



Progress report on NCE's priorities suggested by NCE Members for 2018/19

Results from a brain-storming workshop held on the occasion of the 2nd AGM of the Namibian Chamber of Environment, 10 August 2018

Strategic programme area	Activity	Progress
Membership Support	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Promote and support networking – within and beyond NCE Members 2. After three years, submit application to IUCN for membership, and then facilitate info sharing with members (e.g. on commissions and working groups) 3. Produce an Annual Report for NCE 4. Produce an environment magazine annually, for NCE & Members 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ongoing – workshops, symposia, EIS, articles, magazine, website, Facebook, etc 2. Submitted – awaiting confirmation 3. Annual report completed – covers first three years – currently at proof-reading stage prior to printing 4. 1st Conservation & Environment magazine published, to be launched this evening (9th August)
Environmental Information	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Strengthen media links and use media better, e.g. social media, podcasts, radio (FM99), Venture Media, etc. 2. Support environmental journalists by helping to get them into the field 3. Support “Campfire Communications” – discussions on sustainable conservation, principles of good practice 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Worked with Venture Media and partners to produce radio interviews (FM99 – see website), podcasts and newspaper articles; have a good relationship with The Namibian Sun which picks up on many of our issues; significantly strengthened social media presence with more “active” content and countering “false information”; also strengthened international collaboration in support of the sustainable use and cultural rights agenda (meeting held in Namibia in early 2019) – resulting in a “thought leaders” network. 2. No progress 3. No progress
National Facilitation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Engage more strongly with MAWF <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Forestry sector - illegal timber harvesting and protection of State Forests 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. a) Many attempts with MAWF re deforestation and illegal timber harvesting, until our critique of Minister was on front page on The Namibian – then meeting with Minister, PS & Director of Forestry that

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Water sector – catchments, aquifers, dams 2. Facilitate best practice in the hunting sector, including “stewardship” 3. Look at the possibility of establishing a national environmental education programme that builds on the work of the EE centres 4. Promote landscape approach for sustainable economic development and appropriate land use <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Explore National Landscape Association b. Need better socio-economic data c. Need case studies of benefits of landscape d. Need to engage with MET landscape unit 5. Promote “Offsets” for activities with enviro impacts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Need to quantify impact to determine level of offsets b. Engage with Fauna & Flora International who have done work in this area 6. Address invasive aliens <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Cactus species b. Mynas in Zambezi – and the eastern border 7. Tourism pressure “over-tourism” and sustainability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. National strategic spatial development plan b. Best Practice Guide that incorporates the plan 8. Individual priority conservation issues <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Rare and nationally near extinct species e.g. Oribi, Puku b. Reintroduction of <i>Protea gagedi</i> 	<p>morning! But not to talk about the problem, but about bruised ego. Close down of timber harvesting despite MAWF. Parliamentary Standing Committee on NR currently in NE on fact-finding mission.</p> <p>b) Working with DWA on establishing a Namibia Water Network – part of a global alliance – that opens the door for more broad-based engagement in water sector, planning, hopefully PPP investment, etc.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Best Practice Guide on hunting is in 2nd draft. Hope to complete before end of year. 3. Meetings held with Leadership for Africa, Science Lab Cape Town, Ministry of Education and UNICEF to design and develop an approach to support teachers and reach all children via smart– and semi-smart phones, with environmental content that supports existing curricula. 4. Current focus is on the Greater Waterberg Landscape as a model, but planning ongoing for national approach. 5. Sustainable Development Offsets have been established and two projects implemented with Chamber of Mines – electrification in Mashi Conservancy and urban land delivery in Oshakati. Approach shared Fauna& Flora International and research gp at Cambridge University. 6. EIA, Clearance Certificate and Importation Authority obtained to bring in biocontrol agents for three invasive alien cactus species from Rhodes University – starting 21-24 August. 7. FENATA is keen to start on Best Practice Guide for Tourism in Namibia – will explore setting up a task team with TOSCO and others. Will embed strategic spatial planning with the BPG. 8. Better dealt with by newly established Nature Conservation Board under the Nature Conservation Ordinance 4 of 1975. NCE & Members can assist.
Advocacy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Work to address the plastics problem 2. Promote SEAs where appropriate, e.g. wind energy, dimension stone mining 3. Address the issues of lead in ammunition 4. Open letter to Chinese on Namibia’s environmental ethics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Legislation well advanced for levy on plastic bags; Solid waste advisory panel functioning; Minister of MET aims to ban single use plastic by 2022. 2. Ongoing through SDAC 3. Ongoing discussion with NAPHA; to be addressed in Best Practice Guide for hunting

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Use Parliamentary Standing Committee to address priority issues as necessary 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Talks given to Chinese, work done with China House, open letter still under preparation Well-coordinated event held with Parliamentary Standing Committee on timber harvesting, covering scientific aspects (UNAM & NUST), social, environmental (NCE) & economic aspects – well aligned with MET presentation.
Environmental Policy Research	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Land-use economics on freehold land Urban environmental issues, including socio-economic / livelihoods priorities, and economics of poverty 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation given to national symposium on Growth in Agricultural Commodities – Wildlife & Tourism – significant impact; Lead article in Namibia Trade Network (Directory) – “Using Namibia’s wildlife to drive a Green Economy” Expanding programme on minimally serviced affordable urban land delivery, sanitation and research. Principle is minimal focused research to adequately understand the issue, then implementation and learn-adapt by doing. See reports on NCE website.
Young Namibian Training & Mentorship	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Keep expanding internship & mentoring opportunities Get Bursary & Training Trust Fund established 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 23 bursaries given this past academic year and 6 internships Bursary & Training Trust established, registered with the Master of the High Court of Namibia, 1st formal meeting held to plan for the 2020 academic year
Fund Raising	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Use seed / catalytic funding to leverage further funds Leverage funding from private sector & corporates more effectively – use King IV to promote “Impact Investment” 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthened NCE’s socio-economic / livelihoods component; Put in place a programme of work for socio-economic work – urban environment (access to affordable land, sanitation), energy and research on “economics of poverty”; funds leveraged from UNDP, UNICEF, GiZ, working on project with KfW.