



## NUST Eenhana Campus to open officially

The 2022 Commencement Ceremony of NUST will take place in Eenhana at its Eenhana Campus where official preparation is in full swing. The NUST Eenhana Campus attracted a large number of applications where Dr Lukas Shikulo will be heading the campus.

Shikulo said that he was very excited for his new role and urged all stakeholders to support the campus. "The success of this campus depends on the cooperation from all of us – parents, community members and leaders," he said.

The official opening of the NUST Eenhana Campus is slated for the 10th of March 2022.

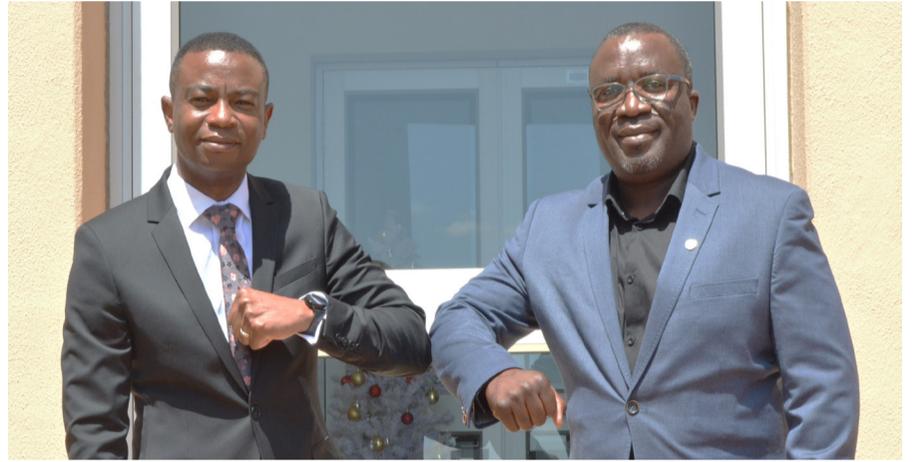
Dr Naomab said that this opening is a milestone for the University as it is bringing higher education to all corners of the country. The NUST Eenhana Campus offers diverse educational programmes to serve the local communities and it is specially designed to

drive rural development, and to eliminate barriers to higher education by bringing it closer to the people.

Prospective students that have registered at the NUST Eenhana Campus can expect their timetables from the 20th of February 2022 on NUST official website.

The NUST Eenhana Campus is located at the William Billy Mwangangange Rural Development Centre at Eembaxu, in the Ondobe Constituency, Ohangwena region.

The centre is 10km from Ondobe and 18km from Eenhana town along the Eenhana-Ondobe/Onhuno road.



NUST Vice-Chancellor, Dr Eroid Naomab (left), pictured with Dr Lukas Shikulo (right), the new Head of the NUST Eenhana Campus.

### Recycling buildings for housing

The Norman Foster Foundation (NFF) held a Re-materialising Workshop through its education and research unit, whereby ten scholars were selected and given grants to attend this world-wide workshop. Elao Martin, a PhD student and Staff Development Fellow at NUST's Architecture and Spatial Planning Department, was one out of ten scholars selected to attend a workshop in Madrid, Spain last year.

The key concept explored during this workshop was the idea of creating circular economies around the production of buildings for housing by emphasising sustainability. "We want to create dignified living spaces for various demographics by reusing materials we build and design with. Furthermore, we also looked at methods of designing and constructing buildings to be taken apart and reused again," Martin explained.

The Norman Foster Foundation is a multidisciplinary academic and research body founded by British Architect, Lord Norman Foster and Partners. Part of the workshop activities included scholars to present an urban leftover in their hometown

and to respond with a design proposition for projects in Mumbai, Boston and San Francisco (Argentina).

"These educational programmes brought together students and leading experts from diverse fields to formulate collaborative projects in response to the most pressing issues surrounding the future of the environment and human shelter," Norman Foster, President of the Norman Foster Foundation said.

Through the workshop, the experience and resources gained by scholars can feed back directly into their professional and academic work, allowing them to explore more advanced and sustainable ideas throughout their designing and realisation processes.



Elao Martin, A PhD student and Staff Development Fellow at NUST presenting to a panel of Architectural Researchers in Spain.

### NUST Academic Welcome highlights technological innovation

Many familiar and new academic staff gathered at the official Academic Welcome held at NUST recently.

Presenting his presentation during the event, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Teaching, Learning and Technology, Dr Andrew Niikondo, explained that a strategic merge of some Faculties and Departments were made. "We can only build a vibrant and engaging learning environment through the development and revision of programmes to meet the demands of the 21st century," he elaborated. Where NUST previously had six Faculties, it now only has four, namely the Faculty of Computing and Informatics; Faculty of Commerce, Human Sciences and Education; Faculty of Engineering and Spatial Sciences; and the Faculty of Health, Applied Sciences and Natural Resources. Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research, Innovation and Partnerships, Dr Colin Stanley also introduced to the audience a new concept called Technovation, which entails the development of new ideas, products, services, and processes through the exploitation of technology. This falls

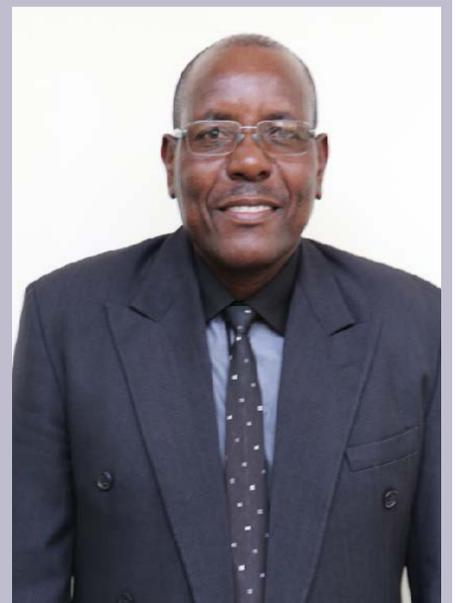
in line with the institution's second goal of Leading Research, Innovation, Partnership and Entrepreneurship.

The Hi-Tech Transfer Plaza Select (HTTSPS) was officially inaugurated last year in mid-July. The aim of the building is to improve the competitiveness through trans-disciplinary research co-creation, co-development, application and transfer of specialised knowledge and technology. "Objectives of the HTTSPS is mainly to craft research talents, foster ICT incubation, share best practice and advance research, convene stakeholders, and to provide thought leadership," Dr Stanley explained.

With the 4th Industrial Revolution upon us, Dr Stanley emphasised NUST's role to contribute towards Namibia's digital readiness. "We want to ensure that the young population is equipped with the necessary skills to leverage on big data, digital innovations and disruptive technology," he elaborated.



Dr Colin Stanley, Acting Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Research, Innovation and Partnerships



Dr Andrew Niikondo, Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Teaching, Learning and Technology