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The business forum was held under the theme: Positioning Northern Businesses for wider trading opportunities under the AfCFTA.

The forum created a platform for various institutions to share the role they play in facilitating trade opportunities. It covered different topics such as the AfCFTA, the EU EPA rebate system, standards, digital trade, barcoding, business registration and how the north can leverage off the opportunities presented therein.



FROM THE CEO'S DESK

Stronger Together...

So what will it take?

1. Consider – what are we exceptionally great at? Where is our competitive advantage?
2. Collaborate and Coordinate – all efforts across different role players. There is power in casting a concerted vision and pulling together to actualize it
3. Catapult – launch ourselves into the future of the industries that will drive our economy for generations to come.



Ms. Stacey Susa-Pinto

I look back at the recent victory of the Springboks over the All Blacks. A moment of great pride and joy for our continent. The victory was a clear case of determination and the Springboks knowing that they are worth competing against the best. And winning!

This is the exact place Namibia finds herself. Through various discoveries and investment initiatives – Namibia has a chance to compete with the best at global level. And win.

For the Namibia Trade Forum, some of the work we have done in the last quarter, has shown us Namibia's potential and where the growth lies. No one institution can go at this alone. The future of our #BraveNation lies in our ability to pull together because we are stronger together. The Government, Industry, NGOs, consumers, DFIs etc – we are all part of the Namibian team and it starts with us.

I hope that reading the highlights of some of our work will spark ideas about how you too, can be part of the solution and the future we all desire for our beautiful Namibia.

The Minister of Industrialization and Trade Hon. Lucia Lipumbu delivered the keynote speech highlighting the importance of local businesses attending forums such as these to gain the necessary information and actively participate. The Minister also encouraged local businesses to take advantage of the Equipment Aid Scheme offered by the Ministry of Industrialization Trade.

A heartfelt thank you to all stakeholders who contributed to the success of the Business Forum: NSI, BIPA, FNB, GSI, MIT, MAWLR, JABU logistics and the office of the Governor of the Oshana Region.



ALL THINGS LOCAL

Celebrating all things local, the Buy Local Grow Namibia campaign continues to promote and encourage Namibians to stand together as a nation and support local businesses in all sectors.

This year the campaign aims to showcase how the initiative has improved market access for the Namibian products.

Collaborations across various sectors & institutions are fundamental to improve domestic trade and the local economy.



BUY LOCAL GROW NAMIBIA

OUR CALL TO ACTION

- *Celebrate Local in all sectors*
- *Buy local & play a role towards economic growth and sustainability*



NTF IN THE NEWS



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT ON PROTOCOLS AND POLICIES IMPACTING MARKET ACCESS FOR NAMIBIAN AUTHORS, PUBLISHERS, PUBLISHING HOUSES AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS.

We had the privilege to discuss policies and protocols surrounding market access for the Namibian Literary Works, with Namibian authors, writers, public institutions and publishing houses.

Considering all things local Ms. Pinto highlighted that the creative industry is part of trade in service and goods and stressed how the creative industry can benefit from the AfCFTA.

Delivering the Keynote at this PPD was Hon. Emma Kantem-Gaoma Deputy Minister of Arts, Youth, Sports and Culture.

The Namibia Trade Forum with the support of the Ministry of Industrialization and Trade hosted a Public-Private dialogue on the pork industry.

This was a policy driven initiative to understand the regulations and policies impacting the Namibian pork industry.

During this PPD we had the opportunity to unpack challenges and opportunities to expand our domestic pork industry.



NATIONAL PUBLIC-PRIVATE DIALOGUE ON PORK: A POLICY DRIVEN PERSPECTIVE



NTFC RETREAT

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The National Trade Facilitation Committee (NTFC) commenced a workshop on 31st July 2023 to 3rd August 2023 to update the implementation of the World Trade Organization Trade Facilitation Agreement measures through the reform tracker tool.

GTI WORKSHOP

On 21st to 24th May 2023, AfCFTA Secretariat in collaboration with Ministry of Trade and Industrialization together NTF hosted the Guide Trade initiative (GTI). The GTI was developed to kick start meaningful commercial trade among state parties that have signaled their readiness to test the operational institution.



GTI WORKSHOP



TRS STAKEHOLDER ENAGEMENT

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NTF attended the Time Release Study (TRS) stakeholder engagement which took place on 20th -21st July 2023. The TRS is an international recognized tool developed by the World Customs Organization (WCO) to measure the actual time required for the release and/or clearance of goods. Identifying challenges in the trade flow and methods to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of border procedures.



CBM STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

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24th to 28th July 2023 NTF attended the Cross Border Movement (CBM) of goods workshop. The CBM implies an organized, combined approach by border control agencies to achieve greater efficiency in cross border trade. CBM leads to faster release of goods, better predictability, improved controls, and lower costs.



MS. VIVIENNE KATJIUONGUA,
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DELIVERING A PRESENTATION AT
THE OATF BUSINESS FORU



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Upcoming Events:

- Buy Local Grow Namibia "Celebrating All Things Local" event.
- Namibia Trade Forum AGM