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# Public Lecture

## Title: **Bridging Continents: The EU's history and evolution, and its partnership with Namibia for green industrialisation**



Wednesday, 29 May 2024



16:00



Mining Engineering Auditorium,  
NUST Lower Campus

### Introduction

In this public lecture, **H.E. Ana Beatriz Martins, Ambassador of the European Union to Namibia** will shed light on the origins of the European Union (EU). As a multi- and supra-national organisation, the EU is unique in the world as a political and economic union among sovereign states. While complex in many aspects, the Ambassador will highlight the main roles of the EU institutions and how they work together clearly and concisely. Finally, the lecture will show how this relates to the EU Foreign Policy with Africa in

general, and specifically Namibia. Special attention will be given to the EU's Strategic Partnership with Namibia on Green Hydrogen and Critical Raw Materials value chains concerning the Global Gateway initiative. Finally focus will shift to how we believe Green Industrialisation will unlock growth and job creation in Namibia and enable us to protect our planet.

### About the Speaker

**H.E. Ana Beatriz Martins** has been the European Union Ambassador to Namibia since 1st September 2023. She dedicated most of her 30-year EU career to Diplomacy and Foreign Relations, having worked in several regions, notably East and Horn of Africa, South America, South, and South East Asia, as well as former Soviet Union. Besides earlier postings to Thailand and South Korea as a Political Counsellor, her last EU diplomatic posting was in Brazil as the Deputy Head of Mission. She worked for five years in the Directorate General for Employment and Social Affairs on innovative employment programmes for EU Member States. Mrs Martins holds a Master's Degree in Political Science at Freiburg University, and has a post-graduate degree in European Studies from the College of Europe in Bruges. Mrs. Martins is a Portuguese/German national and married with three children.



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