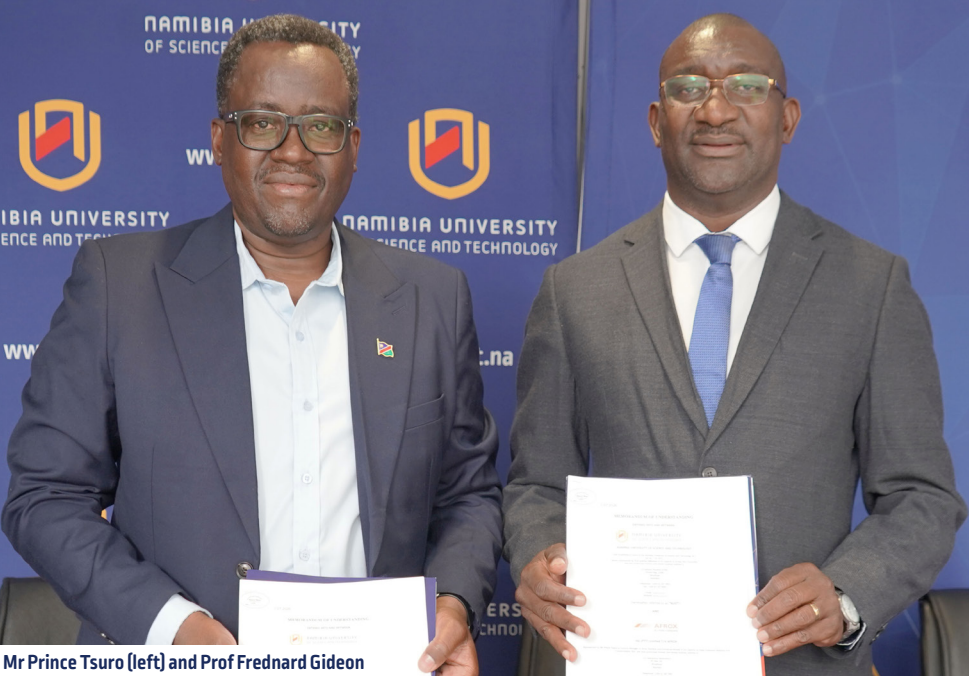


NUST and Afrox Open New Pathways for Student Careers



Mr Prince Tsuro (left) and Prof Frednard Gideon

The Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) and Afrox have formalised a partnership aimed at expanding opportunities for students to gain practical industry experience, develop workplace-ready skills and connect with potential career opportunities.

The partnership was formalised through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 24 August 2026, following discussions initiated in October 2025, seeking to strengthen links between academic learning and industry needs.

The collaboration will support internships, experiential learning and vacation work, mentorship, career development, joint research and innovation, curriculum support, guest lectures and lecturer development, among other proposed initiatives.

For NUST students, the partnership will provide greater exposure

to industry and opportunities to develop skills aligned with the demands of the labour market.

For Afrox, it creates opportunities to engage emerging talent and contribute to the development of future-ready graduates.

The MoU was signed by NUST Vice-Chancellor Professor Frednard Gideon and Afrox Country Manager Mr Prince Tsuro.

Speaking at the signing, Prof Gideon emphasised the importance of stronger university-industry partnerships in advancing Namibia's socio-economic development.

"We are planting a seed that will make the impossible, possible."

Mr Tsuro welcomed the partnership, noting Afrox's commitment to creating meaningful opportunities for NUST students and graduates.



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Works and Transport Minister Engages NUST on Strategic Collaboration

The Minister of Works and Transport, Hon Veikko Nekundi, recently visited the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) in August for a strategic engagement with the University's Management.

The engagement provided an opportunity to exchange views on areas of mutual interest and NUST's contribution to national development, particularly in infrastructure, transport, engineering, innovation, skills development and applied research.

The engagement highlights the importance of stronger government–university collaboration in developing the skills, knowledge and technical expertise needed to advance Namibia's infrastructure and transport priorities.



Left to right: Prof Colin Stanley, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research and Technology; Prof Andrew Niikondo, former Acting Vice-Chancellor; Hon Veikko Nekundi; Prof Frednard Gideon, Vice-Chancellor; and Prof Teresia Kaulihowa, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Teaching, Learning and Technology.



NUST and Stellenbosch University SRC members.

Student Leadership Benchmarks Governance Practices in South Africa

The NUST Students' Representative Council (SRC) undertook a benchmarking visit to three leading South African universities to strengthen student governance and identify practices that could enhance student representation at NUST.

The visit, undertaken in partnership with the Department of Student Services, included engagements with student leadership structures at the University of

Cape Town, Stellenbosch University and Cape Peninsula University of Technology.

Discussions focused on student governance, constitutional frameworks, leadership, communication, student welfare, fundraising, financial sustainability and institutional cooperation. The engagements also provided an opportunity for NUST student leaders to exchange experiences and reflect on best practices that could be

adapted to the NUST context.

The benchmarking exercise comes at an important time as the NUST SRC prepares to review and amend its Constitution.

SRC President Jerome Nanuseb said the engagements demonstrated the value of collaboration and learning across institutions. "We returned with practical insights, stronger partnerships, and a deeper understanding of consti-

tutional best practices that will help shape a governance framework fit for the future."

He added that effective student leadership is about learning from established practices and adapting them to better serve students. The visit is expected to inform practical governance reforms, strengthen institutional partnerships and contribute to a more responsive and effective student leadership structure at NUST.

NUST to Co-Host 2027 SoE Games in Swakopmund

NUST will co-host the 2027 State-Owned Enterprises (SoE) Games, alongside NAMDIA and Epangelo Mining PTY, following the announcement at the 2026 SoE Games in Rundu.

The annual Games bring together employees from public enterprises across Namibia, promoting sport, wellness, teamwork and institutional collaboration.

For NUST, hosting the 2027 Games presents an opportunity to showcase its sporting and organisational capabilities while strengthening

relations across the public-enterprise sector.

Following the announcement, the NUST Sports Club Executive Committee handed over the SoE Games trophy to NUST Vice-Chancellor, Prof Frednard Gideon, marking the University's commitment to the 2027 Games.

NUST looks forward to working with NAMDIA, Epangelo Mining PTY and participating SoEs to deliver a successful 2027 Games in Swakopmund.

