

GIGANTIC PARTNERSHIP

UNAM and NBC collaborate on research



UNAM Vice Chancellor, Prof. Kenneth Matengu and NBC Director General, Mr. Stanley Similo sign the binding MOU documents.

Two of the country's largest public institutions, UNAM and NBC signed an MOU this week that will strengthen cooperation between academia and the public. The MOU mainly targets the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (FHSS), but intends to partner in all academic disciplines offered by the university.

"We want to tap into aspects of research", said NBC Director General, Mr Stanley Similio, during the signing ceremony held in the UNAM Vice

Chancellor's office. Further explicating that the NBC, with this MOU, hopes to gain access to UNAM research and disseminate it to the public. "If we could tap into that prior unreached research, it will be a major milestone", added Similio.

UNAM Vice Chancellor, Professor Kenneth Matengu, praised the initiative. He stressed that, although the MOU was initially earmarked to enhance cooperation between the NBC and the FHSS's media and

journalism students, he stressed that it should not be limited to that faculty. Instead, the faculty should be a tool through which the NBC can gain access to research in all other disciplines.

A cornerstone of the MOU are internships to UNAM students in the area of broadcasting, media and journalism. In addition, UNAM Radio will also be added to a digital bouquet containing NBC stations.

LAW STUDENT TURNS PHILANTHROPIST



Susana pictured with school pupils from one of her recent projects.

A past of hardship in rural Namibia has inspired a 22 year old Law student, Susana Hamunyela, to start a project in northern Namibia to assist learners in rural schools. Being from a rural area herself, Susana never thought she would one day make it into Law. But in 2015, she registered at the University of Namibia's Faculty of Law. This development basically inspired her to start the project, appropriately named the "Pashukeni Project", which, in Oshiwambo means, "to awaken".

The project was conducted in the form of an event, which was held at the Ontoko Combined School in the Onesi Constituency. The event involved two other schools namely, Omindamba Combined School

and Etunda Combined School. The project had four main aims. Firstly, to provide educational talks to the learners, secondly, to award the top performing learners, thirdly, to donate clothes and finally, to host a mini career fair. The event was made up of motivational speeches, a mini career fair, prize giving ceremony, dances and performances by cultural groups. Although currently only based in Omusati region, Susana hopes to grow her project into a foundation, the 'Pashukeni Foundation'. She and her team are calling on sponsors to assist her project to become a registered charity. Potential donors may contact Susana on the following number and email: susanhamunyela@gmail.com and +264816374790.

JOINT CONFERENCE OF THE *Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences & the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences*

IN MEMORY OF SIMON LUMBU

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THE ACCIDENTAL SCIENTIST

From Tourism to Nuclear Medicine

A new lecturer, specialising in Radiobiology and Nuclear Medicine at the University of Namibia, Dr Roswita Hamunyela, says she originally wanted to study Tourism so she could travel the world, but a chance encounter with an application form while cleaning her aunt's house, put her life into a different trajectory. Now she is one of Namibia's resource persons in a scarce skills field.



Dr Roswita Hamunyela

Dr H Hamunyela works in the Department of Allied Health, her areas of expertise are Radiobiology, Nuclear Medicine, Radiography and Radiation

Technologies. Her current research focuses on the effects of radiation on human health, Medical Imaging research and research on Higher Education Pedagogy.