



WORLD OCEAN DAY NATIONAL DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIPS PROGRAMME

ERONGO EDUCATION DIRECTORATE: SWAKOPMUND

8 – 11 JUNE 2022

8 June 2022: Arrival of learners and teachers in Swakopmund <i>(Learners & Teachers will be accommodated at Swakopmund Municipal Bungalows)</i>	
18h00	Registration
19h00	Dinner
9 June 2022: <i>Kick-off Debate Championships</i> <i>The Dome Swakopmund</i> Breakfast 07h30	
Official Opening 08:15	Dr. Elizabeth Namundjebo , President of NSDA
Preliminary Debate Rounds Kick-off <i>11h00 – 17h00</i>	
<i>Debate sessions to be convened at the Dome Swakopmund</i>	Round-1 (Prepared Motion 1)
	Announcement of Round 1 Results
	Round-2 (Prepared Motion 2)
	Announcement of Round 2 Results
13h00 – 13H45	Lunch
<i>Continuation of debate sessions</i> <i>Dome Swakopmund</i> <i>14h00-17h30</i>	Preparations for R-3 (Prepared Motion 3)
	Announcement of Round 3 Results
	Round 4 (Unprepared Motion 4)
	Announcement of Round 4 Results
	Round 5 (Unprepared Motion 5)
	Announcement of Round 5 Results
10 June 2022: Official Celebration of World Oceans Day in Walvis Bay	
Official Celebration 08h30 - 13h00	Programme to be provided by Ministry of Fisheries & Marine Resources
14h00 - 17h00	Open afternoon for learners to go sight seeing
11 June 2022: Debate Championship Quarter & Semi-Finals 08h30 - 13h00	
Quarter-Final Rounds <i>Dome Swakopmund</i>	Quarterfinals
	Announcement of Results
Semi-Final <i>Dome Swakopmund</i> Rounds	Semi-Finals
	Announcement of Results
11 June 2022 Debate Championship Finale Venue: The Dome Swakopmund 17h00 – 22h00	
Welcoming Statement	Directorate of Education: Erongo Region
Introductory Remarks	NSDA President, Dr. Elizabeth Namundjebo
Final Debate	
Keynote Address & Presentation of Awards	Mr. John Haufiku: Communications Director, University of Namibia Honorable. Emma Theofelus: Deputy Minister; Ministry of Information and Communication Technology
Message from Sponsors	Fishing Industry Confederation
Cultural Performance	
Words of appreciation	BCC & NNF
Gala Dinner & Closure	

Background

The Benguela Current Convention (BCC) in partnership with Namibia Nature Foundation (NNF) established an oceans literacy and outreach programme in Namibia. This programme includes hosting various events throughout a calendar year, such as visits to schools where fun activities aimed at promoting environmental awareness and educating the school children on fascinating marine organisms; environment clean-up campaigns; and ecosystem approach to fisheries trainings.

The United Nations General Assembly resolution 63/11 of December 2008 officially recognises 8th of June as World Oceans Day (WOD). This day provides the opportunity for all global citizens to reflect on the benefits that are derived from oceans. To celebrate this day the Benguela Current Convention in collaboration with Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources; the Namibia School Debate Association and Namibia Nature Foundation, will be hosting a series of activities in celebration of WOD in Erongo Region. Amongst the activities to be convened, an Ocean literacy debate championship will be convened where school learners from all over Namibia (not only learners from coastal schools) shall debate relevant topics about Namibia's marine resources and associated industries.

Why we need to focus on ocean literacy in Namibia

Marine and coastal industries (Mining, transport, tourism, research, Ports & transport and fishing industry, Aquaculture) have always been an important part of the Namibian economy, and recently more marine industries have expanded and emerged. Such development puts our oceans increasingly under threat from human impacts and this is further exacerbated by the effects of climate change. Thus, conservation and sustainable use of our marine resources is critical. Protecting our oceans is protecting our livelihoods. Through collaborative efforts, we can all safeguard our oceans. In 2022, World oceans day will be celebrated worldwide, under the theme '***Revitalization: Collective Action for the Ocean***'. By encouraging the debaters to research and to critically debate about the oceans, its industries, its threats and potential to benefits all Namibian's livelihoods. The ultimate goal is to deliver a memorable event and for this, we would welcome more collaboration with organisations.