

# NUST BRIEF

## Highlights of Dr Naomab's 100 days in office

Today officially marked the NUST Vice-Chancellor's 100<sup>th</sup> day in office. Dr Eroid Naomab was appointed on 01 January 2021 as the head of the Institution, and he hit the ground running on 13 January 2021, when the University opened for the academic year. In this special edition of the NUST Brief, we reflect on some of the highlights of his tenure, during this brief period, in line with the institutional goals.

### Building a Vibrant and Engaging Learning Environment

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#### Ohangwena Campus

Plans are underway to establish a NUST campus in the Ohangwena Region, with the aim to enhance the skills of residents in the area, as well as widen the University's footprint. Recently, Dr Naomab visited the region to assess the facilities that have been availed by the local authorities for the envisaged campus. The tour also included courtesy calls to the Patron of the Ohangwena Campus, HE Hifikepunye Pohamba, and the Ovakwanyama Queen Mwadinomho Nelumbu, who have been instrumental in the initiation of this project. The first phase of the project, which includes the offering of a number of programmes, will be rolled-out in 2021. The fundraising campaign will soon be launched.



Dr Andrew Niikondo, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Academic (second from left); Hon Walde Natangwe Nevashiya, Governor: Ohangwena Region (third from left); His Worship Omri-Onn Kavandje, Mayor of Eenhana (fourth from left); and Dr Eroid Naomab, NUST Vice-Chancellor, pictured with the town planners and other delegates at one of the sites designated for the new campus.

**COURTESY CALL TO THE PATRON:** (From left to right) Dr Delvaline Möwes, Director: Centre for Open and Life-long Learning; Dr Andrew Niikondo, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Academic; Dr Eroid Naomab, NUST Vice-Chancellor; HE Hifikepunye Pohamba, Former Namibian Head of State, and Patron of the Ohangwena Campus; Hon Walde Natangwe Nevashiya, Governor: Ohangwena Region, and Oliver Quarmby, Director: Facilities.



### Strengthening Stakeholder Engagement

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#### Courtesy visit from the German Ambassador

The German Ambassador to Namibia, HE Herbert Beck, paid a courtesy visit to the NUST Vice-Chancellor, Dr Eroid Naomab. The purpose of the visit was to exchange views and ideas, and to further strengthen the long-standing relations between NUST and the German government. The discussions between the two parties focused on German-funded projects at NUST, and the strategic mission of the Institution to become an applied research-intensive University.



German Ambassador, HE Herbert Beck (left) and NUST Vice-Chancellor, Dr Eroid Naomab (right) exchanging ideas on areas that need further development. HE Beck was pleased with NUST's willingness to enhance collaboration in key development areas.

### Securing Institutional Sustainability

FEBRUARY

#### NUST and NSFAF renew agreement

NUST and the Namibia Students' Financial Assistance Fund (NSFAF), recently renewed an agreement that aims to strengthen relations between the two parties. NSFAF currently provides financial support to more than 40% of the student population at the University.



Kennedy Kandume, Acting Chief Executive Officer: NSFAF (left), and Dr Eroid Naomab, NUST Vice-Chancellor (right) exchanging the agreement between NUST and NSFAF.

### Driving Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship

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#### Rietfontein Training Centre



IN THE MAIZE FIELD: Dr Eroid Naomab, NUST Vice-Chancellor (third from right), having a discussion with Wilhelm Kafidi, Acting CEO: Rietfontein Training Centre (fourth from right), and other delegates from both institutions.

NUST is in discussions with the National Youth Service (NYS), to explore areas of collaboration through utilising the Rietfontein Training Centre. The two parties are keen on sharing resources in the fields of agriculture, hospitality and vocational education. The Centre has a farm which is 1 616.23 hectares in size, amongst other facilities such as hostels, classrooms and a library. Dr Naomab and his delegation, toured the facilities and the delegates concluded that the next stage is to establish a steering committee to champion the project.

### Strengthening Stakeholder Engagement

MARCH

#### NUST and Stellenbosch University explore areas of collaboration

A delegation from the Stellenbosch University (SU), led by Prof Wim de Villiers, the Rector and Vice-Chancellor, paid a courtesy visit to NUST last week to explore further possible areas of collaboration between the two universities.



Prof Wim de Villiers, the Rector and Vice-Chancellor of Stellenbosch University (left) and Dr Eroid Naomab, Vice-Chancellor of NUST (right). Both parties were in agreement that strengthening relations in this regard, can provide numerous opportunities for staff and students, in areas such as research, exchange programmes and curriculum development.

### Providing Leadership in Governance and Management

FEBRUARY

#### Management and SRC take pledge of excellence

The Vice-Chancellor, Dr Eroid Naomab, together with the Executive Committee, and the Students' Representative Council (SRC), signed a leadership pledge recently. The pledge strives to ensure collegiality and the smooth engagement between the parties during their tenure.



EXCO and SRC members signed the pledge for their collegiality and smooth engagement during their tenure.