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## **MEDIA RELEASE | NUST Confers 141 Qualifications at Eenhana Campus**

The Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) successfully concluded the final ceremony of its May 2025 Graduation season at the William Billy Mwaningange Rural Development Centre at Eembaxu, Ohangwena Region. A total of 141 students were conferred qualifications at this historic event, which included the awarding of a Doctor of Philosophy in Natural Resource Sciences: Agriculture - marking the first doctoral qualification awarded at the Eenhana Campus.

This significant milestone forms part of a record-breaking cohort of 2,804 graduates, comprising 1,192 males and 1,612 females, and highlights NUST's expanding role in delivering higher education across Namibia's regions.

### **Infrastructure Development**

His Excellency Dr Hifikepunye Pohamba, the former President of the Republic of Namibia and Patron of the Eenhana Campus, delivered special remarks where he passionately urged the University to prioritise the completion of the new campus infrastructure and emphasised the critical importance of making education accessible to every Namibian child. Dr Pohamba boldly called on both government and the private sector to support the construction of the new campus facilities.

The NUST Eenhana Campus project has completed the planning and design refinement stages, with key site preparation works already initiated. In this fiscal year, the university has committed N\$ 15 million for the design and structural platforms for the first phase, including infrastructure development. Consultations with stakeholders, including regional leadership, technical experts, and funding partners, have been ongoing to ensure that the new facilities will meet both current academic demands and future growth.

The development aims to provide modern teaching and learning spaces, technological equipment, student accommodation, and staff facilities that reflect NUST's commitment to excellence and sustainability. Once completed, the new campus will significantly enhance the university's footprint in northern Namibia and further the vision of expanding access to quality higher education.

### **Striving for Eminence**

The Eenhana Graduation featured a keynote address by the Deputy Minister of Education, Innovation, Youth, Sport, Arts and Culture, Honourable Dino Ballotti, who addressed the urgent challenge of youth unemployment and emphasised the need for a mindset shift among young people, from job seeking to job creation. This graduation ceremony not only celebrated personal achievements but also reflected national progress toward equitable access to education.

### **NUST 10years Anniversary**

This year, NUST marks its 10th anniversary as a university, a significant milestone being celebrated under the theme "A Decade of Eminence: Celebrating Education, Science and Technology for Development." The 2025 graduates represent more than a personal achievement; they form part of the largest graduating class in recent history, symbolising a decade of institutional growth, expanded academic offerings, and increasing national impact.

NUST Vice-Chancellor, Professor Eroid Naomab, commended the collective efforts that have driven the development of the Eenhana Campus and reaffirmed the University's commitment to long-term investment in the region. He stated, "Today, we confer qualifications in disciplines critical to Namibia's development. As we reflect on our journey over the past decade, NUST's growth is evident, not only in academic excellence but also in the increasing number of graduates".

In April 2015, NUST graduated 1 942 students. A decade later, this number has grown by 44.4% to 2 804. Among the graduates was Paulus Amaambo, who received a Doctor of Philosophy in Natural Resource Sciences: Agriculture (NQF Level 10), bringing the total number of PhD graduates in the May ceremonies to nine.

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