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NACSO MEMBERS UPDATES

Update on March and April Events

UPDATE ON EVENTS

❖ **Conservancy Regional Association Workshop in Rundu (24 – 27 April)**

The workshop was well attended by ten (10) representatives from the two regions, and key stakeholders also attended the workshop (MET, Directorate of Forestry, NNF and IRDNC). At this four (4) day workshop, the Association Representatives were introduced on the Environmental Management Act, as there have been some concerns on Sand Mining in their Conservancies but they were not aware of legal steps which they can take up. The workshop also touched on Good Governance and Public speaking, on the last day of the workshop, the Association members appreciated the time and resources which were invested in the workshop. The Kavango Regional and Community Forest Association, who have been dormant for some time have worked on their Work Plan during the workshop and are keen to start working on the action targets which were stipulated in their work plan. The Zambezi Regional Forum are also eager on NACSO sending up a facilitator to help them work on their Constitution.

❖ **Joint Venture Workshop - Zambezi (4 – 7 April)**

The workshop was well received and achieved the objective of sharing information, bringing the enterprise officers to the same level and putting plans in place of how they can now go back and follow their agreements. The initiative will be better achieved because they have better understanding of what their roles are, what tools are available to help them implement their contracts and to know the support that they have to be successful.

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❖ **Joint Venture Workshop - Kunene (24 – 26 April)**

The workshop took place in Opuwo, from the 24th – 26th April, the workshop started off with a shared presentation on the CBNRM programme; the rights the conservancies have in regards to enterprises and what ACTs they can use to educate themselves on these rights. The workshop also touched on the different JV models in Namibia. This was a good discussion because it helped them understand the risks and benefits of each of the models. It also looked at what the role of the enterprise teams are in their conservancies and in the programme. This helped them understand that because of the mandate they are given by their employers they have a legal right under which they operate, that they can use to manage relationships in a sustainable manner.

❖ **Game Meat Steering Committee Meeting (13 April)**

The purpose of the Game Meat Products Steering Committee meeting was to determine how to implement the specific objectives set out in the Workshop held earlier this year. Furthermore, the duties of the IGF, Members, Chairperson and working group were to be delegated.

❖ **NACOPAC (27 April)**

The meeting commenced by emphasizing key issues shortlisted as priority at the meeting which was held at Safari Hotel, Windhoek, in 2016. The meeting highlighted the value of trophy hunting to conservation. The Chair emphasized the need for parliament to visit conservancies and support the initiatives of MET, so as to reinforce the success of conservancies, MPs should endeavor to know what conservancies exist in their communities. She further highlighted the need to help educate communities to be tolerant with animals, especially elephants. That, elephant populations simply need to be properly managed.

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❖ **MET Strategic Planning Workshop (10 – 13 April)**

The Ministry of Environment and Tourism had a Strategic Workshop from the 10th to the 13th of April 2017 at Sun Karros at the Daan Viljoen Game Park. The workshop was attended by the Ministry's senior staff, MET key stakeholders, the National Planning Commission, Office of the Prime Minister, NWR, and others.

The objectives of the workshop were to:

- ❖ Review the Mission, Vision and Values;
- ❖ Review the Environmental Analysis (the current one that was done needs to be reviewed);
- ❖ Develop the Strategic Themes and Goals;
- ❖ Develop baselines, Targets and Key Performance Indicators;
- ❖ Develop the Five (5) Year Corporate Scorecard; and
- ❖ Develop the 2017/18 Annual Plan.

Throughout the deliberations the CBNRM featured and come out as one of the strategic goals for the following five years. Community based and cultural tourism featured but did not come prominently as a strategic goal. The main aim of the workshop was for the strategy to be align to the NDP 5

❖ **SIDA Workshop (29 – 30 March)**

The meeting was for two days, from 29 – 30th of March 2017, and the discussion was based on a five (5) year funding for the Governance issues, within the CBNRM Programme.

❖ **NCE AGM (5 April)**

The AGM took place on the 5th of April 2017, and it was well attended, there was a short brainstorming workshop done on that day which addressed two key issues, namely:



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	<p>(i) What would you, the NCE Members, like the NCE to do to help support your work? and</p> <p>(ii) What would you like the NCE to do, with and on behalf of the membership, to help promote sound environmental management in Namibia?</p>
May Events	<p><u>KEY EVENTS IN MAY</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ State of Communal Conservancy Report meeting (18 May 2017) ❖ Tourism Expo (31 May – 3 June 2017) ❖ Sustainable Use and Livelihoods Specialist Group (SULI, taking place in Zimbabwe)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ NACSO Calendar of events 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ <u>May</u> ❖ 18 May 2017 – SOCCR meeting ❖ 22 - 25 May 2017 SULI (Zimbabwe) ❖ 30 May 2017 - Tourism Planning Workshop ❖ 31 May – 03 June 20017 (Tourism Expo) ❖ 08 June 2017 -NACSO Strategic Planning Workshop (focus on the targets) ❖ 12 – 16 June 2017 Kavango Regional Conservancy and Community Forest Association Workshop ❖ 28 June 2017 – NACSO Executive Committee meeting ❖ 29 June 2017 – Land issues and rights Symposium ❖ 18 July 2017 – NACSO Executive Committee meeting ❖ 19 July 2017 – NACSO AGM ❖ 19 September – NACSO Executive Committee meeting



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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">❖ 03 October 2017 – NACSO Members Committee meeting❖ 20 November 2017 – NACSO Executive Committee meeting❖ 21 November 2017 – NACSO Executive Committee meeting❖ 04 December 2017 – NACSO Forum |
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