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OTJOZONDJUPA REGIONAL COUNCIL

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“A REGION THAT ENABLES ITS
INHABITANTS TO WORK TOWARDS
PROSPERITY AND IMPROVED QUALITY
OF LIFE”

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“TO SPEARHEAD INTEGRATED
PLANNING AND OVERSEE
IMPLEMENTATION OF SOCIO-ECONOMIC
AND PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURAL
DEVELOPMENT IN ORDER TO UPLIFT
THE LIVING STANDARD OF INHABITANTS
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FORWARD

Chief Regional Officer



As a Regional Government, we take pride in keeping the citizens abreast with the happenings in our region through the Ondjupa Newsletter.

The major highlight of this publication is the State of Region Address (SORA) that centered on the Harambee Prosperity Plan (II) pillars of Effective Governness, Economic Advancement, Social Progression, Infrastructure Development and International Relations. Under the theme Reimagining For The Advancement Of Socio-Economic Progression, the SORA brought forth an informative outline of the happenings in the various institutions, agencies and sectors of region for the year 2021/2022 reporting period.

As a region, we advocate for integrated planning and progress implementation reporting. Therefore, the Regional Development Coordination Committee (RDDC) held July 2022 for the 1st Quarter, focused on the establishment of a platform for feedback on projects of

different sectors/agencies/institutions in the region. The objective is to create synergy and ensure an effective monitoring of outcomes as specific to the regional and national goals, in order to promote Good Governance.

Otjozondjupa region continues to live to its mandate to ensure effective service delivery and ensure that services are brought closer to the people. The inauguration of the Kombat Settlement office, cemented Council's administrative role as per its mandate as provided for in the Regional Council Act 22 of 1992, as amended.

Governance at local level is however faced challenged by inadequacy to resources, thus prompting an increased need in psycho-socio support. Council alone, will of course not achieve this and thus our call on other actors and sectors to assist in this regard. While commending the stakeholders that are already involved, we urge for smart partnerships

in addressing social disparities in the region in order to improve the living standards of the citizens of this beautiful region and nation at large. Till next time, it's Kudos!

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Ondjupa is growing in heaps and bounds, its our first edition of the first quarter for the year 2022 and the fourth in total since the start of our production. This is your Regional Mouth piece where we keep you informed on what transpired within the

region over the first three months of the first quarter which are April, May and June. What you can expect in this edition of your regional newsletter taking center stage is the State of the Region Address by the Otjozondjupa Governor Honorable James Unomasa Uerikua. In his address he gets all government Ministries, Offices and Agencies to account for capital projects in their respective OMA's during the 2021/2022 financial year. Furthermore the Central Electricity Distribution Company—CENORED electrified some settlements/ villages in the Tsumkwe constituency. The regional also played host to the Ministry of Education Arts and Culture Annual Sports week and also hosted Omaheke Regional Council on a benchmarking visit. Similarly the region played host to the Africa Public Service Day Commemorations for the year

2022 and the Otjiwarongo Constituency donated 200 mathematical sets to learners from various schools in the Constituency. I hope that the fourth edition of Ondjupa makes a good read for you our esteemed readers. However as our readers you are more that welcome to share your comments and advice with the editorial team on how we can improve on the newsletter by sending us an email at pr@otjozondjuparc.gov.na, or you can also share your suggestions or comments on our service in general through our website www.otjozondjuparc.gov.na through our online suggestion box under the feedback button on the website.

Regards!



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UERIKUA ADDRESSES OTJOZONDJUPA INHABITANTS ON STATE OF THE REGION

Cornelia Shikongo



The Otjozondjupa Governor James Uerikua delivered his 2022 State of the Region Address – (SORA) in accordance with Article 110 (A) sub-article 5 and 6 of the Namibian Constitution. The SORA which is aligned to the government Plans such as: the National Development Plan 5, Harambee Prosperity Plan 2, and Vision 2030 was delivered under the theme: Reimaging for the Advancement of Socio-Economic Progression.

Uerikua noted that as per the Harambee Prosperity Plan (II),

the region has set itself a goal to promote and strengthen good governance at all spheres to ensure quality service delivery. He said that the focus is to foster a spirit of resilience in governance notwithstanding the adverse effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, drought and economic recession the country went through over the past years.

The Otjozondjupa Governor further stressed that “As a Region, our mantra remains that of participatory planning and integrated development. We want to ensure that every penny of government is effectively utilized to address the needs of the Region. Therefore, there is no need for programmes to compete but rather they should complement each other, because the outputs are intended at benefiting the broader citizens of this great Region and Nation at large”.

He concluded the SORA with an appeal to the residents of Otjozondjupa region, to uphold peace and stability at all times in order to ensure a conducive environment for social and economic progression. Uerikua further urge that all resident of the region to hold hands in uplifting the region to greater heights. He said the quest for economic emancipation calls for concerted efforts and a resilient approach and that it is only when people are united that they can effectively address the social evils facing us such as unemployment, poverty and crime.

Uerikua also called upon the Youth as future leaders of tomorrow to play an active role in affairs of nation building and become innovative champions by exploring sustainable approaches to a smart future.

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OTRC AND OMAHEKE BENCHMARK

Cornelia Shikongo

The Omaheke Regional Council paid a two day visit to Otjozondjupa Regional Council to benchmark and share best practices. The Omaheke delegation comprised of all their management cadres and heads of Delegated functions in the region.

The Chairperson of Omaheke Regional Council Ignasius Kariseb said they deemed it fit to come to Otjozondjupa because of similar features and characteristics of the regions which makes them one. He stressed that the purpose of their visit which is not the last of its kind

was to learn and share experiences in the implementation of various projects and programs. Kariseb stressed that the two regions will continue to work together and get into partnerships such as secondment of staff members for benchmarking purposes.

He said that Omaheke and Otjozondjupa are the two regions that can change the country and move it towards economic prosperity due to their comparative advantage. On her part the Otjozondjupa Regional Council’s Chief Region-

al Officer Agatha Mweti thanked Omaheke Regional Council for choosing Otjozondjupa to benchmark with. She said benchmarking does not mean that one is better than the other but it provides an opportunity for learning from each other on best practices.

Mweti said the visit was a very welcome gesture and trusts that the two regions will forge ahead through twining and peering to exchange ideas on best practice in service delivery”.

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Cenored electrifies Maroelaboom, Mkata and Mangetti Dune

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Cenored has recently completed and commissioned the electrification program for Maroelaboom-Mkata-Mangetti Dunes at Mangetti Dunes in the Tsumkwe constituency in Otjozondjupa region to a tune of N\$ 40 million.



The project, fully funded by the Ministry of Mines and Energy and constructed by Cenored forms part of both the Government and the parastatal's electrification program with a common developmental objective of delivering sustainable and effective electricity services to the people.

The 125 km powerline between the 3 settlements has so far electrified 183 households, three schools and hostels housing a total 293 learners, a primary health centre, two police stations and

several businesses in of Maroelaboom, Mkata and Mangetti Dune respectively. During the commissioning ceremony, Mines and Energy Deputy Minister, Kornelia Shilunga has urged Cenored to continue improving the living standards of our people as electricity is no longer a luxury but a necessity and that access to electricity is now one of the essential basic human needs and a key driver for economic and social growth in any community.

“The narrative Government is not doing anything must stop from today. Together with your Regional Leadership, CENORED, and other stakeholders, the Ministry will continue pursuing more opportunities and collaborations to ensure that every household, business, and institution in the region and the Country is supplied with electricity. Electricity is a modern necessity of life and should be in every village, farm, and settlement” said Shilunga.

Shilunga further highlighted that Government has put an effort in accelerating developmental programs of all nature to benefit every Namibian as far as Mangetti Dune and the celebration of this achievement in Mangetti Dune is a result of a partnership and collabora-

tion between the ministry and its parastatal in the planning and construction of the electricity powerlines from Maroelaboom through Mkata village to Mangetti Settlement in an effort to fast-track service delivery to the people and move closer to achieving the country's national development agenda.

With the electrification phase completed, Mangetti Dune still faces many challenges ranging from modern and reliable infrastructure required to effectively and efficiently deliver services to the settlement. The commissioning of electricity in and around the settlement will not only light up the settlement but will serve as an enabler for investment and service delivery which will contribute to the settlement's growth and increase economic activities.



OTRC PLANS FOR 2022

Cornelia Shikongo

Otjozondjupa Regional Council recently held a weeklong meeting to review its Annual Plan for the 2021/2022 financial year and come up with an Annual plan for the 2022/2023 financial year.

This is in view of the fact that the Council's five year Strategic Plan come to an end during the 2021/2023 financial year. The Annual work plan is impera-



tive for Council to know and share with all its stakeholders as it outlines what Council intended to carry out for the year.

The Strategic Plan for the next five years was also supposed to be crafted, however since the National Development Plan 6 – (NDP6) is not yet completed and endorsed, Council only came up with an annual work plan for the year 2022/2023. This is so because the Strategic Plan of Council needs to be aligned to the NDP6.

Council needs a Strategic Plan which then culminates into annual work plans as it serves as a robust road map in advancing the Otjozondjupa Regional

Council's development agenda. It is of utmost importance for all to rally behind the implementation of the plan in order to improve the quality of life in the region as per the vision of the Council. Once the plan is complete it paves the way for all staff members to develop and sign performance agreements, therefore it is the existence of an institution.

Addressing the staff members at the workshop, the Chairperson of Otjozondjupa Regional Council 'Marlayn Mbakera informed staff members that they cannot be in a service delivery industry and do not deliver service, adding that they are custodians of service delivery and their key goal should be

service delivery to both internal and external customers, if not then there is a miss-match.

She called on the staff members to work together with the Honorable Councilors be a team, holding hands headed in the same direction.

Mbakera said there should not be bosses, because leaders are not bosses, adding that Namibia was behind as a country in terms of service delivery and is currently in panic mode because people are frustrated due to lack of service delivery and it's bound to lead to war. The workshop she concluded was a step in the right direction to better ourselves, be available and deliver service".

Commemoration of the African Public Service Day

Nancy Muniaro

The Office of the Prime Minister in collaboration with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) organized the Africa Public Services Day that took place on the 23rd June 2022 at Otjiwarongo in Otjozondjupa Region at Vooruit Primary School. The Africa Public Service Day celebration is an African Union (AU) strategic event that is celebrated by all AU members states.



The day was attended by various OMAs, Regional Councils, Local Authorities, Public Enterprises as well as the members of the public. The celebrations at the event included activities such as exhibition of innovations which were

coordinated by the (UNDP) Acceleration Lab Namibia and OPM. Various institutions set up stalls to exhibit and showcase their innovation projects and provided on-site services to the members of the public, and shared information regarding their institutions.

The 2022 Africa Public Service day was celebrated under theme: 'Enhancing the Resilience of the Public Administration to Support and Facilitate the Realization of Africa's Nutritional needs during and post Covid-19 Pandemic.' The Secretary to Cabinet George Simataa delivered keynote message on behalf of the Prime Minister Saara Kuugongelwa-Amadhila. He reminded public servants to always acquaint themselves with the ten (10) principles of the public service charter and advised that they maintain great work ethics, professionalism and to demonstrate balanced integrity minds when dealing with the public resources. He said "In Namibia the government is the largest employer of more than 95 000 workers who are specifically

employed and salaried to deliver the quality services to the nation" he also emphasized that all young professionals, graduates and specialists to join the government public service.

As the Africa Public service day was recognized in Namibia as an official event in 2016 after the African States affirmed the day at the African Union and United Nation in 2011 for it to be celebrated on 23rd June each year, this year the day also paid tribute to those who lost their lives due to Covid-19 last year.

The day celebrates the value and virtue of public service to the community. The event was to showcase and reward good initiatives and achievements in the public and private sector and to promote values such as professionalism, accountability, responsiveness, ethics and performance in service delivery to the public.

OTJOZONDJUPA EDUCATION DIRECTORATE AWARDS EXCELLENCE

Cornelia Shikongo



The Otjozondjupa Directorate of Education Arts and Culture awarded top achievers for the NSSCO (Namibia Senior Secondary Certificate Ordinary) and NSSCAS (Namibia Senior Secondary Certificate Advance Subsidiary) across all three circuits. These included learners and teachers who obtained a 70 percent pass rate and above during the 2021 academic year.

Although the region performed satisfactorily at the Advanced subsidiary level, a lot still needs to be done for the region to reach 50 % pass rate for the grade 11 in order for those learners to be able to proceed to Advanced Subsidiary level. The region performed particular poor in the science subjects in grade 11 which is a great cause for concern as all learners performed below the 50 percent mark.

As an interim measure to address poor

performance during the national examinations, the Directorate will identify areas of concern, do a needs collection and analysis especially for subjects of concern, provide training to teachers in the topics they find difficult to teach and use chief maker at national level to coach learners on how to answer examination question papers among others.

Speaking at the awards ceremony the Chairperson of Otjozondjupa Regional Council Marlayn Mbakera said that there was a great lack of discipline in schools which could be a huge contributing factor to poor performance, which is a cause for concern.

Another factor she mentioned was the use of drugs and other illegal substances by learners adding that this needs to be tackled head on in order to deliver desired results. Mbakera said that these problems are currently left to schools only and parental involvement was not forthcoming. She thus called on parents to become partners in the education of their children and for schools to introduce compulsory study sessions as at the moment there is nothing that pushes learners to study.

She also called on Life kills teachers to

assist breastfeeding learners as they are facing emotional distress and have difficulties balancing being mothers and learners at the same time.

On his part, the Otjozondjupa Regional Governor James Uerikua applauded the Directorate for hosting of the awards ceremony stating that it was –necessary in order to take stock of performance and support those who did not make it, adding that this would assist in self-introspection.

He called on the Directorate to direct its focus to the NSSCO-ordinary level and ensure that no learners is left-behind during teaching and learning.

Uerikua however also called on the directorate to look at the welfare of those entrusted with the responsibility of teaching as in most cases they are accommodated in dilapidated structures and their living conditions are a cause for concern.

He also called on teacher to do more with less in order to outlive the regional slogan which is: ‘staying above the line’.

Otjozondjupa Regional Council donated 200 mathematical sets

Michael Samuel

The Otjozondjupa Regional Council's Chairperson and Otjiwarongo Constituency Councillor, Hon. Marlyn Mbakera donated 200 mathematical sets to two schools in Otjiwarongo to the value of N\$ 8000.00.

Monica Geingos and Karundu Junior Secondary School benefited from the donation made by the Constituency Office with each school receiving 100 mathematical sets



Otjzondjupa Law Enforcement launches Easter Zero Road Safety Operation campaign

Michael Samuel

The Otjzondjupa Police Regional Commander, Commissioner Heinrich Tjiveze, recently launched the Easter Zero Road Safety Operation campaign together with road safety stakeholders from Roads Authority, Motor Vehicle Accident Fund and the Road Fund Administration with the main aim of increasing law enforcement visibility and presence on the B1, B2 and B3 roads as well as to continuously educate road users on road safety.



The campaign was scheduled to run from 13 to 18 April 2022 with about 30 traffic officers, 190 police officers and agency officials deployed across the Otjzondjupa region to conduct safety patrols, random screening, driver risk profiles, enforce warrants of arrests, and checking passenger loads at three fixed and 12 mobile road blocks with the main focus on the Okahandja-Otavi, Okahandja-Karibib and Otavi-Mururani roads.

Commissioner Tjiveze called on law enforcement units to intensify operations during this campaign where fixed road-blocks were mounted. He highlighted that there will be a high volume of motor vehicles in the region heading to the coastal towns, North and North-Eastern regions as usual during a stakeholder briefing at the Otjiwarongo-Otavi road-block and urged law enforcement units to be ready and practice zero tolerance during the campaign.

“Zero tolerance. If somebody is not ready, let’s send them back to the next point to go and prepare, to proceed from where you are. We cannot allow somebody with worn tyres to proceed on national road and become a danger to the next person. If you don’t have money to buy new tyres from where you are stopping, then that’s a problem. We cannot allow you to continue on our national roads. Send him back to go and prepare. If you find a drunken driver, let’s do the right thing, breathalyzers, the various equipment we have, let’s use them. Ministry of health is informed” instructed Tjiveze.

“Beat patrols will also be visible on our streets in and around our towns where

“Stop and Search” will be conducted on suspected motor vehicles and person. We will not tolerate overloading, inconsiderate driving, worn out tyres and illegal transportation of properties or livestock. I therefore urge all road users to adhere to road traffic rules in order to ensure that everyone travelling reach their destination safe.” Added the Commissioner.

Tjiveze further cautioned liquor outlets and bar owners to refrain from selling and trading on Good Friday, Easter Sunday and Monday and warned that those found operating will feel the wrath of the law accordingly. He also reminded farmers to be on the lookout for suspicious movements on their properties as stock theft and illegal hunting activities are likely to increase during the Easter weekend due to vacation and traveling.



EDUCATION ANNUAL SPORTS WEEK

Cornelia Shikongo

The Ministry of Education Arts and Culture held its Annual Sports Week at Otjiwarongo in the Otjzondjupa Region during the month of June 2022. The games which have been held since 2008 in different regions were birthed primarily to create a platform for staff members to socialize, create work related links and share best practices whilst taking part in different sports games.

They are also held to serve as a trajectory towards staff wellness and national team building exercise for non-teaching staff member in the Ministry. This year’s games were held under the theme: “To provide accessible,

equitable and inclusive quality education”. According to the Chairperson of the Organizing Committee François Eiman, the events run on four pillars which are: capacity building which is a systematic process to improve employee’s knowledge, skills, understanding values, attitudes, motivation and capability which are necessary to perform well at work. The second pillar is that of wellness which is the act of practicing healthy habits to attain better physical and mental health outcomes. The third and fourth pillars are those of Arts and cultural engagement which were recently added to the event.

Officially opening the games, Deputy Minister of Education, Arts and Culture Faustina Caley said that through sports, one has the power to change lives therefore as a Ministry, they must endeavor to create an environment that is inspiring and filled with creative energy. Caley said that the sports games were an important team building platform away from the staff member’s working environment where pressure and stress can be a constant challenge. The games thus provides a platform for them to pause for a moment, have fun with friends so that they are rejuvenated to carry out their national duties when they return to their work stations.

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