



Exhibition encourages youth to #StandUp4HumanRights

20 November, Windhoek: The United Nations Information Centre (UNIC) Windhoek launched the #StandUp4HumanRights Photo Exhibition in collaboration with the Human Rights Documentation Centre of the University of Namibia (UNAM) on 20 November 2018.

The exhibition consists of images of the movers and shakers behind the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR), a milestone document for human rights which came to life in 1948. It sets the fundamental human rights to be universally protected for all people. The 70th Anniversary, being celebrated this year, is a chance for the world to reaffirm the enduring principles and standards this document established.

Open to students and the public for a week at the UNAM Campus in Windhoek, the exhibition allowed visitors to reflect on the context of the Declaration and educate themselves on the extensive research done by the those who championed and formulated the document.

The Dean of the Faculty of Law, Professor John Baloro, officially opened the exhibition and delivered remarks on behalf of UNAM. He said, "The event exemplifies the University's commitment to human rights. It also reminds us that the youth are the future and have the responsibility to uphold and ensure the promises as well as the fulfilment of this illustrious document."

The launch of the exhibition provided a platform for teachers, lecturers, librarians and the youth, to discuss the importance of human rights. UNAM students as well as secondary level learners present from several local schools were tested through an engaging quiz that put their understanding of Human Rights and the UDHR to the test.

Participants were also encouraged to contribute to a better world, raise human rights concerns and leave a written commitment to keep up the momentum for this anniversary year and the upcoming Human Rights Day.

The exhibition is being showcased in the foyer of the UN House in Namibia from 26 November until 10 December, the commemoration of Human Rights Day.