

Transformation of the Rural Economy In Namibia



Venue:
Mercure (Safari) Hotel

Date:
Thursday, 5 October 2023

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- 07:15 – 08:15 **Registration**
- 08:15 – 08:30 **Welcoming Address**
Mr. Johannes !Gawaxab - Governor | Bank of Namibia
- 08:30 – 09:00 **Keynote Address and official opening:**
Hon. Erastus Amutenya Utoni | Minister of Rural and Urban Development, Namibia
- 09:00 – 09:30 **Overview of rural economic development in Namibia**
Dr. Emma Haiyambo | Director Research and Financial Sector Development Department, Bank of Namibia
- 09:30 – 10:00 **Improving the economy of rural communities through Skills Development, Job Creation and Income generating activities: Lessons from other countries.**
Dr. Elisenda Estruch Puertas | Rural Economy Specialist, Sectoral Policies Department (SECTOR) – ILO
- 10:00 - 10:30 **TEA BREAK**
- 10:30 – 11:00 **Governance, Policy and Institutions: Strengthening coordination for rural economic development in Namibia.**
Ms. Hopolang Phororo | United Nations Resident Coordinator in Namibia
- 11:00 – 11:30 **Jobs for Rural Youth: the role of local food economies**
Ms. Ji-Yeun Rim | Senior Policy Analyst – Social Cohesion Unit: OECD Development Centre, Paris
- 11:30 – 12:45 **Panel Discussion and the Way Forward**
Ms. Hopolang Phororo | UN Resident Coordinator
Dr. Elisenda Estruch Puertas | Rural Economy Specialist - ILO
Mr. Titus Endjala | Director: Rural Development: Ministry of Urban and Rural Development, Namibia
Ms. Ji-Yeun Rim | Senior Policy Analyst – OECD
Ms. Serufo Ruth Ntsabane | Director: Rural Development, Ministry of Local Government and Rural Development in the Republic of Botswana.
- 12:45 - 13:00 **Vote of Thanks**
Mr. Ebson Uanguta | Deputy Governor – Bank of Namibia
- 13:00 - 14:00 **Luncheon**



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