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Media Statement | Otavi Named New Home of NUST Agricultural Satellite Campus

The Council of the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) has approved the relocation of the University's Agricultural Satellite Campus from Rietfontein to Otavi in the Otjozondjupa Region. The decision follows a resolution adopted at a Council meeting held on 06 February 2026, endorsing Otavi as the new site. This relocation forms part of NUST's broader strategic objective to expand access to higher education, respond to national development priorities, and support the transformation of emerging towns into knowledge and innovation hubs.

The move within the Otjozondjupa Region follows a Cabinet decision and supports national development in a region with a population of over 143 000 people. The approximately 84 schools in the region serve more than 48 000 learners, who currently have limited access to university-level education. The move to Otavi will therefore help address this gap, while strengthening pathways from secondary and vocational education into tertiary education.

Otavi's strategic location further enhances its suitability as the campus' new host town. The Otjozondjupa Region borders seven other regions – Oshikoto, Omaheke, Kavango East, Kavango West, Kunene, Erongo and Khomas – offering improved accessibility for students across a wide geographical area.

The Otavi Town Council has so far allocated land for the establishment of the NUST Satellite Campus. The relocation of students and staff will be implemented through a phased approach, beginning with the provision of temporary facilities to support immediate academic activities, alongside the planned development of a permanent, purpose-built campus.

This phased development will ensure continuity of teaching and learning while laying the foundation for a fully resourced agricultural campus that supports teaching, research and innovation.

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