



EUROPEAN UNION ENVISIONS MORE INVESTMENTS IN NAMIBIA'S GREEN HYDROGEN ECONOMY

At the official inauguration of the Hylron-Oshivela Green Hydrogen plant near Arandis on the 11 April 2025, the European Union (EU) Ambassador to Namibia, H.E. Ana Beatriz Martins said that there are more European companies willing to invest in Namibia's Green Hydrogen economy.

"At least seven European companies are seeking to invest in Namibia's Green Hydrogen economy, with a prospected investment pipeline exceeding N\$430 billion (€20 billion)", she said.

Between the private and public sectors, there are at least six European countries active in the green energy sector in Namibia.

Hylron and Cleanergy are among the first to complete their first pilot phase. There are also other businesses involving European capital and technology, such as Zhero and Hyphen, that are expected to reach final investment decisions by the end of next year.

According to Martins, these investments provide a comprehensive 360-degree approach intended to embrace all aspect of development in Namibia.

"This is so that our grants can leverage private investments that are viable, that create quality jobs and lift people out of poverty, while respecting civic, social and environmental standards,"

"These are the principles that define the EU's proposition and will continue to do so, because Europe remains steadfast in its partnership with Africa—and with Namibia", she said.

The Hylron-Oshivela Green Hydrogen project was officially launched by the President, H.E. Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah.

Source: <https://economist.com.na/96910/general-news/european-union-envisions-more-investments-in-namibias-green-hydrogen-economy>

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HYPHEN LAUNCHES SKILLS CENSUS

The company Hyphen Hydrogen Energy has launched its Hyphen skills census map to empower Namibia's workforce for green hydrogen initiatives.

The initiative according to the company is a step toward creating a comprehensive database of job seekers.

It is aimed at facilitating the development of a robust workforce ready to meet the demands of Namibia's first large-scale green hydrogen project, Hyphen says.

The Hyphen Green Hydrogen project in southern Namibia is said to be expected to create approximately 15 000 jobs during construction and 3 000 permanent positions once operational.

By conducting its skills census, Hyphen says it aims to map and analyse Namibia's existing expertise, helping to identify local talent and assess workforce readiness for the project.

Hyphen's training and development manager, Martin Wilkinson, emphasised the importance of the initiative, saying the skills census is a crucial element of a national skills audit conducted as part of Hyphen's socio-economic development baseline studies.

"It aims to assess the current skills capacities within the country in relation to the specific skills requirements of the Hyphen project", Wilkinson said.

<https://www.namibian.com.na/hyphen-launches-skills-census/>

CITY TO CONDUCT GENERAL VALUATION OF ALL RATEABLE PROPERTIES STARTING MAY

The City of Windhoek has announced that it will be conducting general valuation of all rateable properties within the municipal areas from 1 May 2025.

The process will include the collection and analysis of data to determine updated property values, which will be used to establish a new base for rates and taxes for the next five years and for the City to establish a more accurate and equitable framework for determining property taxes, benefiting both the local government and property owners.

According to the City, the general valuation is a mandatory activity that must be carried out at intervals of no more than five years, by the legal requirements. However, the last general valuation was done in February 2015.

"The public will be informed of key milestones throughout the process, and opportunities for feedback and engagement will be provided", they stated.

Source: *City of Windhoek*

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BIPA EXTENDS WAIVER DEADLINE FOR DUTIES IN ARREARS

The Business and Intellectual Property Authority (BIPA), on Tuesday announced the extension of its annual duty penalty waiver programme until 30 September 2025.

The authority said this decision is part of their continued effort to support local entrepreneurs and promote compliance in the business community. The initiative allows registered entities that are in arrears with their annual duty payments to regularise their status without incurring penalties or interest.

With the extension, businesses will have enough time to update their records, achieve compliance and avoid risk of deregistration.

"We continue to recognise the challenges that many businesses, especially SMEs, are facing. By extending the waiver programme, we are providing essential relief for entrepreneurs, enabling them to achieve compliance and continue playing an active role in Namibia's economy", said Ainna Kaundu, acting chief executive officer of BIPA. BIPA explained that the waiver applies to all registered business entities and is applicable to all outstanding annual duty payments and late fees due from the period of 2012 to 2022.

Therefore, all clients are encouraged to visit a BIPA office in Windhoek, Walvis Bay or Ongwediva to participate in the programme.

Source: <https://economist.com.na/96926/extra/bipa-extends-deadline-for-duties-in-arrears>

RA NEEDS N\$400 MILLION TO FIX DAMAGED ROADS

The Roads Authority (RA) will need approximately N\$400 million to repair these damaged roads after weeks of continuous heavy rains across the country.

RA spokesperson Hileni Fillemon yesterday told New Era that all the damaged roads in the country are a priority, as the authority wants to ensure access for all road users. Repair work has commenced, and some repairs have been completed.

"The road network is still intact. However, a few roads were heavily damaged in the Kunene, Hardap, Oshana, Oshana, Oshana, Kavango East, Kavango West and Zambezi regions, including the collapsed bridge on the Windhoek-Rehoboth Road", Fillemon stated.

The RA is mandated to manage Namibia's national road network in terms of designing, constructing, rehabilitation and maintaining the infrastructure.

Meanwhile, the City of Windhoek (CoW) says a preliminary assessment determined it will require about N\$226 million to repair severely-damaged roads in the capital.

However, city spokesperson Lydia Amutenya was reported as stating this amount could escalate to N\$324 million when taking into account the necessary full-scale road resurfacing and drainage upgrades.

In addition, the city's pothole repair programme is expected to cost more than N\$15 million, while gravel road repairs will need an estimated N\$38 million.

Another N\$2 million is expected to be allocated to fixing bridges and culverts, as well as addressing flooded spatial areas.

Source: <https://neweralive.na/ra-needs-n400-million-to-fix-damaged-roads/>



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ECONOMY PROJECTED TO GROW GRADUALLY IN 2025 AND 2026 – CENTRAL BANK

The domestic economy is projected to grow by 3.8% and 4% in 2025 and 2026, respectively, from a 3.7% estimated in 2024.

- The slight recovery for 2025 will be primarily driven by anticipated improvements in the primary industry, underpinned by robust growth in crop farming and uranium production.
- Furthermore, substantial expansion in the electricity and water subsector within the secondary industries is expected to provide additional support to overall economic growth.
- The latest projections for 2025 and 2026 reflect a downward revision of 0.2 and 0.5 percentage points from projections published in the December 2024 Economic Outlook update, reflecting heightened uncertainty emanating from global trade policy shifts.
- The domestic economy is vulnerable to substantial downside risks, specifically diminished diamond export earnings, driven by price pressures and the rise of lab-grown alternatives, which pose a significant threat.
- Lastly, potential trade disruptions stemming from protectionist policies and inflationary pressures arising from ongoing global conflicts. Adding to these challenges, fiscal strain from declining Southern African Customs Union and diamond revenues could lead to debt unsustainability, potentially necessitating severe expenditure cuts.

Source: *Bank of Namibia*

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NAMCOR AND SUBSEA7 IN AGREEMENT TO BOOST THE OFFSHORE ENERGY SECTOR

The National Petroleum Corporation of Namibia (NAMCOR) has announced a strategic partnership with global offshore energy contractor Subsea7, marked by the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

The agreement is set to strengthen the development of Namibia's burgeoning offshore energy industry. Coming on the heels of significant offshore energy discoveries in the country, the MoU establishes a framework for collaboration on upstream offshore infrastructure development projects.

The MoU sets the foundation for both companies to share knowledge, build competencies, and develop a skilled, technically proficient workforce. The collaboration will drive innovation, enhance safety, and support the sustainable growth of Namibia's energy industry.

This agreement will drive NAMCOR's capabilities in managing large-scale and complex SURF (Subsea, Umbilical, Riser, Flowlines) development projects.

Source: <https://economist.com.na/97238/human-resources/namcor-and-subsea7-in-agreement-to-boost-the-offshore-energy-sector/>

BANK WINDHOEK READY TO SUPPORT OIL AND GAS VALUE CHAIN

Bank Windhoek's outgoing managing director Baronice Hans said the bank remains firmly committed to promoting sustainable solutions in all its financing and investment decisions around the oil and gas value chain.

She made these remarks when industry leaders gathered last week in Windhoek for the 7th Namibia International Energy Conference, where they reaffirmed the country's ambition for first oil production by 2030.

Prime Minister Elijah Ngurare, on behalf of President Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, officially opened the conference.

President Nandi-Ndaitwah assured investors and industry players of government's commitment to creating an enabling environment where energy investment can prosper. Speaking during a breakaway session titled 'Investing in Public-Private Partnerships for Strategic Oil and Gas Infrastructure', Hans underscored the importance of investing in enabling infrastructure to realise the country's energy potential.

"At Bank Windhoek, we view our role far more than that of a financier. As a proudly Namibian institution, we are deeply committed to ensuring that the benefits of this emerging sector are widely shared among our citizens. Our goal is to see Namibians not as passive observers, but as central actors and beneficiaries of this national opportunity", she stated.

Source: <https://neweralive.na/bank-windhoek-ready-to-support-oil-and-gas-value-chain/>

DEEP YELLOW DELAYS PROCESSING PLANT CONSTRUCTION ... AWAITS MORE FAVOURABLE PRICES TO PROTECT SHAREHOLDER VALUE

Uranium company Deep Yellow has decided to focus on early works infrastructure and initial engineering for its Tumas Project in the Erongo region.

Continuing with these carefully- considered programmes is expected to ensure a seamless and quick transition to the execution phase once suitable market conditions exist.

This means Deep Yellow has delayed its Final Investment Decision (FID) as it awaits more favourable uranium prices that it considers inevitable in a market that has been depressed for more than a decade due to persistent inactivity.

As such, the FID has been deferred to fully capitalise on the project's upside potential and thereby protect stakeholder value.

In a statement, Deep Yellow noted its board of directors has great confidence in the Tumas Project. It highlighted that it is committed to delivering maximum value to stakeholders, and will await the inevitable higher uranium price that is expected.

The statement added that Deep Yellow is committed to becoming a reputable and reliable supplier of uranium, and has the capability to do so. However, it will only proceed when market conditions change.

"We are at an extraordinary stage in the uranium supply sector. We have a situation where the long-term uranium market is essentially broken. This is due to more than a decade of sector inactivity, persistently depressed uranium prices, and utility offtake contracting practices that are yet to support the development of greenfields' uranium production.

"Although the Tumas Project is economical at current long-term uranium prices, these prices do not reflect or support the enormous amount of production that needs to be brought online to meet expected demand", stated Deep Yellow managing director John Borshoff.

Source: <https://neweralive.na/deep-yellow-delays-processing-plant-construction-awaits-more-favourable-prices-to-protect-shareholder-value/>



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GHANA GREEN BUILDING SUMMIT 2025 CONVENES NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL STAKEHOLDERS

The 6th Ghana Green Building Summit was successfully held in Accra, bringing together more than 300 stakeholders from government, development institutions, academia, the private sector, and civil society to deliberate on the critical role of sustainable buildings in shaping Ghana's future.

Under the theme 'Reimagining Buildings and Cities for Economic and Social Prosperity', the summit provided a robust platform for dialogue, innovation, and collaboration.

The overarching message was clear and emphatic: sustainable buildings are not a luxury reserved for the elite; they can and must be affordable. Convened by Cyril Nii Ayitey Tetteh, the summit reinforced the idea that sustainability is fundamentally about longevity, resilience, and inclusion.

"Sustainability is all about continuity. This happens when we embed sustainability into business, adopt processes with ESG frameworks and practise sustainable banking principles", he noted in his welcome address.

Delivering the keynote speeches, Ghana's Minister for Works, Housing and Water Resources, Kenneth Gilbert Adjei, affirmed their government's determination to make green building practices central to national development policies. "We are actively integrating green building principles into our national housing strategies and programmes", he stated.

Hon. Adjei highlighted the District Housing Programme as a key initiative aimed at delivering sustainable, affordable homes in rural and peri-urban areas using environmentally responsible, locally sourced materials.

Source: <https://thebftonline.com/2025/04/14/ghana-green-building-summit-2025-convenes-national-and-international-stakeholders/>

CHINA'S TOP LEADERS PLEDGE ECONOMIC SUPPORT

China's top leaders pledged to step up support for the economy and oppose "unilateral bullying" in global trade in a veiled rebuke of hefty tariffs imposed by United States President Donald Trump.

The world's two largest economies are engaged in a high-stakes trade war that has spooked markets and spurred major manufacturers to reconsider supply chains.

Leaders at a gathering of the Chinese Communist Party's top decision-making body focused on economic work, which was attended by President Xi Jinping, acknowledged that "the impact of external shocks is increasing", state news agency Xinhua reported.

They also said they would seek to "work with the international community to actively uphold multilateralism and oppose unilateral bullying practices", it said.

The brutal trade war comes as China's economy strains under the weight of longstanding woes in the property sector and reluctance by consumers to pull out their wallets.

Leaders at the Politburo meeting discussed a range of domestic economic issues, emphasising the need to "enhance the role of consumption in stimulating economic growth", Xinhua revealed.

They also called for action to increase incomes and "vigorously develop service consumption", as well as the implementation of key rate cuts at "appropriate times".

Source: <https://neweralive.na/chinas-top-leaders-pledge-economic-support/>



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NamWater is inviting registered and reputable firms to submit bids for the following procurement for the Supply and Delivery of One (1) Containerized Electrical Switchboard, and Two (2) Air Conditioning Units for Aranos Scheme. A Non-Compulsory Pre-Bid meeting - Not Applicable. Restriction: Section (29) (1)(b). This bid is reserved for Namibian registered entities as per section 29 (1)(b) of the Public Procurement Act 15 of 2015 as amended.

Enquire: The Procurement Management Unit

Telephone: +264 (0) 61 210741

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Ondangwa Town Council

Tender No:

W/ONB/NDTC/031/112/2024/25

Closing Date: 2025-06-02

Non-Refundable Levy Payable:
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Ondangwa Town Council hereby invites through Open National Bidding (ONB), offers from suitable, qualified, and experienced Companies for Animal Impoundment and Cleaning Services for 24 months contract in Ondangwa. A Non-Compulsory bid clarification meeting on Monday, 28 April 2025 at Ondangwa Town Council Chamber at 10H00am.

Enquire: Mrs. Veronica Wondjila

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Enquire: Procurement Management Unit
Email: procurement@airports.com.na

Namibia Airports Company Limited - NAC

Tender No: W/ONB/NAC-002/2025
Closing Date: 2025-06-03
Non-Refundable Levy Payable: N\$1000.00

Namibia Airports Company Limited - NAC hereby invites interested qualified and experienced Namibian companies to submit bids for the following opportunities for the Upgrading and Renovation of the Station for Luderitz Airport. A Compulsory pre-bid meeting will be held on 25 April 2025 from 10h00 - 12h00 at Luderitz Airport..

Enquire: Procurement Management Unit
Email: procurement@airports.com.na

Ongwediva Town Council

Tender No: W/ONB/OngweTC - 12/2024/25
Closing Date: 2025-06-03
Non-Refundable Levy Payable: N\$100.00 (Non - Refundable)

Ongwediva Town Council is hereby inviting prospective bid of the Maintenance of Council Civic Buildings (Electrical Infrastructures Network) for two (2) years. (National Margin of Preference is applicable).

Enquire: Mr. Isacky Namupala
Telephone: +264 (0) 65 233700

Ministry of Works and Transport

Tender No: MWT/DRIM/TIIP2024/OCBI/LOT2 - 02/2025
Closing Date: 2025-07-08
Non-Refundable Levy Payable: N\$1000.00 (Non - Refundable)

Ministry of Works and Transport Infrastructure Improvement Project (TIIP) Phase II - Supply of 48kg/m rails and turnouts (Lot 2) for the Upgrading of Railway Lines: Otjiwarongo - Tsumeb, and Otavi - Grootfontein - Open Competitive Bidding (International) (OCBI). All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security of N\$33,000,000 (thirty-three million Namibian Dollars).

Enquire: Ms. Suama Mhinge (PMU)
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Email: suama.mhinge@mwt.gov.na

Ongwediva Town Council

Tender No: W/ONB/OngweTC - 01/2025/26
Closing Date: 2025-06-03
Non-Refundable Levy Payable: N\$300.00 (Non - Refundable)

Ongwediva Town Council is hereby to inform all prospective bidders interested in the following bids as advertised by the Council on Friday, April 11th 2025 that the reference number has been withdrawn and the correct reference numbers are as follows for the Upgrading of Sewer Raising Main (Pump Line) from Pump Station No.3 to the Oxidation Ponds in Ongwediva. Bid Briefing on Wednesday, 30 April 2025 at 10h00 at Council Offices, Old Boardroom.

Enquire: Mr. Isacky Namupala
Telephone: +264 (0) 65 233700 / 226694

Ongwediva Town Council

Tender No: W/ONB/OngweTC - 13/2024/25
Closing Date: 2025-06-03
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