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OVERVIEW OF 2018 Coordinator's Report

OVERVIEW – 2018

This document serves to provide an overview of the past year of the Recycle Namibia Forum, reflecting some of the highlights.

Given the growth of the RNF – the strategy meeting to determine the way ahead for the Forum came at the right time, as it will outline our focus for the next five years.

Although we did not host a RNF event during the past year, the assistance and input by the RNF in a number of projects and events ensured our commitment and visibility towards a cleaner and greener Namibia.

MEMBERSHIP (as at April 2019):

It is encouraging to see the steady growth of the RNF, and with it, comes increasing administrative demands.

- In 2014 : 10 members and 2 associate members,
- In 2016 : 16 full members and 9 associate members,
- In 2017 : 18 full members and 11 associate members,
- April 2018 - 22 full members , 12 associate members, 1 individual member
- April 2019 – 28 full members, 14 associate members and 3 individual members.

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP (as at April 2019):

Full Members:

LARGE N\$39 500 PA
Ohlthaver & List
Plastic Packaging
Rent-A-Drum
Namib Mills
Vivo Energy Namibia
City of Windhoek
B2Gold
FNB
Scrap Salvage
Bank Windhoek
Namibia Plastics
NAMPOWER
Namdeb/DebMarine
MEDIUM - N\$28 800 P A
Collect-a-Can
Coca Cola Nam Bottling Co
Mpact Corrugated
SMALL - N\$14 400 P A
VARTA
The Document Warehouse

Withdrawal in 2019:
Kleentek Waste Management

MICRO - N\$580 P A
G-Eco Glass Recycling Solutions
Green Earch Creations
Inspired Technology
NamiGreen
Namibian Uranium Association
Katia's Creations
Integrated Management solutions
BEE Biofuel
Erongo Drum cc
Peter & Gedisha Logistics

INDIVIDUAL
N\$ 260 P A
Lisa Scriven
Norman Mwende
Lapaka Kaimbi
Kristian Shiwayu

Possible cancellation due to non payment:
Ngunga Investment
Greenville Solutions

Associate Members:

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
KEEP / Giraffe Foundation
NEWS
Nacoma
NaDEET
Green Building Council
Hotel Zum Kaiser
Eco Awards Namibia
Digital People
Namibia Nature Foundation
HAN Namibia
Wolwedans Foundation
Mammadu
Swakop Scientific Society
TOSCO



SCHOOLS RECYCLING COMPETITION

This is going from strength to strength - and we continue to have around 40 schools participating.

It is encouraging to see the total volumes diverted from the landfill by our youth

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in 2016, the schools collected 89 tons,
in 2017 it increased to 128 tons,
In 2018 further increase to 133 tons.

At the conclusion of the 2018/19 competition year (end of Feb 2019), the total volume of recyclables collected by the schools amount to 151 853 tons.

Dagbreek School continues to serve as a collection point - and has containers available for the usual recyclables as well as household batteries, light bulbs and e-waste. Pictured are the partners involved in a significant collection of e-waste received from Bank Windhoek.



Schools Recycling Competition 2017/18

For the third year in a row, Dagbreek School for the Intellectually Impaired broke all previous records - with 275kg per learner collected. With two outside stands which is accessible to the public, they managed to collect 30 tons of recyclables - of the total of 133 tons collected during this year.

In second place, we had All Nations Christian School - which has featured consistently under the Top Three over the last five years.



Interesting - all 3 top schools only have around 100 learners...



In third place, we have newcomer Moreson School for the Cognitively Impaired - which is also the first school to reach the Top Three spot in the first year of participation.

Schools Recycling Competition 2018/19

Through sheer determination by Principal Anita Kreft, Moreson School for the Cognitively Impaired - pulled out all the stops and managed to reach the first place - which was held for the past three years by Dagbreek School.

The prize-giving will take place on 20 May at Moreson School. The full details are as follows:

TOP FIVE:

1.	MORESON	30.7 tons	219.31 kg per learner - (N\$10 000 - NBL)
2.	DAGBREEK	26.5 tons	212.39 kg per learner - (N\$5 000 - Collect-a-Can)
3.	ALL NATIONS	0.5 tons	92.48 kg per learner - (N\$2 500 - Plastic Packaging)
4.	COMBRETUM	1.6 tons	11.78 kg per learner - (N\$2 000 - Rent-A-Drum)
5.	PRO ED ACADEMY	1.7 tons	9.05 kg per learner - (N\$1 000 - Rent-A-Drum)

BEST IMPROVED SCHOOL:

Moreson - from 10 tons in 2018 to 30 tons in 2019 - Trip to NaDEET - sponsored by NaDEET

RUNNER-UP - BEST IMPROVED SCHOOL

Dawid Bezuidenhout High School (8 tons after joining in August 2018) - Trip to B2Gold Education Centre - sponsored by B2Gold

- Our appreciation goes to our partner, Rent-A-Drum, and sponsors of the stands : Coca Cola Namibia, NBL, FNB and Mpact Namibia, as well as to the sponsors of the prizes above.

On comparing the statistics to the previous year, it is a concern that the majority of schools collected smaller volumes. This is also reflected in the payment from Rent-A-Drum which shows a downward trend at most schools (with the exception of Moreson). In 2017/18 the schools were paid a total of N\$30 000, which dropped to N\$27 000 for the 2018/19 year.

A contributing factor may be that City of Windhoek (Solid Waste Division) has re-allocated their Education Officers to other departments - resulting in a fewer visits to the schools. Their regular talks on waste management served as encouragement at all Windhoek Schools to up their recycling efforts.

In 2018, Dagbreek School was the winner of the category BEST IMPROVED SCHOOL - which was introduced in 2017.

Their prize - courtesy of B2Gold Namibia - was a three day stay at their Environment Education Centre near Otjiwarongo. Their visit in October 2018 proved to be a well-deserved reward.

From: Paul du Plessis [mailto:dagbreeschool@iway.na]
Sent: 16 October 2018 05:22 PM
To: 'Simeon Nampala'; 'Loide Anghuwo'
Cc: 'Anita - RNF Coordinator'
Subject: RE: Paper work

Dear Simeon and Loide

I hereby want to share our schools appreciation for your hospitality and efforts in making us feel welcome at B2 Gold.

We returned back home safely and would like to thank you for entertaining the Dagbreek learners and staff. The learners can't stop talking about the experiences they had at the excursion held at B2 Gold. I would recommend this excursion to any school who feels they would like to attend.

Please share our appreciation to B2 Gold's GM and staff who made our stay possible.

Regards
Paul du Plessis



EVENTS / INITIATIVES

Bag to Nature Initiative:

The Bag to Nature campaign – a venture between RNF and Pick n Pay Namibia – to encourage shoppers to purchase reusable bags, proved a valuable income stream for the RNF. With every bag sold, PnP Namibia donates N\$1 to the RNF.

During 2018, the sale of the bags resulted in an income of close on N\$40 000 for the RNF - which is an increase on the previous years. We sincerely appreciate this gesture from Pick n Pay Namibia.



Household Battery collections

This initiative keeps on getting more traction, which is excellent news! Together with VARTA, six collection bins have been placed at FNB Headquarters, whilst smaller organisations and companies have also installed collection points at their offices.

Our thanks goes to City of Windhoek Waste Management for the safe disposal of the batteries at the hazardous waste section, as well as VARTA for the sponsorship of the bins.

Other collections points include at Pick n Pay (Windhoek, Walvis Bay and Swakopmund) and Pupkewitz Megabuild.



Green Directory

Given the number of queries, it was clear that there is a demand for a directory where recycling companies, and other organisations involved in environmental services, can be listed. Although off to a fairly slow start, more and more companies are registering their services and products and we are confident that the RNF GREEN DIRECTORY will grow and serve to be a useful reference tool

Clean-up / national clean-up campaigns

Again, the RNF assisted and coordinated numerous clean ups during the past year - and which was made possible by the generous support of our members. This even more so during the national clean-up held on 25 May last year - as per the call from our President.

The RNF was requested to assist with the assessment of the Regions' performances - and which culminated in the prize-giving in early April this year. At the same time, the 2019 National Clean up campaign was introduced - slotted for 22 September under the auspices of Ministry of Environment and Tourism.

NOT SURE WHERE TO
RECYCLE YOUR WASTE?



WE HAVE THE SOLUTION FOR YOU

on Recycle Namibia Forum's Green Directory you can find out more about these service providers.

Visit : <http://rnf.com.na/green-directory/>



Awareness campaign - single use:
If you cannot reuse it - refuse it..

With assistance of Bank Windhoek's creative team, the range of awareness posters have been extended, and during 2018 the balloon campaign was launched - given the environmental impact when let loose.

We are currently working on the More is Less campaign - where it is encouraged to rather buy in bulk than adding to the waste stream with more smaller items.



Buy back centres / NBCA

The Namibia Beverage Container Alliance, a sub-committee of the RNF, was formed in 2017, in partnership with the O & L group, Plastic Packaging, Rent-A-Drum, Coca Cola Namibia, and the City of Windhoek.

During 2018, the first buy back centre was placed at Hope Village in Katutura - however due to logistical and other reasons, has not proven to be a success as yet. Run by the team of Hope Village, more community awareness is needed, so that volumes collected at this site, will make such a collection point feasible. The second collection point at Kilimanjaro will be officially launched when the Hope Village centre is running smoothly and effectively.



Challenges:

With the growth of the RNF, the administrative load has increased considerably - and the possibility of an intern to assist with projects, be re-looked. Also of assistance would be the availability of office space, and a more effective internet / office facilities that would allow the inclusion of a 2nd person at the RNF office.

Whilst the formation of sub-committees / working groups to assist with the smooth running of the RNF as is contained in our strategy is commendable, the actual workload and demands of the volunteers' employers makes it a challenge for them to find time to attend and be involved in projects.

My sincere appreciation to all members for their consistent and ongoing support of the RNF.

