



NUST BRIEF



FROM LEFT: Phil Sticha, TechCamp Programme Manager: U.S. State Department; Dr Anicia Peters, Dean: Faculty of Computing and Informatics; Josephina Mikka, Junior Lecturer: NUST Department of Computer Science; Dr Tjama Tjivikua, NUST Vice-Chancellor, and Eric Atkins, Public Affairs Officer: U.S. Embassy.

TechCamp declares war on cybercrime

The Faculty of Computing and Informatics (FCI), with support from the U.S. Department of State Bureau of International Information Programme (IIP), and the U.S. Embassy in Namibia, hosted the first-ever TechCamp in Namibia under the theme "Cybersecurity for Everyone". The event took place from 17 to 19 September in Windhoek.

In 2018, McAfee, a global computer security software company, released a report that estimated the likely annual cost of cybercrime to the global economy at nearly US\$600 billion, up from US\$45 billion in 2014. TechCamps are hands-on, participant-driven workshops that connect private sector technology experts with key populations, to explore and apply innovative technological solutions to such global issues. These key populations include journalists, law-makers, civil society representatives, industry and non-governmental organisations.

The workshop consisted of 80 Namibian participants, 20 from the SADC region and 10 international expert trainers, who discussed four core tracks, namely Policy, Law Enforcement, Industry Growth and

Education. Workshops on cybercrime are held in various countries around the world and participants identify real-world challenges in partnership with the trainers, to propose technological solutions.

"Government plays a vital and irreplaceable role in ensuring cybersecurity, because cybercrimes and cyber protection, are real issues that affect every citizen. At the same time, we cannot just wait for the solutions to come by without doing anything ourselves. Smaller steps when put together will eventually become big and effective in the end, like the ripples of the ocean that can grow into a tsunami," remarked Dr Tjama Tjivikua, the NUST Vice-Chancellor, at the closing ceremony of the workshop.

Media and Communications Society launched



Dr Rewai Makamani, Associate Dean: Research and Innovation, and Head of Department: Communications (third from right); Joel Haikali, Award-winning Film Director (sixth from left); Unomengi Kauapirura: Communications Manager: Social Security Commission (fourth from right); and Hugh Ellis, Lecturer: Department of Communications (second from right), pictured with students.

The Society aims to promote inclusivity and to facilitate personal development by linking Journalism, Communications, and English students with industry. Dr Rewai Makamani, Associate Dean: Research and Innovation, and the Head of Department: Communication, emphasised the importance of Human Sciences, further adding that the Faculty is currently in the process of introducing more postgraduate programmes, specifically at Master's level.

Supporting the Land Conference

The 2nd National Land Conference will be held 1-5 October 2018 at the Safari Hotel in Windhoek, as indicated in the State of the Nation Address of 11 April 2018, by His Excellency Dr Hage Geingob, the President of the Republic of Namibia. The Conference seeks to address the structure of land ownership in Namibia.

In line with this, NUST, through the Integrated Land Management Institute (ILMI), has launched a website with documentation supporting the upcoming conference. The website, <http://dna.nust.na/landconference/landconference.html>, includes all individual submissions for the 1991 National Land Conference, and the 2018 National Land Conference Submissions, amongst others. Individuals and organisations interested in submitting documents for the Second National Land Conference, may send them to newlandquestion@nust.na

The website was made possible with support from the NUST Library. ILMI is a centre of the Faculty of Natural Resources and Spatial Sciences (FNRS) at the University and it is committed to developing reputable and multidisciplinary research and public outreach activities in the field of land, administration, property, architecture and spatial planning. It was originally established in 2006 and conceived as an arm of the Department of Land Management in order to undertake applied research, consulting services, and training.



Prof Sarala Krishnamurthy (left), receiving a Certificate of Professorship from Dr Tjama Tjivikua, NUST Vice-Chancellor (right).

Congratulations Prof Krishnamurthy!

Prof Sarala Krishnamurthy received a Certificate of Professorship, conferred upon her by Dr Tjama Tjivikua, the NUST Vice-Chancellor, at a Professorial Inaugural Ceremony recently. Prof Krishnamurthy is currently a Professor of Stylistics in the Faculty of Human Sciences.

During the ceremony, Prof Krishnamurthy delivered a lecture titled 'Post-Colonial Turn, Epistemic Shift and a Prolegomenon to Decoloniality.'

Prof Krishnamurthy has conducted several research and supervisor training workshops for researchers at NUST. She received the Best Researcher of the Year award from her Faculty for two years in a row, in 2011 and 2012. She has been the Managing Editor of *NAWA: Journal of Language and Communication* since 2008, and serves on the editorial board of several reputable academic journals such as *Babel (UK)*, *International Journal of Gender Studies in Developing Societies (USA)*; and *Feminist Encounters, a Journal of Critical Studies in Culture and Politics (UK)*.

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