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NUST Retains Namibia's Top Position ...In the Impact Rankings

The Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) has once again affirmed its position as Namibia's leading university in the 2026 Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings, retaining the number one national ranking for impact. In addition, NUST improved its global standing, advancing from the 1501+ band in 2025 to the 1001–1500 band in 2026, demonstrating the growing international recognition of the University's contribution to sustainable development.

NUST's improved performance is strongly linked to its identity as a university of science and technology. Its impact is not built only on academic outputs, but on the ability to apply knowledge to real problems. This is visible in SDG 4: Quality Education, where NUST recorded its strongest improvement, moving from the 601-800 band to the 301-400 band. The University's contribution to quality education is reflected in practical curricula, work-integrated

learning, public lectures, regional reach, digital resources and lifelong learning. Through open educational resources, accessible library services, the Ounongo Repository, public lectures and short courses, NUST extends learning beyond enrolled students.

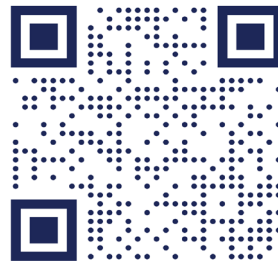
**Stronger Global Performance.
Stronger Local Impact.**

That education mandate is visible in vocational and industry-respon-

sive skills development. Through the Regional Upscaling Platform for Vocational Excellence, hosted with Stellenbosch University under ACEWATER III, NUST is helping to shape a more coordinated approach to water-sector skills in Namibia.

The initiative connects academia, water utilities, renewable energy stakeholders and industry partners around the Water-Energy-Food nexus, while positioning

NUST as a national coordinator in efforts to strengthen vocational excellence.



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We are, because you are!

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NUST Joins Global Tropical Universities League



NUST delegates pictured at the League of Tropical Universities (LTU) Summit.



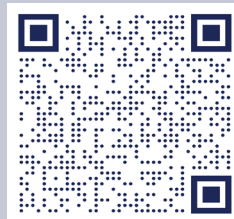
NUST has strengthened its international footprint after being admitted as a member of the League of Tropical Universities (LTU) and signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with China's Hainan University. A NUST delegation recently participated in the League of Tropical Universities Summit 2026, hosted

by Hainan University under the theme, "Intelligent Connectivity, Shared Future: The Mission and Innovation of Universities in the Digital Era." The summit brought together representatives from 121 institutions across 50 countries to explore collaboration in higher education, research, innovation, and digital transformation.

The delegation was led by Chief Legal Adviser Joshua Kaumbi, representing the Acting Vice-Chancellor. Other delegates included Dr Gloria Tshoopara, Acting Associate Dean in the School of Commerce and Human Sciences; Dr Godfrey Tubaundule, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Technical and Vocational Education and Training; Kaitira E. Kandjii, Director of the Alumni and NUST Foundation; and Theodora Mweuta, International Relations Manager.

According to Kaumbi, one of the summit's key outcomes was the admission of NUST as a full member of the Tropica University, and the launch of the TropiLearn Platform, a digital initiative designed to facilitate the sharing of high-quality courses and learn-

ing resources among member institutions."This presents an opportunity for NUST to both access and contribute specialised programmes, thereby increasing its international visibility and academic reach," he said. Discussions at the summit also highlighted scholarship opportunities, joint training programmes, credit transfer mechanisms, and student mobility initiatives among tropical and Global South universities.



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Front row, fourth from left: Harmoni Beukes, Acting Chief Executive Officer, Namibia Qualifications Authority, and Prof Andrew Niikondo, NUST Acting Vice-Chancellor (second from right), pictured with delegates in the education sector.

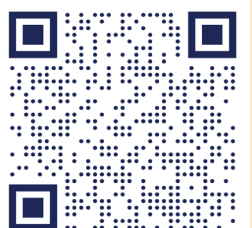
Quality Assured, Future Secured ... NUST Welcomes NQA Assessment

NUST welcomed the Namibia Qualifications Authority (NQA) initiative for an Institutional Qualifications Assessment engagement that forms part of the national commitment to maintaining quality, relevance, and excellence across higher education. The assessment extends beyond individual programmes and encompasses the University's broader academic offering, including programmes delivered across satellite campuses. Importantly, the process is not punitive in nature. Rather, it is a constructive and collaborative exercise aimed at strengthening systems, identifying good practices, and supporting institutions in their pursuit of continuous improvement.

The engagement received significant institutional recognition, with NUST Acting Vice-Chancellor, Prof Andrew Niikondo, in attendance, alongside the University's Executive Committee and Deans.

"NUST embraces quality assurance as a strategic enabler of excellence. We view this process as an opportunity to reflect, learn, and continuously improve our academic offerings across all campuses, while ensuring that our qualifications remain relevant, credible, and responsive to national and global needs," Prof Niikondo remarked.

The National Council for Higher Education (NCHE) was also represented, highlighting the importance of collaboration among Namibia's higher education stakeholders in strengthening the national education system.



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Turning Up the Volume on Community Voices

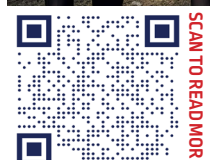
NUST, through its community radio station, NUST FM, recently participated in the official launch of the Community Media Policy 2026–2030 in Okakarara, Otjozondjupa Region. Convened by the Ministry of Information and Communication Technology, the event brought together government representatives, traditional leaders, community media practitioners, development partners, academics, and other stakeholders committed to strengthening Namibia's community media sector.

The policy sets out clear objectives around professional standards, capacity development, stakeholder coordination, and the inclusion of com-

munities, particularly those in rural and underserved areas, in national information and communication systems.

"This policy recognises community media as a key driver of democratic participation, socio-economic development, social cohesion and of course cultural preservation," said Hon Emma Theofelus, Minister of Information and Communication Technology, in her address to the gathering.

She further noted that "the policy was created to bridge the information gaps, exclusion and misinformation and limited participation in public discourse and governance."



Hon Emma Theofelus, ICT Minister (second from left) and Kuda Brandt, Manager: Corporate Communications and Marketing (second from right), pictured with staff members from NUST FM and UNAM Radio.



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