councillors, employees, management and the business community during the 2012 World AIDS Day build-up activities as their contribution toward the City of Windhoek World AIDS Day efforts.

During the handover of the donations, Her Worship the Mayor, Cllr. Agnes Kafula called upon all the beneficiaries to put the

materials donated to good use and make their income generating project successful.

She further emphasized the City's commitment in continuing to invest in similar projects with the assistance and support from our private and public stakeholders as part of our commitments to the enhancement of the quality of life of all our people.

Items donated to the beneficiaries include deep freezers, building materials, dressmaking materials and an over locker for a sewing machine. On behalf of all beneficiaries, Menesia Ndemumana thanked the City for the great support in assisting its residents.

## SCHOOLS EDUCATED ON COMMUNITY POLICING

The Windhoek City Police through its Community and Public Relation office held a consultative meeting with various representatives from different schools across Windhoek on Community Policing and problem solving recently.

The meeting was called to map out realistic strategies that are responsive in addressing crime amongst the youth in the City. Addressing a crowd of attentive

school representatives, the Windhoek City Police, Chief Abraham Kanime indicated the importance of stakeholders to come on board in order to successfully tackle social problems in the community.

During the meeting a forum was established and representatives present were urged to ensure that they form working groups to be part of the forum to discuss school ground crimes on a monthly basis. The City

Police will then ensure that all listed issues of concern will receive its attention.

Speaking at the same occasion, Public and Community Relation Officer Superintendent Helena Mootseng stressed that information and problems that will be gathered from the working committee will assist both stakeholders to educate learners on different types of crime and how best to deal with them.





*Deputy Mayor Muesee Kazapua hands over a gold trophy to Windhoek Gymnasium Team Captain*

## CITY HOST UNDER 13 MAYORAL CUP 2013

City hosted a successful second edition of Under 13 Mayoral Cup Competition at the Khomasdal Stadium on Saturday, April 06, 2013.

The tournament hosted a total of 15 primary schools - 11 netball teams, 15 soccer teams and 6 mixed volleyball teams from around the city.

The tournament was held in partnership with the Namibian School Sports Union.

Apart from the City's own initiatives, other notable contributions were provided, such as from Namibia Beverages who donated Sports drinks and the tournament cups.

City Deputy Mayor Cllr. Muesee Kazapua officiated at the event, and he encouraged and thanked the Namibian

School Sport Union for their involvement and further urged them to continue supporting the event and ensure that it remain an important annual events on their calendar.

The netball competition saw Windhoek Gymnasium Primary School walking away with the gold medal and floating trophy.

In second place was Bethold Himumuine Primary School and Moses Van Der Byl came in third place.

While in soccer, Bethold Himumuine Primary School proved to be the best team and was awarded gold medals and a floating trophy.

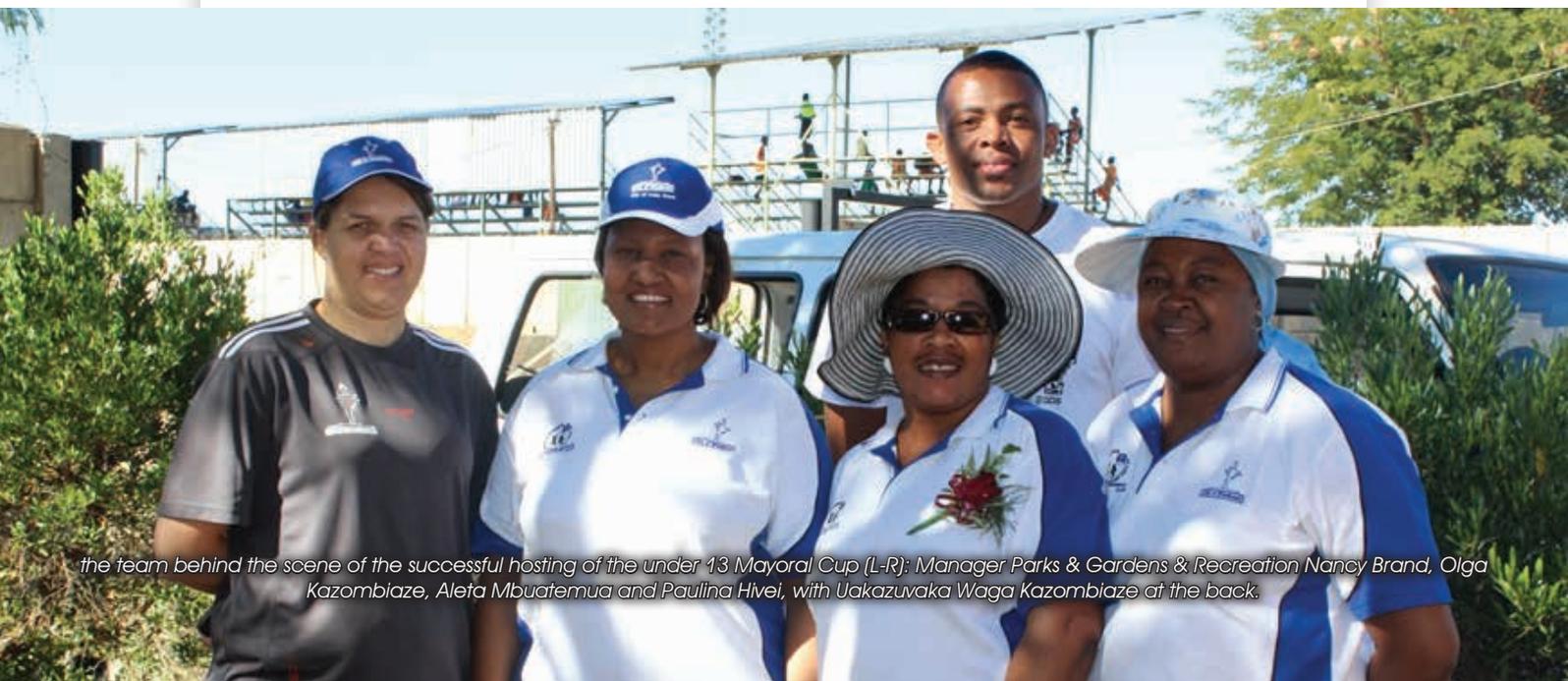
The silver medal was awarded to Moses Van Der Byl, while A.I Steenkamp was

awarded the bronze medals in their third place.

The volleyball was won by Tobias Hainyeko Primary School for the first time as it was one of the codes added for this year's games edition Asilver medal was won by Namutoni Primary School and the Olof Palme came in third place for the bronze medals.

The winning teams got prizes in the form of sports equipment valued at N\$ 7,000 for the first placed, N\$ 5,000 second prize and N\$ 3,000 for the third placed.

Further, a team was selected from the top team of young players during the tournament that will make up the Mayoral under 13 Team set to participate in the upcoming inter municipal teams scheduled for later this year.



*the team behind the scene of the successful hosting of the under 13 Mayoral Cup (L-R): Manager Parks & Gardens & Recreation Nancy Brand, Olga Kazombiaze, Aleta Mbuatemia and Paulina Hivei, with Uakazuvaka Waga Kazombiaze at the back.*



# THE FIVE KEYS TO SAFER FOOD FOR INFORMAL FOOD VENDORS

Each year millions of people become ill and thousands die from a preventable foodborne disease. Proper food preparation can prevent many foodborne diseases.

The street food sector plays an important role in providing accessible, low-cost meals for urban populations, particularly those in many developing countries. Poor environmental sanitation, inadequate infrastructure and improper food handling are the main risk factors associated with street foods

Greater awareness of vendors of the basic principles and measures necessary to ensure food safety, offers one of the most cost effective options for reducing health risks posed by street foods. As such, the "Five Keys to Safer Food" message is a global health message from the World Health Organisation (WHO) which explains the basic principles that each individual should know all over the world to ensure safe food handling practices and prevent foodborne diseases.

## THE FIVE KEYS TO SAFER FOOD:



1. Keep clean
2. Separate raw and cooked
3. Cook thoroughly
4. Keep food at safe temperatures
5. Use safe water and raw materials



### Key 1: Keep clean

- Keep vending unit and location clean - especially all working surfaces should be made of impermeable, easy to clean material and kept well above the ground.
- Vending location should be away from rubbish, toilets, open drains and animals.
- Waste bins with lid should be used and emptied on a regular basis.
- Basic infrastructure to promote sanitation, e.g. toilets, hand washing facilities, safe water supplies and

drainage should be accessible.

- Food should be protected from dust, insects, dirt and direct sun.



### Key 2: Raw and cooked food should be separated

- Keep raw food, especially raw meat, poultry and fish, separate from cooked food.
- Use separate utensils – separate knives and cutting boards should be used for handling raw and cooked food.
- Try to use utensils, such as, tongs, scoops, spoons, small cup, tissue paper or clean gloves when handling ready-to-eat food or ice used in drinks.
- Wash hands with soap and water after going to the toilet, after touching contaminated objects, such as, money, leftover food, garbage and handkerchiefs, after touching hair, nose or other parts of the body. Do not use dirty wiping cloths to wipe your hands
- Take care with health and hygiene;
  - a) Wear a clean light coloured apron.
  - b) Avoid wearing accessories, such as, rings, bracelets and watches.
  - c) Observe good personal hygienic practices, such as, short fingernails, taking a daily shower, keeping short hair or gathered into a cap or a scarf, refraining from preparing/handling food when showing symptoms of diseases such as skin rash, boils and cuts, running nose, eye and ear infections and diarrhoea.
  - d) Avoid bad habits during preparation/ serving food, such as, smoking or chewing tobacco, nose picking, coughing and sneezing, spitting over food, tasting food with your fingers.



### Key 3: Destroy hazards when possible

- Cook food thoroughly, especially meat, poultry, eggs and seafood, to at least 70° C.

- When meat and poultry is cooked it should be colourless without pinkish appearance.
- Ideally, use a thermometer.
- Soups and stews should be boiled for at least 2 minutes.
- Keep cooked foods piping hot until served.
- Reheat cooked food thoroughly.



### Key 4: Keep microorganisms in food from growing

- Do not leave cooked foods at ambient temperature for more than 2 hours, Refrigerate promptly all cooked and perishable food (best below 5° C).
- In situations where refrigeration facilities are limited it is ideal to prepare food in small quantities to reduce the amount of leftovers.
- If food must be prepared in advance, or if there are leftovers or if food needs to be transported some distance from one location to another, be sure to store the food either hot (best above 60° C) or cold (best below 5° C).



### Key 5: Use safe water and raw material

- Use safe water. If you have doubts about the water supply, boil it before adding it to food. If you use ice for drinks, make sure the water is from a safe source.
- Ensure that food supplied is from safe and reliable sources.
- If you use food additives, make sure they are authorized and used in the proper amounts.
- Select sound and undamaged fresh foods. Avoid mouldy food.
- Pay attention to expiry date.
- Wash (and peel if applicable) fruits and vegetables, especially if they are to be eaten raw or with little cooking.

**KNOWLEDGE = PREVENTION**



# Calendar

## May 2013

Samstag  
Saturday  
Samedi  
Sabado

Sunday  
Dimanche  
Domingo

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### EXHIBITIONS

06 May - 31 May

Ekondombolo – An Exhibition by Lok Kandjengo, Lok Kandjengo, a young graduate of the visual arts diploma at JMAC and College of the Arts, presents his first solo exhibition at the Blue Frog Restaurant. Official opening 18:30 at FNCC. Viewing times: Mon to Thurs: 09:00 - 19:00 Fri: 09:00 - 12:30. <http://www.fncc.org.na>

27 May - 28 Jun

Art Installation 'I've been through the Desert on a Horse. Namibian visual artists Christine Skowski and Raphael Scriba are transforming the gallery of the FNCC with an installation, taking the viewer on a journey through the desert and time at FNCC. Viewing times: Mon to Thurs: 09:00 - 19:00, Fri: 09:00 - 12:30. <http://www.fncc.org.na>

### CARNIVAL

29 May -31 May

eLearning Africa 2013, 8th International Conference on ICT for Development, Education and Training. eLearning Africa is the continent's largest gathering of high-level policy makers, decision makers and practitioners from education, business and government.

### THEATRE

24 May

DJ Ganyani in Windhoek. Spectacular events and chez ntemba vip lounge present DJ Ganyani and fb the hit maker of xigubu. N \$100 at the door and advance tickets is N\$80 and is available at radio energy 100fm.@19h00

24 May

A Concert with Helder Mendes from Angola Mixing different genres and singing in Portuguese as well as various vernacular languages, Helder Mendes has two albums under his name, "Okwaba Africa" ("African Beauty", 2006) and "Vumbi" ("Spirit", 2010), both recorded and produced in Spain.

25 May

AfricAvenir Movie Night '678', '678' is the hauntingly real story of three women and their search for justice from the daily plight of sexual harassment in Egypt. When one of the women resorts to stabbing harassers in the groin, she becomes a phantasmal hero that causes a nationwide stir. Free entry, Goethe Centre @18h00

### SCREENINGS

22 May

Movie Screening 'The Shock Doctrine', In her best-selling book, "The Shock Doctrine", Naomi Klein examines the rise of disaster capitalism, a doctrine which enables governments and global companies to exploit the economies of countries affected by wars, terrorist attacks or natural catastrophes. Tracing the origins of this theory back to neo-liberal economist Milton Friedman, the film proceeds to follow various applications of these ideas in contemporary history. Entrance: N\$ 20,@18h30, FNCC,

23 May

Movie screening 'My Words, My Lies - My Love (Lila Lila) David, a young waiter, falls in love with Marie, a literature student. He only manages to impress her after a manuscript he finds accidentally is published as 'his' novel. This plagiarism spurs on David's career - that is until Jacky appears, the real author of the book. But he too turns out to be an imposter. Language: German with English subtitles. Goethe Centre / NADS @ 19h15, entrance Free

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