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Editor's Note



Welcome to the 6th Edition of our quarterly newsletter for Otjozondjupa Regional Council Ondjupa, which also marks the fourth and final edition for the 2022/2023 final year. This is the mouth piece of the regional council where we bring you are esteemed readers stories of events that happened in the region during the fourth quarter pertaining to the administration of the affairs of the Region.

This edition picks of with the Regional Education Stakeholders Introspection meeting and features others stories such as the visit of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Communication, Information, Technology and Innovation held countrywide public hearings on a motion on the provision of free Wi-Fi at public schools, public transport and public institutions. Otjozondjupa Regional Council also held an Annual Planning Workshop to plan for the new financial year 2023/2024 and a learner from Okahandja Secondary School was also elected as Chairperson of the National Junior Council. These are but some of the stories that will make for a good read in this edition of your regional newsletter.

Allow me to take this opportunity to also thank you our readers for inspiring this journey of keeping you informed on events and activities which are hip and happening in the region. You are the reason we strive to do better all the times in keeping you informed.

As our readers you are therefore 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 <https://otjozondjuparc.gov.na> through our online suggestion box under the feedback button on the website.

Regards!

Cornelia Shikongo



OTJOZONDJUPA REGIONAL COUNCIL

VISION

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

MISSION

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

CORE VALUES

PROFESSIONALISM

INTEGRITY

COURTESY

TRANSPARENCY

ACCOUNTABILITY



Otjozondjupa Education Stakeholders Introspect

Otjozondjupa Regional stakeholders in Education recently held an Introspection meeting at Otjiwarongo. The meeting is called for the region to take stock of the educational situation in the region taking into account the examination results, delivery of education which encompasses teaching and learning and the resources and infrastructure needed to ensure the delivery of quality education in the region.

There is no introspection without limitations and prejudice therefore there is a need to look at education at the regional level and how best the region can perfect the results and not be spectators when educational discourse is happening.

The Chief Education Officer in the Directorate of Education Markus Munenge said there was no need to debate about the revised curriculum but rather the resources allocated towards the implementation of the revised curriculum. Thus a thorough analysis is needed in order to ensure hard work, dedication and commitment from all stakeholders in order to improve poor performance.

The region was ranked number five overall for grade 11 with a pass rate of 28 per cent and also number five for grade 12 with a 34 per cent pass rate. The region has a total of 25 schools offering grade 11 and a total number of one thousand eight hundred at sixty learners sat for grade 11 during the 2022 academic year.

However only four hundred and thirty five learners qualified for Advanced Subsidiary level. Among some of the concern raised which might be contributing factors to poor performance are the transfer of teachers in the middle of the academic year and prolonged appointment of principals and teachers. The ration of learners per teacher and shortage of textbooks is also among some of the identified factors.

The Chairperson of the Otjozondjupa Regional Council Marlayn Mbakera said in order education to prosper and ensure that the county produces learners at secondary level that will go on to become academics and professionals of the world, there is a need for collaborated synergies to reach the desired outcome.

"I would like to call on all of us as stakeholders entrusted with a very important task of molding the Namibian children into leaders of tomorrow to make self-introspection, stop the blame game and revive the education system of our country for the benefit of the Namibian child, Mbakera noted".





STANDING COMMITTEE ON FREE WIFI VISITS OTJOZONDJUPA

The Parliamentary Standing Committee on Communication, Information, Technology and Innovation held countrywide public hearings on a motion on the provision of free Wi-Fi at public schools, public transport and public institutions. In Otjozondjupa region, the school principals, members of school boards, student unions, the youth representative, Telecom Namibia and staff and members of the Otjozondjupa regional Council and other Government Ministries, Offices and agencies. The motion which was motivated by Modestus Amutse in the National Assembly calls for the provision of free WI-FI at all public and private facilities countrywide. This Amutse said once implemented, people who are vulnerable and marginalized will have equal rights to access to information to build their capacities in their different spheres of life.

During their contribution to the motion, Otjozondjupa Region welcomed the motion adding that it is a good gesture and step in the right direction in order to ensure access to information and bring all citizen in both urban and rural areas on par when it comes to access to information. However in order for the motion to be implemented, there is a great need to beef up telecommunications infrastructures in the region especially in the rural areas. Most rural schools might not be in a position to enjoy this benefit due to lack of poor infrastructure. The government should also look at equipping school in rural areas with Information and Communication Technology equipment in order for this motion to be realized. There is also a great need to ensure regulation in terms of what content should be accessed by which segment of the society.



Otjozondjupa holds planning workshop

Otjozondjupa Regional Council recently held a weeklong meeting to review its Annual Plan for the 2022/2023 financial year and come up with an Annual plan for the 2023/2024 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 imperative 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.

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.

The Chief Regional Officer of Otjozondjupa Regional Council Agatha Mweti said the Annual and strategic planning is a very important process as it drives Council to live up to its mandate She Noted that, The initiative is aimed at improving service delivery to the public and foster operational efficiency within the public service.

OTJOZONDJUPA ELECTED CHAIR OF THE JUNIOR NATIONAL COUNCIL



A learner from Okahandja Secondary School in the Otjozondjupa region was elected the Chairperson of the Junior National Council of Namibia. Cornelia Shikongo the Senior Public Relations Officer had a one on one session with the newel elected chairperson of the Junior National Council.

Tell us about yourself?

Well I am Anna Andimba the Chairperson of the Junior National Council. Anna Andimba is an extraordinary, fascinating, hard work, full blown, self-discipline, intelligent and resilient young lady. Who believes in achieving anything she wants to.

How do you feel about being elected as the Chairperson of the Junior National Council?

I feel proud of myself, and it is a big privilege because I believe alot of other children deserved this as much as I did and most importantly it is an honour giving the fact that other honorables in the chamber elected me to be their chairperson which means they see the potential in me and know that I am capable of being a good leader.

How was the election process and what do you think made you stand out to become elected as the Chairperson?

Well firstly I nominated myself to become the chairperson and the other honorable members elected me. Well I believe what made me get elected was the fact that I believed in myself and didn't wait for anyone to believe in me. Most importantly my fellow comrades believed in my potential to lead them.

What are some of the plans you have for your term as the Chairperson of the Junior National Council?

My goals and plans for as chairperson I am unable to reveal much but is to make sure that I represent the youth in the best way I can possibly do it. Speak for them and make sure that the government meets their needs.

What is your leadership style and who do you think it will assist you in making a success of your term as Chairperson of the Junior National Council?

My leadership style is called transformational leadership and it will assist the youth since we are representing the youth. It will increase productivity and morals in the youth.

What is your advice to the youth of Otjozondjupa and Namibia in general?

My message for the youth is that as a Namibian child I believe that nothing is impossible. The government is not stopping us from being innovative it is us ourselves. If we have a change of mentality I believe the youth can focus more on being productive and innovative. Yes we are not exposed to a lot of things yet such as Artificial intelligence, astronomy, philosophy, robotics and do on, but I believe if I could waist most of my free time doing research and studying what the other countries are up to so I can also contribute to my own country every young person can do the same thing as well. I always wanted to become a Africa's first Astronaut but I never feel like it's impossible due to the fact that I believe no matter where you are from or what your background is it only tacks self believe to succeed in your goals. Martin Luther once said "I have a dream" and I too have a dream, and my dream is too see young people succeed. And that is one thing I'll forever stove for to make sure that every Namibian child gets the exposure they need in order to dream big.



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