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**BANK OF NAMIBIA SUPPORTS THE “MTC KNOCKOUT PROJECT” AGAINST  
GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**

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The Bank of Namibia has joined the “MTC Knockout Project”, an initiative aimed at eliminating gender-based violence from society.

The Bank’s support comes in the form of sponsoring the participation of its Super Eagle, Mr. Sam SHIVUTE, with an amount of N\$50,000.00. The sponsored amount will be donated towards a gender-based violence charity organisation to be chosen to help in the fight against gender-based violence.

Mr. SHIVUTE, Director of Banking Services at the Bank, and a well-known motivational speaker and transformational coach will participate in the exhibition style boxing match against MAX-T, a radio personality and presenter. The event is scheduled for 12 October 2019 at the Windhoek Country Club and Resort.

Handing-over the sponsorship, the Governor of the Bank of Namibia, Mr. Iipumbu Shiimi, stated that: “as an entity playing a part in ensuring economic stability, we support all causes geared towards ensuring social stability and peaceful co-existence amongst Namibians. We are aware that once harmony and social cohesion prevails, Namibia can flourish and attend to the pressing matters of economic development and poverty eradication. It’s therefore a no-brainer that the Bank aligns itself to this great initiative.”

Accepting the sponsorship, MTC's Chief of Human Capital and Corporate Affairs, Tim Ekandjo, stated that “Our delight is unbound and welcome the stance showed by corporates thus far. We are happy for the gratitude showed by Bank of Namibia through the pledging of N\$50 000 to the course. Gender-based violence is a social ill in society and it is time for men to take the front seat to engage each other on how to end this. Although, as corporates, we are not industry experts on combating gender-based violence, the proceeds made from this course will be geared towards the experts that can amplify this course. And this is our contribution as corporates to the fight against gender-based violence.”

The Bank of Namibia has been a staunch supporter of activities against gender-based violence in society. Employees of the Bank were amongst the first signatories of the anti-violence pledge under the #BreakFree #BeFree campaign spearheaded by the Office of the First Lady. In the pledge, employees are committed to end all forms of violence in society and advocate non-violence in their communities.

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