



Standard Bank

BIOMASS

FAIR 2023

7 - 9 September 2023

- 7 September - Research Symposium starts at 14:00
- 8 September - Industry Conference
- Expo starts at 08:00
- Networking Event
- BIOMASS FAIR Concert
- 9 September - Expo



Concept Note

**Venue: Gross Barmen Resort
Okahandja
Otjozondjupa Region**

Implementing Partners



About the BIOMASS FAIR

Implemented by partners, the Namibia Biomass Industry Group (N-BiG), the Charcoal Association of Namibia (CAoN) formerly known as Namibia Charcoal Association (NCA), and the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST), the BIOMASS FAIR is an event tailored toward the blossoming bush biomass sector in Namibia and the region at large. By bringing together stakeholders of the growing biomass sector, the sector is strengthened, and new opportunities can be explored. The annual fair provides an excellent opportunity for networking and exchanging of best practices and knowledge on bush control and biomass utilisation. The BIOMASS FAIR takes place over three days, including a Research Symposium, a Biomass Industry Conference, and a Biomass Expo showcasing technology and field demonstrations. Each specific event is targeted and has a specific purpose, with the overall aim of formalising and promoting the budding biomass industry in Namibia.

With approximately 300 visitors and 30 local exhibitors, the Biomass Technology Demonstration Day at Cheetah Conservation Fund in 2018 was a successful pilot event that paved the way for the foundation of this annual biomass event. In 2019, the Biomass Technology Expo drew over 1,500 international, regional, and local visitors, as well as 120 exhibitors to Otjiwa Lodge in the Otjozondjupa region, the central hub of bush biomass in Namibia. To supplement the financial efforts of the implementing partners, an annual call for sponsorships is advertised for interested companies.

About the Standard Bank BIOMASS FAIR 2023

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Theme: "Igniting the Growth of the Biomass Sector in Namibia"

The Standard Bank BIOMASS FAIR 2023 aims to promote the booming biomass sector in Namibia and the surrounding regions at large. The BIOMASS FAIR will take place over three days, from 7 to 9 September 2023 at Gross Barmen Resort, south-west of Okahandja in the Otjozondjupa region, offering a modern conference venue and ideal surroundings for showcasing biomass technology and field demonstrations. It comprises of a Research Symposium, an Industry Conference, a Networking Event, and an Expo. The event will also feature a Biomass concert under the stars.

The BIOMASS FAIR 2023 received diamond sponsorship from Standard Bank Namibia, thus accorded the name Standard Bank BIOMASS FAIR 2023, themed "Igniting the Growth of the Biomass Sector in Namibia".

Format and Expectations

Research Symposium – 7 September 2023; 14:00 to 18:00, the first day will kick off with a symposium aiming to stimulate innovation and research for the industry. With a focus on applied research, the symposium will feature presentations from local and international speakers, sharing cutting-edge knowledge on biomass-related topics.

Industry Conference – 8 September 2023; 08:00 to 17:00, the second day will explore vital aspects such as governance frameworks, environmental best practices, access to local and international markets, harvesting and processing technologies, bush-biomass products, and technical services. It will feature local, regional, and international speakers. Attendees can expect to gain valuable insights into emerging trends and seize opportunities in the industry.

Exclusive Networking Event – 8 September 2023; 17:00 to 19:00 there will be an exclusive cocktail event, offering a relaxed and inviting atmosphere, specifically for biomass buyers and sellers to engage with one another.

Biomass Concert – 8 September 2023; 19:00 to 00:00 a concert against the backdrop of a starlit bush setting, allowing guests to unwind and celebrate. The concert will be headlined by various local artists.

Expo – 8-9 September 2023; 08:00 to 18:00 for both days respectively, this is the ultimate biomass showcase event, hosting approximately 120 exhibitors, the Biomass Expo will demonstrate an extensive range of biomass products and cutting-edge technology. The Expo will feature a variety of exhibitors showcasing harvesting technology, exhibiting charcoal and other wood products, and presenting services for the biomass industry, including access to finance. Attendees can expect a family-friendly environment accompanied by a variety of food and beverage options.

Tickets for the Biomass Concert and Expo are available at WebTickets or Pick n Pay stores countrywide. More information about the event and the call for exhibitors and sponsors is available at www.biomassfair.com.na

The organisers extend their gratitude towards their associate partners and event sponsors. Our Associate Partners: the **Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT)** Bush Control and Biomass Utilisation (BCBU) Project, implemented by the **Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH**; **SteamBioAfrica**, funded by the European Union's Horizon 2020 Research and Innovation Programme; **Namibia Wildlife Resort (NWR)**; **Namibia Broadcasting Cooperation (NBC)**; and the **German Bioenergy Association (BBE)**. Our Event Sponsors: Diamond sponsor **Standard Bank Namibia**; Gold sponsor **DHG Vertriebs- & Consultinggesellschaft mbH**; Silver sponsor **O&L Organic Energy Solutions** and Bronze sponsors **Agribank, CMO, FSC**, and **SUREBRAAI** for their valuable contributions towards making this event a success.

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