

BIOMASS FAIR**2024 – Otjiwarongo****8 August 2024: Biomass Conference****Theme: “Innovating for a greener future”** Otjozondjupa Regional Council Conference Centre, Otjiwarongo

Note: 15 mins per Speaker and 20 mins moderated panel discussion per session including Q&A

Moderator: **Mr. Ricardo Goagoseb**

08h00**Opening Session: Arrival and Registration****08h30 - 09h00****Introduction Session**

Anthems

Welcoming by His Worship the Mayor of Otjiwarongo

- **His Worship Gottlieb Shivute**

A snapshot into the Biomass Sector - Overview by Namibia Biomass industry Group (N-BiG)

- **Mr. Colin Lindeque** – Board Chair

Opening statement by Standard Bank – (Main sponsor)

- **Mr. Erwin Tjipuka** – CEO

09h00 - 10h45**Session 1: Environmental Sustainability and Best Practices**

Welcoming Statement and introduction of Keynote Speaker

- **Hon. James Uerikua** – Governor, Otjozondjupa Region.

Keynote Speech and Launch of Governance Framework and Management System for Sustainable Bush Control in Selected Communal Areas of Namibia

- **Hon. Pohamba Shifeta** – Minister, Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT)

Introduction to the Communal Governance Framework and Forest Management Plan

- **Mr. Johnson Ndokosho** – Director of Forestry, Ministry of Environment, Forestry and Tourism (MEFT)

European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) - ensuring a greener future for Namibia

- **Mrs. Lilani Fourie** – Country Manager, CMO Namibia

International speaker – Environmental and Biodiversity Monitoring Tools

- **Ms. Lisa Broekhuizen** – Technology Lead, Space4Good

Moderated Panel discussion: Environmental Sustainability and Best Practices

- Panellists: Mr. Johnson Ndokosho (Director of Forestry), Mrs. Lilani Fourie (Country Manager, CMO Namibia), Mr. Alexander Gunkel (Founder and Director, Space4Good)

10h45 - 11h00 Tea Break

11h00 - 13h00

Session 2: Biomass Industry Updates

Review and Consolidation of Namibia's Bush Thicketing Maps

- **Dr. Cornelis van der Waal** – Director, Agri-Ecological Services

Review of Emerging Carbon and Biodiversity Market Opportunities for Namibia

- **Ms. Daisy Nielsen** – Expert, Perivoli Rangeland Institute

Namibia Breweries Limited (NBL)- Brews a Better World with Green Energy

- **Mr. Franklin Angermund** – Sustainability Manager, Namibia Breweries limited (NBL)

International speaker – Otjiwarongo Municipality Waste to Energy Project.

- **Ms. Reka Soos** – Managing Director, Resources and Waste Advisory Group (RWA Group).

International speaker – Biomass logistics and Business Model in the port, Case of Port of Amsterdam, Netherlands

- **Ms. Anna-Marise Rocha** – Commercial Manager Circular Industries, Port of Amsterdam

Moderated Panel discussion

13h00 -14h00 Lunch Break

14h00 - 17h00

Session 3: Bush Value Chains and Biochar Business Models

3a. Setting the scene for Bioenergy Projects

Biomass to Electricity, 40 MW NamPower Otjikoto Biomass Project

- **Mr. Titus Haihambo** – Project Engineer: Biomass Power Project, Namibian Power Utility (NamPower)
- **Ms. Iyaloo Shimutwikeni** – Generation - Capital Projects, Namibian Power Utility (NamPower)

Clean Successor to Fossil Fuels - SteamBio Africa Project: Three year forward

- **Mr. Colin Lindeque** – Managing Director, Carbon Capital

Latest biomass processing equipment and techniques to process encroacher bush.

- **Mr. Willem van der Merwe** – founder and CEO of Africa Biomass Company (South Africa).

Innovative methods of making charcoal greener

- **Mr. Ralf Dedig** – Technical Advisor, Makarra Bush Products

Moderated Panel discussion

3b. Setting the scene for Biochar and Carbon Credit Projects

Introduction to Atmosfair -Developing renewable energy and climate protection initiatives across Africa

- **Mr. Gideon van den Berg** – Project Analyst, Atmosfair

Empowering local communities through natural resource use - a case for community-driven biochar projects.

- **Mr. Leon-David Viljoen** – Product and Market Development Manager, Omitibiochar

Enabling climate-friendly bush control for farmers: pros and cons of direct carbon credit revenues vs biomass supply models

- **Mr. Eck Volkmann** – Biochar Manager, PyroNam

Moderated Panel discussion

16h00 - 16h15 Tea Break

3c. Financing Biomass Value Chains

- **Mr. Gerhard Mukuahima** – Head of Agri Finance, Standard Bank Namibia
- **Ms. Hildegardt Martin** – Sales Executive, Agriculture Bank of Namibia (AgriBank)
- **Mr. Tshoombe Ndadi** – Chairman, Kongalend Financial Services (Pty) Ltd

Moderated Panel discussion

17h00 – 17h30

Wrap up, Closure and Anthems

18h30 till late

Exclusive Networking Event – Crocodile Ranch Otjiwarongo