

NUST, Indonesia's UGM Sign MoU to Expand Academic Collaboration



Deputy Vice Chancellor: Teaching and Learning, Prof Teresia Kaulihowa (left), and Vice Rector for Research, Business Development, and Cooperation of Universitas Gadjah Mada, Dr Danang Sri Hadmoko (right).

A delegation from the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST), led by Prof Theresia Kaulihowa, DVC: Teaching and Learning, recently visited Universitas Gadjah Mada (UGM) in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, to explore expanded academic cooperation between the two institutions.

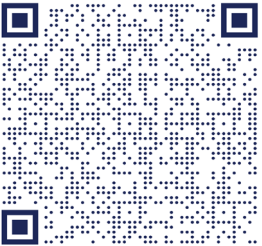
The visit was centered on joint research in agriculture, food security, and public health, as well as capacity-building initiatives.

The NUST delegation also met with Prof Taryono, UGM's Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture, and his team, jointly identifying potential areas of cooperation including curriculum development, infrastructure planning, laboratory facilities, and specialised equipment.

The two institutions then signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) outlining specific fields of collaboration and established joint working groups to drive concrete research and academic exchange initiatives.



By combining UGM's academic strengths with NUST's expertise in technological advancement in Southern Africa, the institutions aim to address pressing global challenges through joint publications, grant applications, and expanded mobility opportunities for researchers and students.



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NUST Student Steps into the World of Spacecraft

Final-year Electronics and Telecommunication Engineering student Dino José Almirall has taken his passion for technology beyond borders from a NUST classroom to a European space training facility.

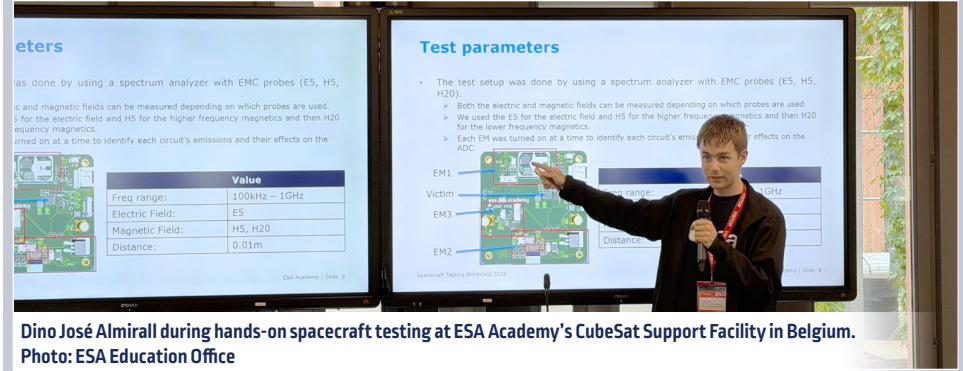
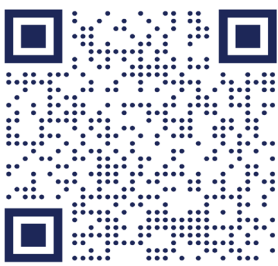
Almirall was recently selected as one of 15 participants from across Africa by the European Space Agency (ESA) Academy to take part in a Spacecraft Testing Workshop at the European Space Security and Education Centre (ESEC-Galaxia) in Transinne, Belgium. The workshop, part of the Africa-EU Space Partnership Programme co-implemented by ESA and the African Space Agency (AfSA), combined lectures on systems engineering and assembly, integration and testing with hands-on work in the CubeSat Support Facility's ISO-8 clean-

room, where teams ran vibration, thermal vacuum, and electromagnetic compatibility campaigns. Dr Smita Francis, Coordinator of the Namibia Institute of Space Technology (NIST) at NUST, endorsed Almirall's participation, saying it would "strengthen his technical competencies and contribute to Namibia's growing ambitions in the space and environmental monitoring sectors."

Almirall, who led a NUST final-year project designing a small satellite system to detect

atmospheric carbon, plans to share what he learnt with fellow students through seminars and support regarding CubeSat and space-related projects.

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Dino José Almirall during hands-on spacecraft testing at ESA Academy's CubeSat Support Facility in Belgium. Photo: ESA Education Office



Left to right: Prof Colin Stanley, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research and Technovation; Prof Frednard Gideon, Vice-Chancellor; H.E Ana-Beatriz Martins, the EU Ambassador to Namibia; Alexandre Baron, EU Head of Cooperation; and Nashilongo Gervasius, Director: Corporate Engagement and Internationalisation.

Building on 24 Years of Partnership for Namibia's Development

NUST leadership, led by Vice-Chancellor Prof Frednard Gideon, held a high-level courtesy engagement with H.E Ana-Beatriz Martins, Ambassador of the European Union to Namibia, to explore opportunities to further advance the longstanding NUST–EU partnership.

Spanning more than 24 years, the NUST-EU partnership has supported collaboration in research, innovation, academic mobility, skills development and knowledge exchange, connecting NUST with European institutions, expertise and international networks.

The engagement looked towards the next phase of this partner-

ship, with discussions centred on opportunities in research and innovation, emerging technologies, skills development, sustainability, green transformation and knowledge partnerships in support of Namibia's development priorities.

The meeting reaffirmed NUST's commitment to strategic international partnerships that translate

knowledge, research and innovation into meaningful impact for Namibia and the region.

Twenty-four years of partnership. A shared commitment to the future. The next chapter will build on this foundation to connect expertise, innovation and opportunity in ways that create lasting impact.

Namibia Energy Institute at AGIS 2026

The Namibia Energy Institute (NEI) recently participated in the African Green Industries Summit (AGIS) 2026 in Swakopmund, Namibia, engaging in conversations that help shape Namibia's sustainable development and industrialisation agenda.

The summit brought together key stakeholders from government, industry and the private sector to explore pathways towards green industrialisation, sustainable economic development and a resilient future for Namibia.

NEI Director, Dr Andreas Elombo, participated in the opening panel discussion, where he emphasised the importance of placing energy at the cen-

tre of Namibia's industrialisation agenda and recognising energy as a critical enabler of sustainable economic growth.

The NEI delegation, including Helvi Ileka, Head of Centre: Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, Salmi Hamutenya, Communications and Stakeholder Relations, and Leonard Nekwaya, Engineering Associate in the electricity supply industry,

engaged with stakeholders and explored opportunities for collaboration, knowledge exchange and partnerships that will advance Namibia's energy transition.

In the photo, left to right: Helvi Ileka, Dr Andreas Elombo, Leonard Nekwaya and Salmi Hamutenya.

