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## NACSO MEMBERS UPDATES

### Update on June and July Events

#### UPDATE ON EVENTS

##### ❖ **Tourism Expo (31 May – 3 June 2017)**

As usual, NACSO had a stand at this years Tourism Expo. The emphasis was on community conservation with a theme known as Wildlife Credit. Wildlife credit is an initiative to preserve wildlife in communal area while at the same time rewarding community who bear the cost of living with wildlife for tolerance and offsetting losses incurred. Four communal conservancies representative : Borniface Saisai, manager of Salambala conservancy; Emil Roman, manager of Torra conservancy; Lameck Limbo, enterprise officer of Wuparo conservancy and Lorna Dax, manager of ≠Khoadi-//Hôas conservancy promoted the new concept at Expo. There was also an appeal to visitors to support the initiative through donation. Fourty-six people supported Wildlife Credits by donating a minimum of N\$ 25,00 to the conservation fund. From the interest shown by the visitors, there is an optimism in this initiative because of the love and understanding of the existantial value of wildlife and the respect for community for the hardship they bear in living with the world's iconic wildlife species.

##### ❖ **Kavango East and West Regional Conservancy and Community Forest Association Workshop (12 – 16 June 2017)**

NACSO hosted a meeting in conjunction with NACOPAC ( Namibian Parliamentary Committee Caucus in Rundu to address issues around Human Wildlife Conflicts in the two regions. The meeting was attend by Community Forest and Wildlife conservancy representatives and the two regional councils represetatives, Forestry directorate staff and MET staff members and some field based NGO's.

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##### ❖ **North Central Regional Conservancy and Community Forest Association Workshop (17 – 24 June 2017)**

NACSO hosted a meeting in conjunction with NACOPAC ( Namibian Parliamentary Committee Caucus in Rundu to address issues around Human Wildlife Conflicts in the two regions. The meeting was attend by Community Forest and Wildlife conservancy representatives and the two regional councils represetatives, Forestry directorate staff and MET staff members and some field based NGO's. Reccomendations and Action points;

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❖ **Hai//Om Concession Workshop (took place in Outjo 20 – 26 August 2017)**

NACSO receive a grant to support San Communities on governance issues; The Hai//Om approach NACSO to assist the community with training on their constitution. The meeting was attended by the Chief and also members of his council and the Gaobab Association members, MET and the special advisor to the Governor for the Kunene Region. The workshop deliberated on the relationship between the TA Association and their functions; The constitution is work in progress and need some inputs by communities that are resettled on the farms;

❖ **Wildlife Economics and Community Based Natural Resource Management Governance Course (3 – 15 July)**

The two current CLP interns had an opportunity to attend a two week course on Wildlife economics and CBNRM governance at the South African Wildlife College. The course was offered by Prof. Brian Child. The course was attended by other participants from other Southern African countries such as Zambia, Mozambique, Zimbabwe as well as one participant from East Africa. The course was very enlightening as it gave a broad background on matters very relevant to the CBNRM programme, the issues of community land rights as well as unlocking the potential of wildlife economy to the benefit of communities. As often, Namibia was again praised for its successful CBNRM programme which can be viewed as a trailblazer for other African countries to follow. There was also a recognition of the major challenges that the programme faces throughout the region and how regional cooperation is needed to overcome these challenges to make the programme a success.

❖ **Conservancy Mentor Training and Manager Programme Design workshop (Held at Okahandja, August 7-11, 2017)**

A four-day workshop was held at Rock Lodge. The workshop brought together field staff of NACSO member organisations as well as some head of organisation to help co-design the Conservancy Manager Development Programme. The workshop started with short lectures on attitude, personal finances and mentorship by the ALI (African Leadership Institute) staff. The lectures were also accompanied by some off-the-class team building activities which were very educative. Participants were divided into groups the following days to brainstorm ideas and thought need for the CMDP design. Ideas were noted down in forms of group presentations which were taken up by the lead organisation in

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terms of the supervision of the workshop which was NDT. Overall, participants showed enthusiasm in the activities of the workshop as well as optimism on where the programme (CMDP) is heading.

❖ **NACSO assisted EIF with consultation meetings on the " Climate Change Resilient and livelihoods Empower to Adapt workshops".**

The meetings took place in 12 political regions, and was attend by Governors representaives in the regions, NGO's and different Ministerial staff from MET and Ministry of Agriculture.

❖ **NACSO Working Groups**

**NRM HIGHLIGHTS ( Three months)**

- ✓ Game Counts finalised
- ✓ Adaptive Management feedback meetings to conservancies finalised
- ✓ Mid- Year Audits finalised

❖ **BEL Working Group HIGHLIGHTS**

- ✓ Joint Venture Workshop in for Southern Kunene and Erongo Regions
- ✓ NACSO and WWF Apointed to the Namibia Tourism Competitive forum and attend first meeting

❖ **IDWG Working Group**

- ✓ Contribution to the WWF – SIDA proposal
- ✓ Cont'to facilitate the NTA process

❖ **Cnt'networking**

- ✓ NAPHA
- ✓ FENATA
- ✓ NCE
- ✓ HAN
- ✓ ALN

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<b>September Events</b>	<p><b><u>KEY EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ African Leadership Workshop ( 6<sup>th</sup> -15<sup>th</sup> September )</li> <li>❖ Tourism day workshops and debates ( NUST) ( 23<sup>RD</sup> – 26<sup>TH</sup> September)</li> <li>❖ Launch of the HWC lion NORTH WEST Plan ( 22<sup>nd</sup> September River Crossing)</li> <li>❖ Farewell for party for Ingelore from WWF and Hilma from the NACSO NRWG for further studies ( Wishing them all the best in their studies;</li> <li>❖ NTA Meeting ( 27<sup>th</sup> September )</li> </ul>
❖ NACSO Calendar of events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ 08 June 2017 -NACSO Strategic Planning Workshop (focus on the targets)</li> <li>❖ 12 – 16 June 2017 Kavango Regional Conservancy and Community Forest Association Workshop</li> <li>❖ 28 June 2017 – NACSO Executive Committee meeting</li> <li>❖ 29 June 2017 – Land issues and rights Symposium</li> <li>❖ 18 July 2017 – NACSO Executive Committee meeting</li> <li>❖ 19 July 2017 – NACSO AGM</li> <li>❖ 1 – 2 August 2017 Chairperson Forum</li> <li>❖ 11 – 17 August 2017 Conservancy Mentor Training and Manager Programme Design workshop</li> <li>❖ 15 – 16 August 2017 NTA Workshop</li> <li>❖ 16 – 18 August 2017 Chairperson Forum, North Central, Ongwediva</li> <li>❖ 20 – 26 August 2017 Hai//Om Concession Workshop</li> <li>❖ 28 – 30 August 2017 SOP Okahandja</li> </ul>



## NACSO MONTHLY Updates

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- ❖ **4<sup>th</sup> October – NACSO Executive Committee meeting**
- ❖ **20 November 2017 – NACSO Members meeting**
- ❖ **21 November 2017 – NACSO Forum**
- ❖ **04 December 2017 – NACSO Executive Committee**

*\*Please visit the NACSO Website calendar for events which are not included in this document*

# ***WORLD TOURISM DAY***

## ***27<sup>TH</sup> September 2017***

# ***VARIOUS ACTIVITIES ORGANISED***