

UNDP hosts National Human Development Report Workshop

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) partnered with the National Planning Commission (NPC) to co-facilitate the National Human Development Report (NHDR) Workshop. The workshop took place between 27-28 November 2017 and was led by UNDP Senior Economist Alka Bhatia and New York based Human Development Report Officer Jon Hall.



Civil society organizations, government, academia, and research-based institutions were in attendance. The UNDP Resident Representative, Kiki Gbeho opened the event, commenting on the emphasis on reducing poverty in Namibia by holding workshops to discuss, debate and evaluate ways to develop Namibia using the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as a guide.

The theme of the fourth NHDR is based on addressing inequality and disparities, towards a new dignified life for all Namibians. The co-facilitator of the workshop Jon Hall expressed the need to further reduce poverty by reducing income inequalities. Furthermore, it is important to measure data in human development by paying attention to the statistics as it affects decision making and policy development, thus the importance of the workshop in developing the report.

The workshop commenced with participants engaging in dialogue and exercises to stimulate real life data interpretation that can become accessible and relatable to the broader public through various media platforms. The innovative participants developed non-conventional and stimulating ways to make statistical information interesting for public use. At the completion of the workshop, the various stakeholders agreed to have further engagement and dialogue.