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PUBLIC STATEMENT

Response to Social Media Narratives Against Former President of the Republic of Namibia, and Patron to the NUST Eenhana Campus, H.E Dr Hifikepunye Pohamba

Following the Namibia University of Science and Technology (NUST) May 2025 Graduation Ceremony held at the NUST Eenhana Campus at the Billy Mwaningange Rural Development Centre on Thursday, 15 May 2025, various narratives have emerged on social media attempting to pit NUST Vice-Chancellor, Professor Eroid Naomab against the Former President of the Republic of Namibia, H.E Dr Hifikepunye Pohamba. We find it necessary to address these developments directly and with clarity.

1. H.E Dr Pohamba serves as the Patron of the NUST Eenhana Campus, and on the said date, offered words of wisdom and sincere counsel during the Graduation Ceremony. As an Institution, we received his words with humility and respect.
2. As an elder statesman and a guiding figure of our nation, his voice carries weight and reflects a deep commitment to the development of our country and its institutions. His role and contributions to the NUST Eenhana Campus have been both constructive and is immensely appreciated. The Campus has benefitted greatly from his support and guidance.
3. Under the stewardship of Prof Naomab, NUST, particularly through the Eenhana Campus, has made remarkable strides. We are pleased to inform the public that the Eenhana Campus Development project has entered 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 provision of infrastructural services. Consultations with stakeholders, including regional leadership, technical experts, and funding partners, are ongoing to ensure that the new facilities will meet both current academic demands and future growth.
The development of the Eenhana Campus aims to provide modern teaching and learning spaces, 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 higher education.
4. The Eenhana Campus stands today as a testament to collective leadership, community engagement, and the pursuit of equitable access to quality higher education in the northern regions of Namibia thanks to President Pohamba and the leadership of the Eenhana Campus Stakeholder Advisory Committee – NECSAC.
5. It is therefore regrettable that some voices have chosen to distort the spirit of H.E Dr Pohamba's remarks and create an adversarial narrative. We categorically reject any such framing. There is no conflict between Prof Naomab and H.E Dr Pohamba. Rather, what exists is a shared vision and mutual respect, rooted in a common goal of national development through education.



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NUST therefore urge the public to rise above divisive interpretations and instead embrace the unity and collaboration that continue to drive progress at NUST and beyond. We remain focused on building an institution that embodies the values of excellence, inclusivity, and national service.

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