

Public Private Partnerships under spotlight

The Faculty of Human Sciences and the Department of International Relations at NUST hosted a panel discussion on "Public Private Partnership (PPS): Leveraging PPPs as a Vehicle for Development," last week. The event was held in collaboration with PwC Namibia, The Namibian Newspaper, and B360 Education Partnerships.

The participants gave critical reflections on the topic based on their expertise and experiences. Dr Matthias Michel, former Minister of Education and Culture, and Economic Affairs, of the Canton of Zug in Switzerland, shared experiences on implementation of PPPs in Europe. Michel is currently a consultant on PPPs.

Ally Angula, Deputy Executive Director, Ministry of Finance, and Chairperson of the Public Private Partnership Committee, highlighted the role of the Committee, further outlining challenges related to procedural procurement processes.

Dr Tjama Tjivikua, NUST Founding Vice-Chancellor, said: "Much hope rests on PPPs to help mobilise an estimated US\$1.8 trillion investment every year. This is the amount needed from the global private sector to bridge the investment gap to achieve the SDGs, according to the Independent Evaluation Group (IEG), which evaluates the development effectiveness of the

World Bank Group. Most of these funds would flow into construction of basic infrastructure such as roads, railways, ports, power stations, water and sanitation."

Moreover, Elifas Luaanda, founding member of the PPP Unit in the Ministry of Finance, reflected on the legal and regulatory framework of PPPs in Namibia. Dr Thomas Honer, General Manager at Windhoek Goreangab Operations Company, which is run on an effective and successful PPP model, also shared experiences of the Company's partnership with the City of Windhoek to provide clean water for the capital.

Professor Charles Keyter, Associate Professor at the University of Namibia, provided an academic perspective on the potential benefit of PPPs.

Overall, the discussions aimed at stimulating debate regarding PPPs in Namibia. The indication from the participants was that more platforms are needed to interrogate this crucial topic.



FROM LEFT: Prof Charles Keyter, Associate Professor: University of Namibia; Dr Thomas Honer, General Manager: Windhoek Goreangab Operations Company; Elifas Luaanda: Deputy Director, Outreach and Capacity Building: Ministry of Finance; Dr Tjama Tjivikua: NUST Founding Vice-Chancellor; Ally Angula, Deputy Executive Director: Ministry of Finance, Nangula Uandja, PPP Committee Member: Ministry of Finance; Dr Matthias Michel, PPP Consultant: Switzerland.



FROM LEFT: Kleophas Nampadhi, Transport Management student; Magdalena Nangolo, Logistics and Supply Chain Management student; Rosalia Hamunyela, Transport Management student; Tokolo Kashupi, Business Informatics student, and Trust Mhlanga, Logistics and Supply Chain Management student, pictured in Berlin, Germany.

Students visit Flensburg University

Five NUST undergraduate students, Tokolo Kashupi, Kleophas Nampadhi, Rosalia Hamunyela, Trust Mhlanga and Magdalena Nangolo, recently spent five months on an exchange visit to the Flensburg University of Applied Sciences, Germany. The trip was sponsored by the German Exchange Service (DAAD). "I attended lectures that were delivered by different business experts and academics from both Europe and Africa. This made me question everything about Namibia, from business to education. I feel Namibia really needs to be on par with developed countries, especially in the public transport sector. I am confident that Namibian computing, and transport and logistics students can really make a difference if we work together," said Kashupi, a Business Informatics student. "For me, this trip highlighted the value of learning new things and making friends internationally. The world is a global village, hence networking is important," remarked Nampadhi, a Transport Management student.

Improving pedagogy - learning to teach

The third group of NUST lecturers has enrolled for the Institution's Postgraduate Certificate in Higher Education (PGCHE) programme. The course is aimed at enhancing pedagogical skills and offering lecturers learning experiences.

The programme, offered by the University's Teaching and Learning Unit (TLU), in collaboration with the Faculty of Human Sciences, meets the needs of staff new to teaching in higher education as well as experienced lecturers who wish to improve their teaching skills.

The PGCHE is a three-semester programme that includes Teaching, Learning and Assessment, Curriculum Design and Development, and Technology Integration in Teaching and Learning. The programme embraces a blended learning approach, where materials are uploaded on the online platform that can be accessed before the face-to-face classes. This allows full engagement during the contact sessions which are reserved for small group work, in-class writing, discussions, micro-teaching and feedback. One of the lecturers enrolled in the programme, Dr Adam Flowers, of the Department of Health Sciences, commented on his experience with the PGCHE.

"The teaching and exercises I am receiving in this course have given me a fresh perspective on what it means to be a great teacher. It is not just someone who is knowledgeable and shares that knowledge,

but one who can use my own past experience and skills to awaken a desire to learn in my students, and to equip them with the skills they need to achieve their goals. This is modelled for us by the teachers in the workshop, who facilitate learning through active processes, not spoon-feeding us and asking us to regurgitate the information. I am thankful for this opportunity to grow as an educator."

Another lecturer, Nkululeko Mthembo, of the Department of Informatics, commented on how the PGCHE will impact his teaching.

"The programme will empower me with various tools that I can use to facilitate my lectures in a better way. Any newly acquired skill will be immediately put to good use. The students should expect more interactive and engaging lectures, which will cater for diverse learning styles."

The coordinator of the programme, Dr Katherine Carter, commended all the lecturers for their hard work throughout the first course. The PGCHE is a Level 8 qualification (Honours), registered with the Namibia Qualification Authority (NQA).

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