



ACC Swakopmund Scoop

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Activities to come:

- * More posters
- * Community outreach: May, June, July
- * Swakopmund International Trade Expo: October

Erongo media a crucial stakeholder

The Erongo media once again exhibited their keen interest in the activities of both directorates of the ACC during the past financial year. This underscores the importance of the media as a stakeholder of the ACC now and in the future. Although not all media houses are represented at the coast those who are appreciate this once a year opportunity which is being arranged in cooperation with the Office of the Governor. In his very brief address the Hon. Governor acknowledged the efforts of the ACC in the fight against corruption and also referred to some local authorities who are not toeing the line when it comes to following prescribed and transparent procedures.

In his presentation Mr. Amoonga focused mainly on prevention activities and those aimed at the youth such as the poster programme. Mr. Kurz had the undivided attention of all journalists when he presented the part on noticeable cases. A number of journalists followed up the next day on information shared during this presentation. The 2015/2016 Annual Report was also distributed to the media.

The ACC Swakopmund appreciates the continued support of the Hon. Governor and staff of the Office of the Governor and the Erongo media which ensures that the objective of this endeavor is reached.

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The Governor of the Erongo Region, Hon. Cleophas Mutjavikua, and the Chief Public Education and Corruption Prevention Officer, Mr. Tobias Amoonga, listening attentively to the presentation by Mr. Walter Kurz, Chief Investigating Officer at the annual media debriefing which is now a well established event the media is looking forward to.



Always courteous and disciplined

The annual presentation at the Karibib Command and Staff College is always a highlight on the presentation calendar.

The male and female officers represent the cream of the crop and only reached this level of training with a lot of hard work. Each year one of the group of officials is tasked with arranging the presentation and this year it was done by Major Paulus Uumbili.

Every year arrangements are done exceptionally well with an officer waiting at the gate on arrival, indicating the specific parking space and the terrain and building are always neat and spotless. One is accompanied to the seating area with refreshments

awaiting and introduction to the management corps.

The presentation starts exactly on time with the break being clearly indicated and the duration is precisely 5 min. Never the need exists to call anybody again after the break. Time and time again the letter of appreciation is received - a gesture that is returned with much pleasure. ACC Swakopmund is looking forward to the next one .

NEVER A DULL MOMENT

The B2 road between Swakopmund and Walvis Bay is ever a busy one carrying cargo to and from Namibia's main harbour, Nampont, in Walvis Bay. Throughout the years Easter weekend has been one of the most hectic times and unlike December when big trucks are compelled by law to use the road behind the dunes, trucks still use this road during the Easter weekend. This year even more visitors steered their noses towards the coast to watch The Namibian Cup during this time. Times like these therefore presents the perfect opportunity to spread the message on corruption.



But if the last penny in the kitty is spent one needs to improvise. After a quick brainstorm it was decided to hand out short basic information and some interesting slogans on corruption printed on A4 paper.

Approval was granted to hand out this information at the road block at the Yanni Savva police station at Langstrand. Despite a cold and roaring wind we stood our ground.

The information was well received and it was remarkable that all drivers immediately read it. Next time we will go this route again preparing information of five to six words and 5 slogans per A4 page. It is cost effective and gets the message across.

Posters travel far and wide in Erongo

The spinoff from the posters still continues. Up till date more than 500 posters were distributed. Of these the majority (300+) went to primary and secondary schools (including private schools) in the Erongo region. Ms. E. Orus, Senior Education Officer from Ministry of Skills teachers, assisted the moth task. To celebrate the exposure to the sponsors a money was arranged at the regional Constituency Office of Council. The office received marks on the visibility of pecially the coastal towns.



The office again embarked on ships for the 8 remaining Woermannbrock Coastal and 50 copies respectively tributed whenever the into the region for other ship requests were made Pick 'n Pay, NMH, Rössing, sources Namibia, Erongo Premier Construction, Swakop Uranium and Namibia Dairies. The DPECP is looking forward to receive a positive response from some of them soon.

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Almost there!

Marthin Luther King once said: "The time is always right to do what is right." Many a times however man needs a push or two to start doing what is right. The Ethics and Anti-Corruption Guide which is nearing completion is just the push in the right direction. The guide is the result of three training sessions the Chief Public Education and Corruption Prevention Officer, Mr. Tobias Amoonga attended in Botswana during 2015 and 2016.

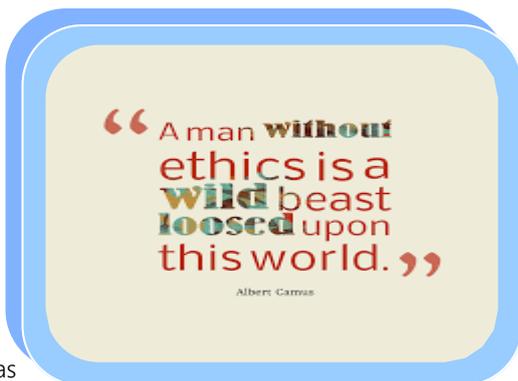
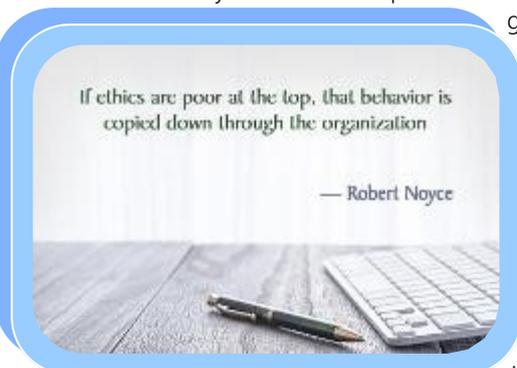
Mr. Amoonga was then tasked to drive the process of drafting the Ethics and Anti-Corruption Guide as per the National Anti-Corruption Strategy and Action Plan 2016 – 2019. Due to financial constraints in the year 2016, the idea of drafting the guide was put on hold. "Fortunately, Mr. Amoonga says, "the Hanns Foundation came to our rescue and sponsored the workshop for drafting the guide that took place in Otjiwarongo in February where the draft was developed."

Currently the guide is at an advanced stage, submitted to the office of the Deputy Director General for the final comments. "The calls for both private and public sector accountability led Anti-Corruption Commission to implement this training

guide in Offices, Ministries and Agencies (OMAs). The guide has been developed with the understanding that a sustainable fight against corruption in Namibia can only be achieved if all the OMAs work together with the ACC during the implementation of ethics and anti-corruption programmes," says Mr. Amoonga.

Whilst actions will vary from institution to institution, the guide focuses on the fundamental premise of a public official's duty as a "steward" to the public. In other words, the guide focuses on the moral justification and consideration for decisions and actions made during the completion of daily duties when working to provide the general services of government to the public. Moreover the guide is a response to the National Anti-Corruption Strategy and Action Plan 2016 – 2019

to ensure that the attitudes of Namibian residents towards corruption are changed in order to ensure the sustainable economic development of the country.



IN THE SPOTLIGHT: Mr. Set Shihafeleni Ndeiluka

His main roots remain in the North and Swakopmund will always be the second home away from home. Set Shihafeleni Ndeiluka (and he is very proud of the Shihafeleni part as he will always mention it when he is introducing himself) was born and raised in the village Ouhongo in the Ohangwena region (Engela constituency). He attended the Ongudi Primary School and the Ongenga Primary and Junior Secondary School and completed his schooling at Onesi Senior Secondary School in the Omusati region.

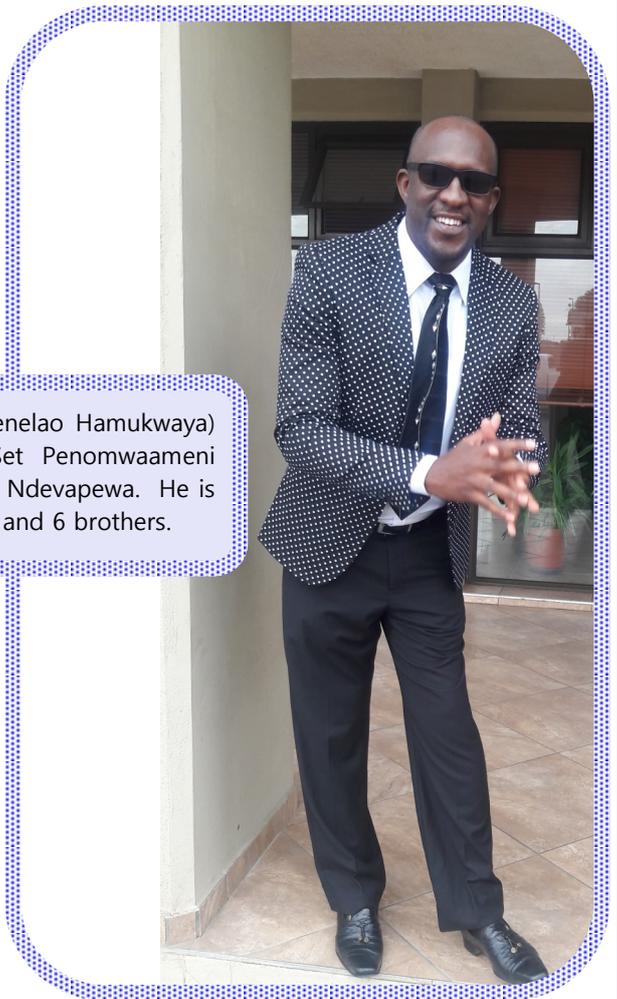
Following in the footsteps of his parents and inspired by his grade 1 and 2 teachers (Ms. Julia Nghishiilenapo, Mrs. Liina Hanyangha Kamhulu-Hamutumwa) he enrolled for and completed a Bachelor degree of Education in Economics and Business Studies. "Teaching as a career has been my dream since I was a little child, because my father and mother were respected because of being teachers too. He also spoke with fondness of these teachers who taught him to read and write "...something I remember was more difficult for me and they took the time to teach me with love and respect. So I decided to be a teacher to avail myself to help those who are struggling academically like I did."

Although he can entertain you on many a story of his teaching days his brightest memory is of being a class teacher to those who seem dull and slow and see them bloom and acquire university exemption. "I enjoyed coaching learners for socially and academic changes that make me to feel more proud of being a good teacher. I always referred to my learners as clients. I showed up with a smile on my face every morning at the school (Oshela SSS and Pohnofi SSS respectively). What also brought a smile to his face was talking to the learners for 10 min at the start of the class telling them stories, news (including some fake stories/news) to attract their attention to the lesson and counselling learners to change their behaviors.

The issuing of Grade 12 certificates to learners with low marks which are not acceptable to recognized institutions of higher learning is the aspect he would like to see amended in the current education system. "Grade 12 certificates should only be issued for those reaching the admission requirement to higher institutes of learning. The inclusion of Life Skills as a promotional subject will help learners to behave ethically in order to make them productive, committed and patriotic citizens."

He also feels special need kids (i.e. Down Syndrome) need special education in special classes at some schools. Especially skilled and well trained teachers should be employed to work with them and assist them to become productive citizens in the main economic stream one day.

Set and his wife (Ndeshipanda Penelao Hamukwaya) have two offspring – a boy, Set Penomwaameni named after him and a girl, Angel Ndevapewa. He is part of a bigger family of 3 sisters and 6 brothers.



More to know:

- ⇒ Canada tops his list of holiday destinations due to their high level of security. "I will never compromise on security."
- ⇒ He prefers traditional Oshiwambo food. "It makes me to feel more unique and caring for my cultural heritage. Otherwise any food will do as long as it is prepared with extra hygiene."
- ⇒ His wish for his children is that God Almighty will bless them with wisdom to grow up to be God fearing. "This mentality will ensure a high level of integrity and an ethical orientated mind that will help them to overcome the current bad social influences of the behaviour of the youth of today and to become good Namibian citizens."
- ⇒ Relaxing with his friends and watching live soccer spice up his weekends.
- ⇒ Being an evening person he definitely feels more energetic and alive in the afternoon and evening.



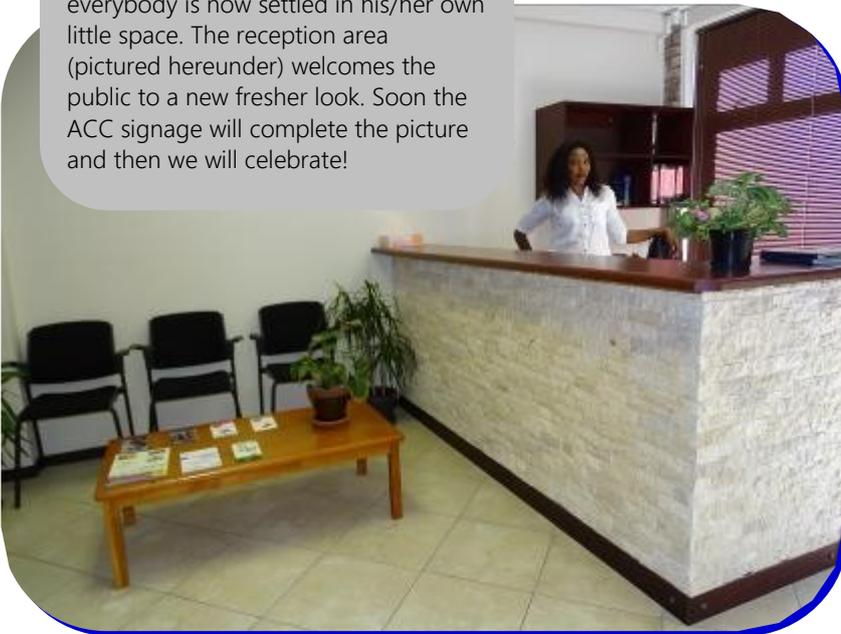
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Integrity is doing the right thing. Even when no one is watching. C.S. Lewis.

SNIPPETS

With a huff and a puff from staff and assistance from Correctional Services the Swakopmund Office relocated to the Makarios Centre at the end of February. Offices were partitioned and everybody is now settled in his/her own little space. The reception area (pictured hereunder) welcomes the public to a new fresher look. Soon the ACC signage will complete the picture and then we will celebrate!



The Henties Bay Municipality Integrity Management report was handed over on 28 March 2017 in Henties Bay at the Council Chambers. During his reflection on the implementation of the road maps he indicated that the development of the Customer Service Charter will be one of the main priorities for the months to come. The Mayor applauded the efforts of the ACC with the Integrity Management programme and said it should be marketed in all earnest to boost integrity in all functions of private and public institutions in Erongo. Copies of the report were handed to the CEO Mr. R.S. Ochs, the Mayor, Hon H. Honeb (pictured above) and the HR department. All council members and some staff members attended the handing over ceremony (photo left).

