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CITY OF WINDHOEK SUCCESSFULLY HOSTED A FOOD AND NUTRITION WORKSHOP IN WINDHOEK

The City of Windhoek in collaboration with the World Future Council (WFC), supported by the City of Belo Horizonte, Brazil, hosted a workshop on Urban Food and Nutrition Security from 21-23 July 2014, at the NamPower Convention Centre in Windhoek.

The workshop was a follow-up on the City of Windhoek participation in the successful food security study tour to the City of Belo Horizonte, in August 2013 organized by World Future Council. The study tour which was indeed an eye opener, took place at the time when Namibia was going through a severe drought.

Impressed by Brazil's Zero Hunger Strategy and urban food security systems, the City of Windhoek accepted to host the just concluded Workshop.

The Windhoek workshop, which was

officially, opened by Hon. Marco Hausiku, the Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Namibia, was attended by Honourable John Mutorwa, Minister of Agriculture, Water and Forestry, Mayors from across Namibia, key local stakeholders international partners, World Future Council, Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) representatives, urban agriculture, food banks and nutrition security experts from the City of Belo Horizonte amongst others.

The objective of the workshop was to facilitate and strengthen the south - south knowledge transfer, share solutions, best practices and lessons learned in the field of food and nutrition security and support Namibian municipalities in designing and adopting these solutions to their local context.

The specific aim is to promote

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Greeting to you all our valued clients and readers of the Aloe! You are welcome to the August edition of the Aloe. In a month time, the long nights of winter, and the cold morning will soon be over.

You might have heard by now, about the deadly Ebola virus killing people in West Africa. The extent at which this virus is spreading in that part of the continent has become a matter of concern. We are however being assured by our health Ministry that, all necessary precautions have been put in place in case of Ebola. The least we can do to complement the efforts of the Ministry, is to acquaint ourselves with relevant information on how to prevent this deadly virus, as we are informed that it does not have a cure as yet.

On a different note, the City Council at several platforms continuously appeal to the residents to desist from grabbing land, however this undesirable practice is still being recorded in some of our informal settlements. The illegal settlement has various challenges to orderly development of land and delivery of municipal basic services such as water and electricity. We thus appeal to our residents to follow the right procedures on how to acquire land. The public can report cases of land invasion to Property Management at 061 - 290 3310 / 3311 / 3317 / 3318 or City Police Control Room: 061 - 290 2239 / 3164

Allow me to use this opportunity to renew to the residents of Windhoek the assurances of our continued commitment to deliver

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awareness among Mayors as local authority leaders, on their role on food security, focusing on food waste, food bank solutions and urban agriculture.

The three days' workshop recommended amongst others, commitment to harmonise the efforts to tackling food and nutrition security in Namibia and build network for multi-level stakeholders' dialogue, partnership, capacity building and implementation of follow-up actions.



The City of Windhoek continues to caution residents to refrain from vandalism and littering. The above picture was recently taken when the municipality removed those waste from a municipal sewer manhole. The sewer manhole was well secured

and covered but it was vandalised, and turned it into a dumping pit. This thus results into blocked manholes with streams of sewerage all over. Unfortunately if this is not reported on time, this will go for days without being attended to.

effective and timely services. It is just fair that I commend our residents whose accounts are settled on time, and encourage others to emulate their efforts. It is very important to settle your municipal account on time, to enable us to continue rendering the much needed services

uninterrupted. Lastly, let me also confirm the hosting of the 2014 Windhoek Jazz Festival scheduled for the 15 November 2014. All details pertaining to the performance at this year's event will be availed in the next edition of the Aloe.

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To enhance the quality of life of all our people

CITY OF WINDHOEK AND THE NAMIBIA TOURISM BOARD SIGNED CO-OPERATION AGREEMENT



Partners in tourism, agreement signed and sealed.... L-R: Mr. Klemence !Awarab, NTB Head of Marketing, Mr. Digu //Noabeb, NTB CEO, Mr. Niilo Taapopi, CoW Chief Executive Officer and Mr. Joshua Amukugo, Manager of Corporate Communication, Marketing, Tourism and Customer Care at the City of Windhoek, after signing the co-operation agreement.

The City of Windhoek and the Namibian Tourism Board signed a Memorandum of Understanding to establish a formal relationship in tourism marketing and development.

The signed MoU is aimed at enhancing collaboration between the City of Windhoek and Namibia Tourism Board.

The two entities will co-operate in areas of mutual benefits such as: tourism marketing and development as well as the importance of collaboration among the two organisations, with the purpose of sharing resources and contributing to the social upliftment and economic growth.

During the signing ceremony, Mr. Niilo Taapopi, Chief Executive Officer of the City of Windhoek commended the

agreement saying that Windhoek is a mirror in which the world sees Namibia and it needs to be marketed as such.

Mr. Taapopi also added that the City of Windhoek will form part of the overall Human Resources Development training programme that is facilitated by Namibia Tourism Board in areas having relevance to the City of Windhoek, while sharing resources when it comes to registrations of new tourism businesses in the City of Windhoek.

Mr. Digu //Noabeb, Chief Executive of Namibia Tourism Board underscored the importance of tourism, as it remains an integral element of the country's economy that needs extensive marketing. He highlighted that the sector is underfunded and

a lot needs to be done to avoid duplicating efforts, thereby pulling together the available resources to market the country.

The MoU also requires the City of Windhoek to conduct joint operations with NTB by availing Police officers during NTB's operations on illegal establishments and on setting road blocks against illegal tour and shuttle operators within Windhoek.

The two entities also undertook to share the registration databases of tourism operations required by law to register with NTB for comparison and to determine joint actions.

The MoU will also set an example for other stakeholders to follow suite in emulating similar cooperation's.





REGISTRATION SYSTEM FOR WASTE GENERATORS OFFICIALLY COMMISSIONED

Partners in waste management... Representatives of various waste generating companies after receiving certificates of registrations as Waste Generators with the City of Windhoek. Seated are Cllr. Tatisius Gaeseb (2nd from left), His Worship, Cllr. Muesee Kazapua (5th from the left), Deputy Mayor of the City of Windhoek, Cllr. John Moonde (6th from the left), and Cllr. Matrid Ukeva (standing right).

The City of Windhoek has officially commissioned the Registration System for Waste Generators on the 06th August 2014.

The waste generators required to register are those generating more than 5 tons of general waste per month.

The registration is part of the Registration and Licensing system which focuses on the registration of industries involved in the generation of industrial and commercial waste.

Any waste generator that generates more than 5 tons of general waste per month is required to be registered.

Generators of priority waste such as hazardous waste, health care risk waste, e-waste; waste tires and any other waste considered by the City as priority waste must register irrespective of quantities generated. All companies

involved in recycling are also required to register.

The objective of the Registration System is to protect the environment and public health by ensuring that all waste generated is managed in a safe and optimal manner from the point of generation to disposal.

It is thus a responsibility of the waste generator to ensure that all waste generated is managed efficiently and effectively, and disposed of at approved facilities within the city, using a licensed transporter.

Officially commissioning the registration system, His Worship, Cllr. Muesee Kazapua, Deputy Mayor of the City of Windhoek warned that, it is a well-known fact that industries generate hazardous waste, which, if not properly managed, can cause water pollution; and Windhoek being a water scarce city, its limited water

resources should be kept free from contaminations.

He concluded by encouraging the residents to maintain the cleanliness status of the City of Windhoek and to protect it vigorously.

The City commends the first group of 18 companies that have been registered, for their co-operation and willingness to operate within the regulatory framework of the City of Windhoek.

Once registered as a waste generator, the company will be issued with a certificate of registration, which is valid for 2 years.

Failure to comply with the provisions of the Waste Management Regulations will result in the application of relevant penalties to the concerned waste generator as per (Waste Management Regulation 65 (2)).





CACTUS PLANTS ARE THREATS TO OUR NATURAL FLORA



Botanical Society team dedicated and hard at work removing the cactus infestation at Commonage no 2 recently

Recently, learners from Waldorf School and St Paul's as well as interested and concerned adults from the Botanical Society, Farm Windhoek Team, Ratepayers Association and NEWS (Namibia Environmental & Wildlife Society) met on Commonage Farm no 2 (townlands to the east of Windhoek, adjacent to the Waldorf School) to begin the process of removing the serious cactus infestation of that area.

It was not easy work. The plants are old, have thick woody stems and one needs to be careful of the spines.

The Waste Disposal unit of the City of Windhoek provided 4 skips containers for the cactus pieces and arranged for this refuse to be buried deep in the ground where it could not regenerate and form new plants.

The cactus infestation is an old problem and the plants are large, but a start has been made and with the further help of the City of Windhoek, greater inroads will be made.

Photograph below some of the team members, the size of the plants and

how it was moved to the skips.

All cactus plants are alien to Namibia.

They are extremely invasive and are a threat to our natural flora and should be removed as quickly as possible.

Further information may be obtained from the Botanical Society of Namibia: nambotsoc@gmail.com.

Article contributed to the Aloe by Botanical Society of Namibia



OKAHANDJA PARK DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION IMPROVING THE STATUS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD DEVELOPMENT CENTRES IN OKAHANDJA PARK

Children at Humty Dumty Day Care in Okahandja Park are part of the project

Early this year, eleven (11) day care centres under the banner of the community-based organization called Okahandja Park Development Organization (OPDO), began organizing themselves in order to improve the standard of their day care centres.

Since most of the parents in this area are unemployed, as a result, their children have little or no access to the reasonable Early Childhood Development (ECD) program and stimulation of which they are in need.

Some parents decided to establish day care centres to keep the children off the streets. The centres started offering Early Childhood Development (ECD) services to the children in the Okahandja Park informal settlement area.

These centres are faced with various challenges such as: lack of proper structures including proper fencing;

ablution facilities; and enough space for physical development activities; overcrowded (number of children in a day care exceeds the legal requirements of the business registration); care takers lacking formal training; financial resources. Most of the care takers at these centres do not have formal training in the area of early childhood development, although some have attended short courses such as those organized by the City of Windhoek and the Ministry of Gender, Equality and Child Welfare.

When the City of Windhoek visited these centres to familiarize itself with their status, it found that most of the centres did not meet the minimum requirements of registration.

They also approached the City of Windhoek for information pertaining to the registration requirements, as well as other information needed to run a day care. It is positive to note that, despite all the circumstances,

the owners of these centres are willing to operate their day care centres within the confines of the existing local authority regulations and bylaws.

The Okahandja Park Development Organization is facilitated by Madlen Schiefer, a volunteer from Germany who is the coordinator of the project. The members of this organization closely work under the guidance of the Constituency Councillor of the Tobias Hainyeko Constituency, Hon. Zulu Shitongeni.

Despite its limited resources, the City of Windhoek has thus far built two Early Childhood Development centres: the Rocky Crest Centre situated at Rocky Crest Multi-Purpose Centre and Jonas Haiduwa Centre in Okuryangava. Simultaneously the CoW welcomes initiatives particularly from public-private partnerships which are aimed at addressing the plight of children especially in the informal settlements.

EBOLA VIRUS

WHAT IS EBOLA AND HOW DOES IT SPREAD?

- Ebola is caused by a virus
- No vaccine, and no treatment are available
- Causes severe illness, with bleeding
- Highly contagious; many people can quickly become infected
- Up to 90% of the infected will die



- Sick people can spread the disease to others
- People in direct contact with sick people are at highest risk:
 - Family members
 - Healthcare workers



- Contact with dead bodies can cause infection. BE CAREFUL (Bury carefully. Keep away)
- DO NOT wash, touch or kiss dead bodies
- DO NOT wash hands in the same bucket as others who have touched the body



WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF EBOLA?

Symptoms can start within 2 days of contact with an infected person or body

Early Symptoms



Fever



Nausea



Headache



Tiredness

Late Symptoms



Vomiting

May contain
blood



Diarrhoea

May contain
blood



Coughing

May contain
blood



Bleeding

(Mostly nose
and mouth)

PREVENTION OF EBOLA AND WHAT TO DO IF YOU GET SICK



- You can catch EBOLA from someone who is sick or dead
- Wash your hands regularly - use soap!
- DO NOT touch an infected person or their body fluids, including blood, vomit, faeces, urine
- DO NOT touch or eat "bush meat" and don't eat bats



- Call your medical centre and tell them about your illness
- Listen to the advice. You may be sent to a special hospital



- Keep away from others so they don't get sick
- Be especially careful of your vomit and diarrhoea

This information has been developed for educational purposes only and is correct at the time of publication. It is not a substitute for professional medical advice. Should you have any questions or concerns about any topic in the poster, please consult your medical professional.

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VISIONARY YOUNG PEOPLE ON THE MOVE - CITY OF WINDHOEK JUNIOR COUNCIL ELDERLY PERSONS' PROJECT

"Aging is not lost youth but a new stage of opportunity and strength."
Betty Friedan (1921-2006)

The City of Windhoek Junior Council this year joined forces with Heja Game Lodge and Shadonai Hair and Beauty Academy to execute its elderly persons' project, on Saturday, 26 July 2014.

A total of 150 senior citizens from Eastern Court (Klein Windhoek) and Senior Park (Pionierspark), both state owned retirement villages, were treated to mouth-watering lunch at Senior Park and another 30 were taken on a complimentary social outing to Heja Game Lodge for a game drive and lunch.

The treat was concluded with a manicure, pedicure, nail painting, Indian head massage and hair-work treatment at Shadonai Hair and Beauty Academy at no cost to either the Junior Council or the elderly, but as part of their corporate social responsibility aimed at improving the quality of life of our people.



Every Drop Counts

Windhoek needs to save 10% Water

Windhoek needs to save 2.570.000m³ water during 2014-2015.

Windhoek has a population of 355 000 (2011). If each person daily saves 10 L water, than we would save 1.296.000 m³ water per year.

Namibian society must embrace a lifestyle to save water and it is every person's responsibility to use less water daily, in order to ensure that a water crisis is avoided.



- **Convert your garden to a dry garden.** A tropical garden demands 5x more water than an indigenous garden.
- **Low flush toilets save a lot of water.** The cost of investment will be recovered, from saving water.
- **Reuse rinse- and wash-water for your garden.** By reusing rinse- and wash water, ±20 L a day, 7200 L water is saved per annum/ household.
- **Cover your swimming pool.** This is a legal requirement. Evaporation consumes annually, 2-3 times the pool's water capacity, when open.
- **Repair water leaks immediately.** You have to repair the leak anyway. Why waste 40 L water per day from a leaking tap, for which you have to pay anyway?



**Share the responsibility to save water
and avoid the burden of water restrictions.**