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CEO's Corner

FOCAL THEMES FOR THE YEAR, 2013

As a City we have come of age and have learned a lot over the last 22 years of democratic Local Governance in Namibia, given the time span and the due deliverables expected from us, it becomes essentially important that we rededicate all our efforts to deliver. So as to practice what we preach, the city leadership, after multiple consultations within the organisation, compiled and charted out priority focal areas for the year 2013 in which Her Worship the Mayor assures the residents that the Council is committed to deliver on the focal crucial areas which are as follows:

1. Consultative Governance

This is an approach based on a conviction that success of any democratic set up depends on a broader consultation; in order to appreciate the aspirations of the residents. In addition to the scheduled annual public meetings, Council will hold ad hoc meetings with communities throughout the year, in order to solicit input to the city's development agenda and annual budget that will be tabled in June 2013.

2. Provision of basic services in underserviced areas

Like in the past years, Council's commitment to the provision of basic services in the informal settlements and other underserviced areas remains the city's top operational priority during the year, 2013. This includes the continuous provision and expansion of water, sanitation and electricity services. Despite the multiple strides achieved so far, the City acknowledges the worrisome challenges such as lack of resources and the rapid rate of urbanization.

3. Fast tracking Land Delivery

The availability of serviced land; especially for housing and commercial development remains a rather bothersome challenge that the City has been faced with for the past years, and which the City is ready to confront head-on. But, while taking the bull by the horns to address the situation, the City urges residents to refrain from the undesired illegal and disorderly land occupation, and to rather follow all the procedures set to acquire land in our beautiful City. Currently, efforts are being made to address the dire need of land for housing with notable funding from Government of N$310 million under the TIPEEG program for the servicing of land in low cost areas, of which the first phase of servicing the land in Otjomuise Extension 10 is nearing completion. This project is expected to produce around 1,192 single residential erven for the construction of houses, 5 business and 3 institutional plots. Similar projects are to be rolled out at Okahandja Park and Ongulumbashe. Upon conclusion of servicing the land, qualifying applicants whose names are already on the waiting list will be considered for land allocation to build formal houses on the provided erven.

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Editor's Desk



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The New Year has started, and the Janu-Worry effects are starting to fade away. Optimistic as I am, based on my New Year resolution, let me use this opportunity to welcome you to the February edition of the Aloe. As always, the main objective is to share with you the highlights of events that take place at the City of Windhoek, and the new developments as they unfold.

The February month has however started on a very sad note; considering that the City has been robbed of a true son of the soil, the man who has touched our lives, Dr. Abraham Iyambo, Minister of Education and trendsetter, who passed on, on the 02 February 2013. We are very grateful of the contribution he has made in his portfolios, and can only pray unto God to allow his soul to rest in eternal peace.

On a lighter and exciting note, please take note of the fact that Her Worship the Mayor Cllr. Agnes Kafula has launched the Mayoral clean-up campaign as part of the City Focus Themes for the year 2013. Further, it is equally important to note that the City of Windhoek continues to shine and prosper as it just received 6 awards in different categories at the recent 2013 Professional Management Review (PMR) award held in the capital.

Now that we are already towards the end of the second month in the year 2013, our hopes are that you must have started working on your New Year resolutions as well, because the ugly truth is that if you haven't started yet, chances are that you might lose out on all of them – come December.

As if January-Worry effects have not been "damage" enough to the city residents, the City Police issued 50 000 warrant of arrest to evading motorist with outstanding traffic tickets. Not only that they will continue with the unexpectedly roadblocks, but they can arrest you in the comfort of your residency or workplace. So let us save ourselves some embarrassments and pay up as soon as the fine is issued.

Another word of caution juxtaposed with an apology goes to the residents and visitors to the City, for the dusty operations you might have noticed on and around the OK parking, opposite the Hilton Hotel, as there are new developments coming up there.

Some practical arrangements have been made to minimise the inconveniences to you, our customers, and we hope you will bear with us throughout the construction period.

Please note that your comments are always welcome, in order for us to improve on our service delivery to you, our esteemed client, as we are always here to serve you.

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4. Clean City Initiatives and Environmental Management

The City prides itself as the cleanest City in Africa, if not in the world. This status did not come by chance, but was as a result of an entrenched culture of cleanliness of the Windhoek residents. In order to improve on this culture while keeping the hard earned status, the City has revived a Mayoral Clean-up Campaign Program, which was launched in January this year.

5. Promoting Economic Development

In the past years the city observed with concern the slow processing of applications and approval of building plans for housing and commercial development projects due to various reasons. These delays impact on economic development and the creation of the much needed jobs and may impact on the city's global competitiveness as a place to do business and attract investors. The matter is being dealt with along the relevant stakeholders in order to come up with certain standards that could help reduce the red tape scenario. The city will further look into strengthening its programmes around job creation, skills development and economic empowerment, so as to ensure that efforts of housing provision go hand in hand with job creation and economic sustenance.

6. Promoting Smart Partnership on Alternative Energy Solutions.

Energy supply in Namibia and the Region at large is getting more worrisome. We have witnessed increases in prices of electricity over the past years, with no sign of diminution. Today, the City's monthly bill for electricity from the national utility NamPower goes up to more than N$60 million a month, which could escalate as winter approaches. It is for this reason that, Council has now committed itself to pursuing feasible projects on renewable and green energy, as well as investigate emerging smart energy technologies, to supplement conventional energy supply.

7. Improving on Performance

The City in 2010, launched its 5 Years Integrated Business Plan, and signed Performance Agreements with the Chief Executive Officer and Strategic Executives. In 2012, the City realigned the administrative structure of the organization, an exercise that resulted in assigning related functions to relevant departments. Funds were invested in several systems and e-governance technologies that will help enhance service delivery.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

MAYORAL CLEAN-UP CAMPAIGNS FOR 2013

Windhoek is renowned as one of the cleanest cities in Africa if not the world, a status which the residents of Windhoek carry proudly and seek to protect.

This level of cleanliness has been achieved through cooperative efforts between various tiers of Government, the private sector and the willingness of the residents to keep the city clean.

However, given the rapid pace of urbanization and the high rate of illegal dumping by members of our communities, more and more waste is being generated by our residents and disposed off in irresponsible manners, thus putting more demand on City Council for service delivery.

In an effort to address waste related demands, the City of Windhoek launched the Solid Waste Management Policy in 2010, under the theme" Moving Towards a Green City", a Policy that forms the foundation and framework for the management of solid waste within Windhoek. The launching of this continuous Clean-up campaigns under the theme ***"My Waste, My Responsibility"*** is one of the many tools that the City will use to engage and educate our residents at the community level to change our behavior and take full responsibility of the waste generated in our respective household.

The Waste Management Hierarchy advocates for waste avoidance, reuse and recycling above disposal and is therefore, an important intervention towards minimizing the amount of waste generated at community level.

The Mayoral Clean-up Campaign is an important milestone in the City's efforts to manage waste efficiently and effectively, jointly with its community stakeholders.

And the success of this process will require the collective effort of all stakeholders, hence a need for cooperation amongst and between all stakeholders.

Officially launching the campaign, Her worship the Mayor, Councillor Agnes Mpingana Kafula appealed for continuous support from all residents and from the media in continually sharing the message of sustainable waste management practices; thereby endorsing the City of Windhoek's efforts towards maintaining a clean and healthy environment.

The campaign was launched at Greenwell Matongo in the Samora Machel Constituency.



L-R: Cllr. Moses Shiikwa, Hon. Maj. Gen. (rtd) Charles Namoloh, Minister of RLGHRD, and Her worship Cllr. Agnes Kafula City of Windhoek Mayor.

LINE MINISTER ON A FAMILIARISATION VISIT TO THE CITY OF WINDHOEK

City of Windhoek is not only a gateway to the rest of Namibian towns, but it is the main core of service delivery to the residents and the visitors alike, be it local or international.

This is one of the strong statements made by Hon. Maj. Gen. (rtd) Charles Namoloh, the recently appointed Minister of Regional and Local Government Housing and Rural Development, when he visited the City of Windhoek headquarters.

Major Namoloh who described his visit to the City of Windhoek as an introduction for him to familiarise himself with the City Council and staff members, now that it falls under his mandate, encouraged the City Council to work hard in its dealings, to ensure that service delivery is efficiently and effectively delivered to those who need it.

"I would like to see Windhoek growing in the same fashion with consistent developments in all residential areas, from upmarket to informal settlement, in order to nurture the legacy of Windhoek for the next generation". He acknowledged the presence of critical service delivery areas such as land acquisition and housing, emphasising that the City of Windhoek has a major role to play and pledged support by his Ministry, in changing the status quo in order to meet demands of the people the city is serving.

Major Namoloh called on the City Council to work with unreserved commitment in order for Council to serve its purpose, by acting proactively and collectively.



Hon. Maj. Gen. (rtd) Charles Namoloh flanked by the City Councillors and the CEO.



CITY POLICE TO IDENTIFY JOB SEEKERS

Not long after its inception, the Windhoek City Police was mandated with the role of Community Policing and Problem solving. With this in mind, the Windhoek City Police Chief Abraham Kanime held a meeting with various job seekers based in Windhoek at the City Police Head office, at the Corner of Essen and Sishen Street, on Thursday, 31 January 2013.

Addressing a crowd of approximately 60 unemployed men, the Chief emphatically related that he was well aware that the group came from different corners of the country to look for employment and a better life, which is very commendable. However the Windhoek City Police has realized that there are few job seekers in Windhoek who have criminal intentions and those who will be found engaging in illegal activities will be dealt with in line with the law, said the Chief. The Chief further stressed that all the job seekers loitering around from one place to another in the Windhoek area and hanging around at Traffic lights in search for work will no longer be allowed there as there have been reported cases of mugging by job seekers reported to our offices. "With that said, all those who will be found transgressing after I have exclusively spoken to you will be arrested", said the Chief.

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At the same platform the Chief encouraged the entire gathered group to make sure that they wrote the required details with the City Police. The list will be used for identification purposes and to monitor how many job seekers are at a specific area looking for jobs at specific places. The list will further be used for profiling purposes and all those unemployed will be given identification cards, which will contain full names, a passport photo, and place of origin, spoken language and aims to keep track record of the places where individual job seekers in search for work will be operating from.

Therefore, when the Windhoek City Police makes arrests in a specific place its able to run the information on the transgressor to see if the individual arrested is on the same list for the job seeker at a specific place. On a positive note the Chief assured the group that he was going to engage necessary stakeholders, the Economic Development department, which is part of City of Windhoek and the Man on the Road to look at alternative ways to help job seekers whose names appear on the list of the Windhoek City Police to get work. However this will be just a suggestion on the City Police side and should not be perceived as a promise for job acquisition.



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35 CADET CONSTABLE JOIN TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Crime Prevention and Traffic Regulations in the capital remain a headache to the Department of City Police, as a direct result of the shortage of men power.

In response to these challenges, on the 28 January 2013, in the presence of Her Worship Agnes Kafula, the Major of Windhoek, together with her team of Councillors, the Windhoek City Police Chief Abraham Kanime welcomed 35 Cadet Constable at the Windhoek City Police Head Office who successfully finished a one month induction programme.

The induction programme involves physical and theoretical training simulation for 6 month. Intensive training shall be attended by the new recruits in the not so distant future. In her opening remarks Her Worship Agnes Kafula said that she was delighted to have the new recruits on board and at the same time stressed, "What we need from you is cooperation." What we need from you is team work. What we need from you is consultations and vice versa." She emphasised.

Amongst other important issue raised, Her Worship mentioned that she received praises for the excellent work done by the City Police in general. She indicated that in most instances the response of the City Police in cases of emergency and crime prevention should be commended and is source of pride to the organisation.

However, she also indicated that there are some complaints about inappropriate behaviour of some officers. It's with this in mind that Her Worship reiterated that the new recruits should refrain from activities that can bring the name of the City Police in disrepute.

"Some of the young people in your respective community admire the men and women in uniform.

"Therefore, as new recruits, you should go out there in the community and enforce what you have been taught during the intense 6 month training." said Her Worship.

A stern warning was further given to the new recruits to keep away from criminal activities, "Some of our colleagues are involved in criminal activities and unacceptable behaviours and those thinking of doing the same should withdraw from such activities as this will tarnish the image of people in uniform" said Her Worship.

On the topic of restructuring and re-alignment, Her Worship emphasized that together with her Councillors, they have made some restructuring and re-alignment changes as they felt well necessary in order to improve work performance, an action that should never be perceived as a witch-hunt – as corridor talks have it.

PMR AWARDS

City received awards in the following categories at the PMR 2013 awards ceremony that took place at Windhoek Country Club recently:

- *Diamond: Environmental Cleanliness*
- *Diamond: Social upliftment*
- *Gold: Proactive Mayor over the past 12 months*
- *Gold: Fighting crime*
- *Silver: In Tourism*
- *Bronze: Attracting local investment & foreign investment*



City team at the PMR awards, (L-R): Nguvitjia Kapere, Justine Valindi, Joshua Amukugo, Benny Amuenje, Grace Pujatura and Matengu Katukula (At the back)

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK

facebook

Wally Liz Bredenhann posted on **City of Windhoek's** timeline: You want business back to the central business area, but where is the parking space. Now you go and hand out more parking space to informal traders. I don't mind, but create parking space for us.

Response: The City is experiencing inefficient parking spaces especially within the Central Business District (CBD) and surrounding areas due to the pace of development coupled with land scarcity. Hence, parking problems are experienced at several parts especially during business working hours. The City owns several parking spaces along Independence Avenue and other major arterial roads including the Town Square. Commuters are encouraged to also make use of private parking places that sometimes have open parking bay.

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REGULARS

Every Monday: Dance Class - Adults: This ain't granny's dance class anymore! This is Ballroom Dance at it's inest! This fun every Monday at Backstage! Do you want to join??? Contact Martina Schwardmann on 085 141 255 or Gerald on 081 398 5045.

Every Tuesday: Windhoek Harriers Road Running Club: All runners and walkers are invited to attend time trials commencing at 17h45 every Tuesday from Doc Jubber Hockey fields. Beginners and advanced runners and walkers are welcome. Races are held on a monthly basis. Hazel Vermeulen: 081 654 5979.

Every Wednesday: Club London V2.0 Ladies night, every Wednesday night ladies night with your host & DJ Droopy. Everybody free all night long. @ 20:00h. Club London V2.0 (used to be LaDeeDa's). Strictly no under 18's. 4 Nasmith Street, Southern Industrial.

Presley's Karaoke, Pool and Cocktail Party, Join the bliss crew every Wednesday @ 19:00 till late for Karaoke and Cocktails. Received the new equipment for the karaoke with some great new karaoke tracks. Doubles pool competitions for entry fee of N$ 20.00. And N$ 250.00 prize money. Happy hour will commence every night from 8pm to 9pm! Presley's (former Bliss) Cnr. Nasmith & Joule Streets, Southern Industrial.

Every Thursday: Reggae & Dancehall, 264 Lounge, Base FM and Crucial Productions hosts Reggae & Dancehall Thursdays at 264 Lounge (66 Rehobother Road, opposite Ritters Toyota, Ausspanplatz), featuring The Crucially Crucial Seleckta & other guest Selektas and Mc's. Doors open at 7pm. 7-9pm free entry. 9 pm till late entry fee is 20 N$.

Dylan's Karaoke with Tony, Great entertainment! Come join the fun even if you don't sing - always a good laugh. @22h00@Dylan's, free entrance, for more information contact 081 - 1287664
Every Friday, Saturday & Sunday

Kids Bush Park Family Fun, Join us for some fun with your kids - Electric quads, peddle karts, 30ft bungy sling shot, paddle boats, Gyro, climbing tower, jumping castles and a Cafe full of refreshments and snacks. Opening Times: Friday 12pm-6pm & Weekends 10am-6pm@ Kids Bush Park.

Every Saturday Green Market/ Biomarket, fresh vegetables are available and milk products and many organic products are on sale. Venue: 3-5 Uhland Street in Klein Windhoek. Time: 09h00-12h00. For more information please contact Inge Glaue: 061 - 239 555.

Penduka Namibia Relax on the banks of Goreangab Dam. Enjoy a relaxing day on the banks of Goreangab Dam in the Penduka restaurant, shop for batik, table & bed linen and fine embroidery products in the craft shop. Bungalows are available for those who want to enjoy a weekend away from the bustle of the city.

Backstage Dinner Theatre Dance Class for Kids Duration: about one hour (regular event, every Saturday) starts @ 10h00 Backstage Dinner Theatre. For more information contact 081 - 277 42 12

Garlic & Flower Restaurant Kapana Soul Sessions *'soul food soul music'*, Every Saturday 12pm till late @Garlic & Flower Restaurant. With live acts from 18:00. Soul Food Soul Music. N$ 20, from 3pm @ the door Beats start bumping at 2pm. for more info contact: 0813441466.

Every Sunday Horse Stables in Avis Horse Riding for Kids, Come and enjoy horse riding for the kids while you indulge in coffee and cake. To find the stables, follow the road to Avis Dam and turn left through the green gate just before the road to the dam turns right. @15h00.

Ultimate (Frisbee) Game, UNAM students have been getting together Sunday afternoons at 16:00 for pick up games of Ultimate (Frisbee). This fun, and action packed sport is played with a flying disc and two teams. Come on out and have some ultimate fun! Organiser: Daniel Socha, University of Namibia Lawn @16h00 https://www.facebook.com/events/223382647771720

EXHIBITIONS

28 Jan - 27 Feb Christian Goltz' Solo Exhibition 'Simply the Same New York trained Namibian photographer Christian Goltz presents his first solo exhibition, Simply the Same, at the FNCC Gallery. Free Entry. Official Opening: 28 January, 18:30 at FNCC. Viewing times: Mon to Thurs: 09:00 - 19:00 Fri: 09:00 - 12:30. http://www.fncc.org.na

04 Feb - 08 Mar Homage to My Mother - A **Photo Exhibition by Kari Smaage**, Kari Smaage presents a collection of photo portraits of Namibian women who have inspired her with their selfless work for their communities. The project's aim is to motivate and train parents and grandparents to teach children traditional skills. The parents and grandparents are working voluntarily at schools, churches and in the community as a whole. 18:30 at Blue Frog Restaurant. Viewing times: Môn to Thurs: 09:00 - 19:00, Fri: 09:00 - 12:30.http://www.fncc.org.na

CARNIVAL

15 Feb ACOUSTIC FRIDAY CONCERT Featuring TONETiC, Exactly two years after featuring at its first edition in February 2011, Namibian singer/songwriter Steffen List aka TONETiC, returns to FNCC's Acoustic Friday Concert to present his debut album, Tones of Red.Tickets:N$30 in advance, N$ 40 at the door. Franco Namibian Cultural Centre (FNCC @20h00

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THEATRE

07 Feb Song Night February - Auditions Song Night is in place. For upcoming or established artists, if you just want to express yourself. Feel yourself giving yourself away on stage. Letting go, coming alive. Audition acapella and know that if you get selected, you can perform with the amazing Song Night band at the Warehouse on the last Wednesday of February. Be prepared to perform more than 2 songs on the night if selected. You must love to sing. You must crave to get each note right. THEME: LETS START, MOVING ON, BEING BIGGER AND BETTER. 18h00@ Bank Windhoek Theatre School.

FreeYOurMind Stand-up Comedy 'Waars my Hunny' FreeYourMind! Stand Up Comedy Presents "Waars my Hunny"It is the worry Months again..., and unsuprisingly the Lani's are not worried! Join W'Uis the delighfull Damara damaleki as she chats and unravelles how we (i mean you) survive the worry months during the month of love. Damage: 50 in advance & 60 @door, doors open @ 19h00. Tickets available @ Urban Legends, Gadgets Namibia, Theatre School & Warehouse

08 Feb STORYTELLING HOUR 'Valentine's Day - Love Stories', this edition of the storytelling hour will be about Valentine's Day love stories for children. Target group: Children aged 6 to 12 years; Parents may safely drop their children at the FNCC library at 10am on Saturday morning to be collected one hour later. Entrance is free.

18 Feb – 22 Feb Eberhard von Koenen Memorial Week In commemoration of an extraordinary person the Goethe-Centre / NaDS and the Namibia Scientific Society (NSS) organise the "Eberhard von Koenen Memorial Week". Some members of his family, friends and admirers drafted a programme which deals with important stages of his life and his work.@ Goethe Centre/NADS

19 Feb PARK TALK: The NAM-PLACE Project, During this Park Talk project manager Michael Sibalatani will introduce the so called NAM-PLACE Project: the Namibia Protected Landscape Conservation Areas Initiative. NAM-PLACE is a project of the Ministry of Environment and Tourism, which has been under implementation since August 2011. It is aimed at lifting barriers for the establishment of large scale networks of protected landscapes in the country. Free entry, Franco Namibian Cultural Centre (FNCC @18H00

20 Feb Last Band Standing - First Round Three band per night on the first round and one band to the next round of the last band standing. Silver Star, Big Ben, and Tribe Union. It is all about live music on stage and have a good time with the instrument. National Theatre of Namibia @ 20h00

'Words in Motion - Poetry meets Film' In the opening show of Spoken Word in 2013 we will show four magnificent African short films, in between we will have local word weavers presents pieces of poetry about the films and the topics addressed. @20h00, warehouse theatre (old 99 FM Playhouse theatre)

The Films are:

- **Lezare – For Today,** Ethiopia, directed by Zelalem Woldemariam, 14 min.
- **Zebu and the Photofish,** Kenya/ Uganda, directed by Zippy Nyaruri, 13 min.
- **We also walked on the Moon,** DRC/ Algeria, directed by Balufu Bakupa Kanyinda, 11 min.
- **Restless Wandering,** Tunisia/Algeria, directed by Nouri Bouzid, with late actor Sotigui Kuyate in his last role, 10 min.

22 Feb The natives are restless: A Drumming Circle with Ongoma, Ongoma is offering its popular drumming circle to new audiences at the FNCC. This is an interactive event for all those who love the beat of Africa and would like to join in. Franco Namibian Cultural Centre (FNCC) @20h00 N$ 30 in advance, N$ 40 at the door.

28 Feb Theatre sports feat. 'Free Your Mind' Comedian 'Chicken', "Free Your Mind"-comedy master mind Chicken is featuring as guest artist in this new edition of Theatre Sports. Perk up your life with the fabulous, feisty, funny and frivolous Theatre Sports team! Find your funny bone by suggesting topics for the two competing teams to act out and get to choose the best team. Franco Namibian Cultural Centre (FNCC) @ 19h00, entrance N$ 30

SCREENINGS

21 Feb Movie Screening 'Ali: Fear Eats, Emmi, a widowed cleaning lady in her sixties, enters a bar in Munich frequented by foreigners where she meets Ali, a considerably younger Moroccan guest-worker. Ali, who's name is actually El Hedi ben Salem M'Barek Mohammed Mustapha, accompanies her home and a relationship begins which results in marriage. Goethe Centre @ 19h15, 1-5 Fidel Castro Street, 061 - 225 700

23 Feb AfricAvenir Movie Screening 'My Name is not Ali' AfricAvenir invites to the Namibian Premiere of the Egyptian-German documentary „My Name is Not Ali" (Germany/Egypt, 2011, Original with English subtitles, 94 min) by Viola Shafik. (See synopsis below) Goethe Centre / NADS @ 19h00, entrance N$ 30

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