

UNAM and UNDP sign partnership agreement

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the University of Namibia (UNAM) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 24 November 2017, to focus research on developing Namibia in the area of sustainable development.

The agreement aims to partner on research and to support UNAM to undertake relevant research in the area of sustainable development and areas of common interest in order to accelerate

development in Namibia. In addition, the new partnership aims to implement, monitoring and evaluating programmes related to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for the provision of evidence-based policy making.



The UNDP Resident Representative to Namibia, Kiki Gbeho expressed the importance of data and analysis as the key to strengthening the fight against poverty in Namibia. She further encouraged partnership between development partners and private sector, and academia to ensure that we are able to reach the furthest from the first, ensuring no one is left behind.

The UNAM Vice Chancellor, Professor. Lazarus Hangula explained that the agreement is a response to Namibia's development challenges and that it should aspire to strengthen research in order to obtain data which is vital for Namibia's development. Furthermore, the agreement is significant in focusing on national issues to deliver local solutions by using the SDGs as a foundation. The key areas of focus of the MoU are environment, society and health, engineering, indigenous knowledge, education and natural resources.

Both parties will further obtain value from the implementation of the MoU, whilst establishing and formalising the existing relationship between UNDP and UNAM, in order to achieve the set goals.