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Hon. Indileni Daniel
Minister: Environment, Forestry and Tourism

Hon. Indileni Daniel, Minister of Environment, Forestry, and Tourism on thursday (05 June 2025) reaffirmed her Ministry's commitment to transparency and public access to information during an appearance at the Government Information Centre. She outlined the Ministry's mandate, vision, and mission, emphasizing its dedication to environmental sustainability, biodiversity conservation, and tourism growth that benefits both present and future generations.

Hon. Daniel highlighted key deliverables for the 2025/2026 financial year, focusing on the Annual Plan, SWAPO Party Manifesto Implementation Plan (SPMIP), and NDP6, along with critical policy and legislative reviews aimed at strengthening Namibia's environmental and tourism sectors. These efforts are being implemented in collaboration with all State-Owned Enterprises under the Ministry, including: **Namibia Tourism Board (NTB), Namibia Wildlife Resorts (NWR), Game Product Trust Fund (GPTF), Environmental Investment Fund (EIF), Windhoek Country Club Resort and Casino, Gambling Board of Namibia and Lotteries Board of Namibia.**

Over the past two months, the Ministry has achieved significant milestones, including generating NAD 5.2 million in revenue from permits and park entries, grading essential fire breaks in key conservation areas following favourable seasonal rains, training wildlife protection officers, installing CCTV surveillance cameras, and dehorning 62 rhinos to deter poaching. Other notable accomplishments include the creation of 45 jobs through the Dorob National Park concession, the successful commemoration of International Biological Biodiversity Day in Otjiwarongo, and World Environmental Day in Swakopmund, as well as the donation of 1,169 seedlings to schools and regional councils in celebration of environmental days.

Despite these achievements, challenges remain, including increasing human-wildlife conflict, inadequate infrastructure for international meetings and conventions (MICE), waste management concerns, ongoing wildlife crime, unregulated sand mining, limited market access for biodiversity-based products, potential trophy import bans, uncontrolled veld fires, and the expansion of agricultural projects near national parks.

The Ministry remains committed to addressing these challenges through strategic interventions, policy enhancements, and strengthened collaboration with stakeholders to ensure long-term sustainability and economic benefits for Namibia.

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