



DRAFT MINUTES

12th Executive Committee Meeting

Tuesday 18 June 2019 at 16h00

NCE Boardroom

Present: Charles Loots – Chairperson (CL), Morgan Hauptfleisch (MH), Chris Brown (CB), John Pallet (JP), Maxi Louis (ML), Stephan Bezuidenhout (SB), Beat Weber (BW)

Apologies: Steve Galloway(SG), Malan Lindeque (MLin)

Agenda item	Discussion	Decision	Action Points
1. Welcome by Chairman	Chairperson welcomed all present		
2. Attendance / Apologies	Steve Galloway (SG) Malan Lindeque (MLin)	Quorum present	
3. Approval of Agenda	Additions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Forests • Drought Relief 	Agenda adopted with additions	
4. Minutes of 11th Meeting 4.1 Correctness 4.2 Matters arising	No corrections 4.2.1 Best Practice Mining Guide	Minutes approved ➤ The Draft Guide was sent out to Chamber of Mines and Ministry of Mines and Energy for final review by ECC; ➤ The Guide will be ready for distribution in September 2019.	

	<p>4.2.2 Position Statement on forestry</p> <p>4.2.3 Parliamentary hearing</p> <p>4.2.4 Sustainable Development Advisory Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Delivered to the Minister, PS and Director and widely distributed, including to the media. ➤ Scheduled for 10 July 2019; ➤ MET and Agriculture to present their cases; ➤ NUST and UNAM will do a joint presentation; ➤ The approval of the Tobacco Farm to be brought up in this meeting. It was advised to only grant small agricultural land at a time and cleared further on proven performance; ➤ CB will be presenting the ecological case. ➤ One CV received on time and submitted. (Peter Tarr) 	
<p>5.1 Progress Reports</p>	<p>1. Socio-economic/ livelihoods component of the NCE</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Starting on 01 February 2019, BW to drive this component on a part-time basis, for one year. ➤ First Key focus areas since February: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sector assessment: NGOs, Associations and other actors in the socio-economic sector in Namibia; 2. Identification of areas to focus on and develop. <p>1. Sector assessment</p> <p>BW assessed and compared the environmental sector with the socio-economic development sector, and concluded as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Government Sector:</u> <p>Environmental sector A strong, active and inclusive Ministry.</p> <p>Socio-economic development sector Isolated, often contradicting policies and programmes with little collaboration.</p> • <u>Non-Government Sector:</u> <p>Environmental sector Many reasonably well funded and organized NGOs with good capacity and common objectives.</p> <p>Socio-economic development sector Small, localized and often well-designed initiatives exist but few efforts to address structural inequalities / national impact and little coordination.</p> 	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Research Capacity:</u> Environmental sector Good and well-funded research centers, data and access to information. Socio-economic development sector Very limited socio-economic development focused research, limited data. • <u>Funding:</u> Environmental sector Significant donor funding (relative); Private donors, international organizations and bi-lateral arrangements. Socio-economic development sector Limited donor funding; No bi-lateral funding mechanisms, nor major national programmes – government sector consumes most external funding. • <u>Professionalism and commitment:</u> Environmental sector High levels of professionalism and dedication. Socio-economic development sector: Professionalism varies greatly, programmes are often poorly conceived and implemented. <p>2. Four key areas to focus and develop:</p> <p>1. Sanitation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently a crisis in urban areas; • 50% of people living in informal settlements have no access to sanitation; • The sewage flows into riverbeds; and there are several open drains which takes CoW months to repair - creates health hazards like hepatitis; • NCE seed funding on how to address these sanitation issues leveraged additional funding from UNICEF and UNDP; • Findings include for example, that a town like Oshakati is better off than Windhoek as they use low-cost solution Pit latrines. 	
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	<p>2. National facilitation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Best Practice Guides 	<p>homesteads, paying a weekly fee for a few months until it is paid off. The entire system per household is about N\$2,000.</p> <p>4. Urban Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Together with some local authorities, DWN is focusing on the need to provide affordable urban land for housing. • The Council provides land free of charge, and several parties work together to service the land. • Each erf will cost below N\$15,000 and should be paid off completely within one year, before prospective owners receive title. • There are currently 1,200 plots in development and over 800 beneficiaries have been registered to date, and some 400 have initiated plot payments into three different revolving funds. • There are two signatories to the accounts, BW and the CEO of the specific Council. Internal controls are thus in place, preventing misappropriation of funds. • In Okahao, for example, N\$250,000 was donor funded. Within two months, an additional N\$700,000 was received from the erf beneficiaries themselves. It is evident that this project can run on its own. • Under an ‘urban development education movement’, it was suggested that this work be introduced within the tertiary curriculum, where applicable. • In terms of credit, different banking options still to be explored. <p>➤ Mining:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The launch of the Best Practice Guide in the mining sector went well. • There was a high demand for hard copies. • The final publication should be out in September 2019. <p>➤ Hunting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The second draft of the Best Practice Guide is now complete and under review. 	<p>BW, together with OM and MH to arrange a seminar for NUST students.</p> <p>CB to send the Draft to ExCo.</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conservation & Environment Magazine • Training and Bursary Trust Fund of Namibia 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Tourism: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BPG for Tourism will be discussed with the sector in Sep. ➤ This is a joint NCE and Venture Media effort with the aim of publishing the magazine yearly; ➤ The back page carries the NCE sponsors; ➤ All NCE members are listed; ➤ The magazine is divided into sections; ➤ 7,000 Copies to be printed and distributed and about 1,000 copies to be sold. ➤ The magazine will be published in time for launch at the AGM on 9 Aug; ➤ NCE sponsored this first issue of the magazine, and will use it to fund raise in future years; ➤ The Trust is now registered. ➤ More awareness to be created in terms of bursaries amongst university students. 	<p>Maxi to send details of UNAM Vice-Chancellor to NCE.</p>
<p>6. Finances</p> <p>6.1 Financial report</p>	<p>Financial Report 01 July 2018 to 30 June 2019 (draft)</p> <p>6.1.1 NCE</p> <p>6.1.2 Projects</p> <p>6.2 Draft NCE Budget for the 2019/2020 FY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Based on the 12- month forecast, the NCE is within budget with 64% spent (higher income received than expected); ➤ Based on the 12month forecast, the NCE is within budget with 79% spent; ➤ Financial reports accepted. ➤ Incorrect budget included in the pack. 	<p>OM to send correct budget to ExCo for review and approval.</p>
<p>7. Any other business</p>	<p>I. AGM and workshop 2019</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ The AGM is scheduled for 09 August 2019 at the Opera House, Lemon Tree restaurant. ➤ Proceedings: 	

	<p>II. Community Forests</p> <p>III. Call from Government for drought relief</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AGM and Workshop until lunch. • After lunch, the Environmental NGO sector to be introduced to the Minister of MET and for the NGOs to present the work they are involved in. • An open session for the general public will be conducted at 17:30, whereby a few selected members can talk about the work they do. <p>➤ SAIEA is in the process of revising legislation on bush encroachment and thinking of ways to bring in honorary forest officers to create <i>inter alia</i> community involvement on the timber problems and possibly leverage some funds from the NCE.</p> <p>➤ The overall response was that a problem exists in the forestry directorate and that attempts are pointless at this stage, while the current situation is still in place.</p> <p>➤ When Agriculture falls under MET this issue can be picked up again.</p> <p>➤ B2Gold Namibia plans on giving N\$ 1 million directly to the government and another million via the NCE to be granted to some of the neediest suffering under the drought and economic downturn.</p> <p>➤ The focus is on pay-for-work for societal benefits in rural areas. A plan is currently being developed.</p> <p>➤ There is little information immediately available on best practice for such social grants. The NCE will consolidate available info.</p> <p>➤ There is also little coordination between agencies giving grants. NCE will explore setting up a “Drought Bulletin”.</p>	<p>A meeting between B2Gold and NCE to be scheduled on 20 June to discuss.</p>
<p>8. Next meeting</p>		<p>Next Meeting – 01 October 2019</p>	

C Loots
Chairperson

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