

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN MET & NSA

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Objectives of the MoU

► **Natural Capital Accounting (NCA), Ecosystem Accounts/Environmental Accounts**

- Jointly compile NCAs & Ecosystem Accounts (EAs) based on UN guidelines on-SEEA framework
- Coordinate capacity enhancement
- NSA Provide MET with necessary datasets-detailed sector data
- MET coordinate NCA & EAs compilation
- NSA provide support in disseminating the NCAs/Satellite Accounts
- MET provides technical and material support in the medium term
- NSA provide support in dissemination of compiled accounts/ information

Objectives of MoU cont..

▶ State of the Environment Report

-MET, Sustainable Development Advisory Council (SDAC) & other relevant Stakeholders define environmental, social and other indicators

- Produce the State of the Environment Report
- Define policy questions regarding sustainable development
- Monitor NDPs environmental performance
- SOER stakeholders cooperate with NSA to obtain data
- NCA, Ecosystem Accounts & TSAs ideal sources of data for State of Environment Report

➤ Define better indicators beyond GDP

-MET & NSA to identify and publish appropriate indicators of welfare & wellbeing of the people of Namibia

Objectives of MoU cont..

► **Tourism Statistics**

- NSA to provide technical support to MET on production of Tourist Arrival Statistics, Domestic Tourism Expenditure Statistics, Exit Survey, Returning Residents Surveys, Tourism Labor Surveys, Tourist Accommodation Capacity & Occupancy Statistics
- Survey tool designs
- Data analysis
- Standard report writing
- Both parties will provide data on demand

Proposed institutional arrangements

- ▶ Technical Working Group on Natural Capital Accounting composed of relevant public, private and environmental NGOs supported by SDAC
 - Drive the process, provide direction & guidance
 - Priorities natural capital accounts & environmental statistics to be produced
 - Formulate the policy questions
 - Coordinate different responsibilities of the parties involved
 - Decide on the frequency of updating established Environmental accounts, publishing & disseminating
 - Coordinate data delivery
 - Share information/data for compilation & update of priority accounts
 - Develop capacity and coordinate training

Technical Working Group Conti....

- Share information/data for compilation & update priority accounts
- Develop capacity and coordinate training
- Jointly develop methodologies and tools, capture and coordinate basic data collection
- Peer review of the work/on environmental accounts compiled for quality enhancement & mutually disseminate information
- Provide professional knowledge and technical skills needed for statistics compilation
- Spearhead mainstreaming of environmental accounts/NCA into their institutions
- Meet on quarterly basis
- MET serves Secretariat
- Reports on progress made on implementation
- Chairing of the TWG to be rotational

Conclusion

- ▶ NCA & valuation of ecosystem services are important tools for measuring sustainable development
- ▶ Close corroboration between MET, NSA & other relevant stakeholders for synergy to enhance capacity for mainstreaming NCA into National Accounts
- ▶ The United Nations Sustainable Development Goals calls for stronger monitoring and evaluation mechanisms at the national level
- ▶ NSA , MET and other relevant institutions will continue strengthen corporation for data and information exchange and ensure publication of NCA, TSA &ESA along with national accounts as satellite accounts

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