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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