



DRAFT MINUTES

8th Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday 06th March 2018 at 16h00

NCE Boardroom

Present: Charles Loots – Chairperson (CL), Malan Lindeque (MLin), Morgan Hauptfleisch (MH), Steve Galloway(SG), Chris Brown (CB), Stephan Bezuidenhout (SB)

Apologies: Frauke Kreitz (FK), Maxi Louis (ML)

Agenda item	Discussion	Decision	Action Points
1. Welcome by Chairman	Chairperson welcomed all present		
2. Attendance / Apologies	Frauke Kreitz Maxi Louis	Quorum present	
3. Approval of Agenda	No additions	Agenda adopted	
4. Minutes of 6th Meeting 4.1 Correctness	Spelling correction, page 7	Minutes approved with one correction	

5.1 Eight Programme Areas	1. Membership support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New Member Applications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Membership currently stands at 57. ➤ 3 applications submitted for discussion and approval. ➤ 1 full member application (Botanical Society of Namibia) accepted. ➤ 1 associate member application (Professor Morris Gosling) accepted. ➤ 1 full member application (Unity Mining and Energy Resources) to be further investigated and tabled at the next meeting. 	CB to further investigate the pending full member application (Unity Mining and Energy resources).
	2. National facilitation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Best Practice Guide for the mining sector in Namibia Ban on Plastics Campaign 	<p>The NCE is tracking the progress of the handbook, on a monthly basis, upon receipt of a progress report when payments are done.</p> <p>Two interns were appointed, under the mentorship and guidance of Environmental Compliance Consultancy, to assist with this project.</p> <p>The Environmental Commissioner appointed Mr. Hiskia Mbura to represent the Ministry and to be the focal point on matters relating to the development of the best practice handbook.</p> <p>A letter was sent to the Ministry of Mines & Energy about the project with an invitation to appoint a rep to the project.</p> <p>The MET has launched a Solid Waste Strategy and Action Plan with a phase 1 focus on once-off use plastics, waste</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carnivore Red Data assessment • Biocontrol of Cactus Species • Greater Waterberg Partnership Park • NCRST 	<p>management sites and transport of recyclable materials. To this end, the DEA / MET established a National Solid Waste Management Advisory Panel. The NCE has been invited to serve on this Panel.</p> <p>The workshop was very successful. Within the environmental sector, groups are now constructively working together.</p> <p>JARO Consultancy and John Pallet are doing the mapping an editing respectively. A national Action Plan for carnivores will be prepared from the species assessments.</p> <p>The Sustainable Development Advisory Council has been briefed, NUST's Prof Rolf Becker and students, Botanical Society and Rhodes University are working together on this project. The aim is to get an environmental clearance certificate and Phyto-sanatory permits to bring biocontrol agents for control of three cactus species into Namibia.</p> <p>In South Africa, R3 Billion has been spent to date on the biocontrol of cacti.</p> <p>Mr. Willie Boonzaaier is in the process of developing a Master Plan for the Greater Waterberg Partnership Park, under the sponsorship of B2Gold Namibia.</p> <p>The second stakeholder meeting is scheduled for 09 March 2018 at the Otjikoto Training Centre. In total, 66 farms were invited to attend, which covers 80% of the land holdings.</p> <p>The NCE obtained an umbrella research permit on behalf of all its members. The NCE has written to the NCRST setting out our understanding of the agreement</p>	
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	<p>3. Advocacy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental Management Act (EMA) and Regulations • Pangolin Project <p>4. Mentorship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interns, bursaries and mentorship 	<p>reached regarding our members, as well as explaining our reservations concerning their approach, and suggesting what their priorities should be. The court case challenging the constitutionality of the NCRST's Act is ongoing.</p> <p>A process to update the Environmental Management Act, the EIA Regulations and to develop SEA Regulations is underway. The NCE reviewed and marked up the draft legislation and circulated to all NCE Members for their input.</p> <p>The business environment in Namibia is becoming increasingly uncompetitive as a result of poorly planned bureaucracy. There is a need for the private sector to be more engaged in the review of legislation (all legislation, not just the obvious NEEFS and Investment Bills) to ensure that Namibia is business-friendly while still being environmentally effective. Countries such as Norway are able to achieve this. At the moment, the business sector is not actively engaged in this sort of legislation. Enterprise Namibia would be the ideal vehicle to address this. In this context, SG made reference to the 'Red Tape Analysis', which was last reviewed in 1997.</p> <p>Since the initiation of the reward system, 88 people have been charged and 22 live pangolins seized. The live pangolins are rehabilitated and released into the wild.</p> <p>The meeting took note of the status report on Interns – both the bursaries and mentorship processes are working smoothly. The only minor issue is that expenditure was approximately N\$14,000 higher than the budget, because the published fees for 2018, given</p>	<p>CB to follow up with LAC on the court case results.</p>
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	<p>5. Environmental policy research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban development/ environment • Rural – Urban links <p>6. Environmental information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • App <p>7. Fund raising</p>	<p>to students at the end of 2017 on which our commitments were made, were later adjusted up.</p> <p>DW Namibia will start the affordable urban land project in Oshakati later this year. The process of approvals between Local Authorities and Ministry of Urban & Rural Development is extremely slow. Financial support for this initiative has been obtained from FNB/RMB Foundation, Chamber of Mines and GIZ.</p> <p>A cost analysis is being conducted by Cirrus to estimate the investment required at the national level to address the issue of access to affordable land.</p> <p>On 19 March 2018 a presentation will be given to the Minister of Urban and Rural Development on the National Programme to deal with informal settlement, the approach to providing low-cost plots and the revolving fund concept.</p> <p>DW Namibia and RAISON are preparing a proposal on urban-rural dynamics and drivers of urban migration, under the concept ‘economics of poverty’.</p> <p>The publication of the Namibian Journal of Environment (1st volume) has been well received and articles are being prepared and submitted for Volume 2.</p> <p>The EIS biodiversity atlas App has been upgraded and is gaining in popularity. It has been introduced to students (1st to 4th years) in the Natural Resources faculty at NUST, and to interest groups, e.g. Wildlife Society, Bird Club, Botanical Society.</p>	
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	<p>8. Grant making</p>	<p>A graph was provided, identifying all NCE funding. It indicated that funding is becoming more diversified. Mark Dawe and Charles Loots are working hard to attract funding within the private sector.</p> <p>A sheet was presented with 3 categories.</p> <p>A- NCE Budgeted projects, which are pre-identified activities approved by ExCo as part of the budget, totaling N\$1,057,000 and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Support and Development of the EIS and the Namibian Journal of Environment ➤ Accreditation of NNF (on behalf of the NGO sector) to the Green Climate Fund ➤ Annual research meeting ➤ Environmental Policy research ➤ Interns ➤ Bursary Fund ➤ Wildlife Video ➤ CEO's discretionary Fund <p>B- NCE project applications, which are project proposals submitted to the NCE and reviewed by an assessment panel. The total amount committed to date is N\$1,119,000 and include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lion Conflict (livestock kraals) ➤ Leopard Status ➤ Cheetah status ➤ Lion mitigation NW ➤ Red Data Assessment ➤ Status of palms used in craft sector ➤ Assessment of cave catfish population 	<p>CL to approach listed companies, as well as companies like Olthaver and List and Ohorongo Cement</p> <p>Office Manager to consolidate page 19 with the project overview</p>
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<p>6. Finances</p> <p>6.1 Financial report</p>	<p>Financial Report 01 July 2017 to 28 February 2018 (draft)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Based on the 8-month forecast, the NCE is under budget with 59% spent. ➤ Grants were presented separate from the NCE funds ➤ Financial reports accepted 	
<p>7. Any other business</p>	<p>Waste Management</p> <p>FNB</p>	<p>CB elected onto the Council. A suggestion was made to do a National Waste Clean-up Day.</p> <p>The NCE was encouraged to pursue and follow up with FNB, with a suggestion of 80% of their CSR funding within the environmental leg be invested into the NCE. The NCE had been discussed at two FNB Executive Meetings.</p>	<p>CL to follow up with FNB/ RMB on funding and propose a MOU between the NCE and FNB/ RMB</p>

	Current CEO term	<p>It was suggested that a MOU be drawn up.</p> <p>The current CEO, CB serve for another 2 years. His term will run from 2018 to 2020.</p>	<p>Give consideration to the idea of bringing in part-time person to assist CB on technical issues.</p>
8. Next meeting		Next Meeting - 26 June 2018	

C Loots
Chairperson

C Brown
Chief Executive Officer