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Media Release: NUST Launches Namibia's First PhD in Management Sciences

The Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) has introduced the country's first Doctor of Philosophy in Management Sciences programme, marking a major milestone for postgraduate and doctoral education in Namibia.

Offered through the Harold Pupkewitz Graduate School of Business (HPGSB), the programme positions NUST as the only institution in Namibia to offer doctoral-level training in Management Sciences. It responds directly to a national need for advanced, locally grounded business and management research that informs leadership practice, policy development, and sustainable economic growth.

The PhD allows candidates to pursue research specialisations across a broad range of management disciplines, including Project Management, Leadership and Change Management, Risk Management, and Management Information Systems. Through rigorous, research-based training, the programme strengthens Namibia's capacity for evidence-based decision-making, innovation, and digital transformation.

Prof Sulaiman Olusegun Atiku, Director of Research at HPGSB and Programme Coordinator, said the introduction of the PhD reflects both institutional maturity and national responsibility.

"This programme is designed to produce scholars and senior practitioners who can generate high-impact research that speaks directly to Namibia's development realities. By growing advanced management research locally, we are strengthening leadership capacity, improving the competitiveness of our human capital, and contributing meaningfully to sustainable and ethical socio-economic development."

The programme targets academics, senior executives, consultants, and mid-career professionals across the public and private sectors who seek to combine scholarly depth with practical relevance. It further enhances NUST's doctoral portfolio and reinforces the University's role as a leader in applied, policy-relevant research.

Aligned with Vision 2030, the Sixth National Development Plan, and Agenda 2063, the PhD in Management Sciences supports national priorities in human capacity development for Industry 5.0 and beyond.

Applicants must hold a recognised Master's qualification at NQF Level 9 or equivalent, provide evidence of a supervised Master's research project, and submit the required academic documentation, including a draft research concept note. Applications close this Friday, 27 February 2026.

For more information, visit the HPGSB website, email aapollus@nust.na, or call +264 61 207 2670.

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